



AMERICAN ART AWARDS Names The World's Best Contemporary Fine Artists

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Artists from 63 countries competed in the 2025 AMERICAN ART AWARDS where 20 of the most revered galleries in the USA were sent online images to score in drawing, painting, sculpture, digital and photography. The 300+ winning works, 1st to 6th Place (and ties) in all 50 categories, will be featured in an upcoming movie and 75 articles.

“American Art Awards levels the playing field, so all artists have an equal opportunity,” explains Thom Bierdz, president of American Art Awards, World Art Awards, Art Collectors Choice Awards. “This is why we only send the voting galleries the artwork images, titles, sizes and mediums used. No photos of the artists or bios are allowed. It’s all about initial impact. However, if a gallery is so enamored with a piece, they are free to click on the artist’s web site link and contact them for representation.”

Artists entered work from these 63 countries: Angola, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia/Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan,

Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea (Republic, South), Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Macedonia, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, USA and Vietnam.

This year's six cash prizes go to fine artists in Spain, Japan, Uganda, Lithuania, New Zealand and USA, winning in oil, acrylic, graphite, color pencil and digital.

Winners of the 6 cash prizes are:

MOST WINS – CASH PRIZE goes to RAMÓN RIVAS of SPAIN. Rivas had 13 wins for his complex mostly digital works using his trademark Mixed Media-Rivismo on canvas.

MASTERPIECE – CASH PRIZE goes to TERESA BOLEN of JAPAN for her 18” realistic oil. “The Treasures Of Gansenji,” combining floral, human figure and bagoda, won in 7 categories.

BEST OF SHOW – CASH PRIZE goes to SSEKIDDE MARTIN of UGANDA for the hyperrealistic color pencil portrait, “Baana Ba Kintu/Sons Of Kintu.”

2ND HIGHEST SCORE IN ENTIRE CONTEST – CASH PRIZE goes to AIRIDA MILASUSKIENE of LITHUANIA for her large realistic oil of an open-mouthed lion, “The King.”

3RD HIGHEST SCORE IN ENTIRE CONTEST – CASH PRIZE goes to DAVID PATCH of NEW ZEALAND for his landscape graphite, "Exeter From Waterloo."

4TH HIGHEST SCORE IN ENTIRE CONTEST – CASH PRIZE goes to CHLOE LEE of USA for “Prey Within.” The 20” acrylic captures the shock of a fish in another fish’s mouth.

In 2025, AMERICAN ART AWARDS had submissions from these 63 countries: *Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, China, Congo Democratic Republic, Cyprus, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea (Republic, South), Lebanon, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Macedonia, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Tobago, Togo, Trinidad, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Vietnam, USA, Zambia.*

Galleries selected hundreds of winning artworks, 1st to 6th Place, in all 50 categories. Here are the 1st Place winners:

CATEGORY 1. OIL – FIGURE 1ST PLACE OTTO SCHMIDINGER AUSTRALIA “Nat And Her Boys”

CATEGORY 2. ACRYLIC – FIGURE 1ST PLACE CHER PRUYS CANADA “Best Friends”

CATEGORY 3. WATERCOLOR – FIGURE 1ST PLACE XIAODONG "ERIC" LI USA "Colors Of The Andes"

CATEGORY 4. CHARCOAL/INK/GRAPHITE – FIGURE 1ST PLACE GIUSEPPE BUCCI ITALY “Ubi Tu, Ibi Ego”

CATEGORY 5. PASTEL – FIGURE 1ST PLACE DAGMAR COLEN THE NETHERLANDS "Keanu Reeves"

CATEGORY 6. ABSTRACT 1ST PLACE SHI YEYUN CHINA "Analogy Projection"

CATEGORY 7. ABSTRACT EXPRESSIONISM 1ST PLACE MATEUSZ LENART POLAND "The Knight's Tale"

CATEGORY 8. ART BRUT and/or TORMENT 1ST PLACE DANIELLE LEE USA "Scopophobia"

CATEGORY 9. CUBISM CUBIST CUBIC 1ST PLACE BABATUNDE OGUNLADE NIGERIA "Side Attractions"

CATEGORY 10. EROTIC – MALE 1ST PLACE DAN PYLE USA "Pumping Iron"

CATEGORY 11. EROTIC – FEMALE 1ST PLACE MICHELLE LUCKING UK "Tequila Sunrise"

CATEGORY 12. EXPRESSIONISM – HUMAN FIGURE 1ST PLACE MARYANNE CHISHOLM USA "Reflection"

CATEGORY 13. EXPRESSIONISM – OTHER 1ST PLACE CHLOE LEE USA "Prey Within"

CATEGORY 14. FANTASY LANDSCAPE 1ST PLACE MAJA WOLF POLAND "One Sec. From Dusk Till Dawn"

CATEGORY 15. FASHION 1ST PLACE MARGUERITE SMAL SOUTH AFRICA "The Pearl Of Limpopo"

CATEGORY 16. FLORAL – NOT REALISTIC 1ST PLACE ALEXANDRA FINKELCHTEIN CANADA/ISRAEL "At Fine Art Exhibition"

CATEGORY 17. FLORAL – REALISM 1ST PLACE REGIMANTAS VALIUKAS LITHUANIA "Lilies II"

CATEGORY 18. FUTURISM or FUTURISTIC 1ST PLACE DIAMANTE LAVENDAR USA "All Is Known"

CATEGORY 19. HUMOR/WIT 1ST PLACE BRODY PARK USA "Half Human Half Coffee"

CATEGORY 20. IMPRESSIONISM – ANIMAL 1ST PLACE OTTO SCHMIDINGER AUSTRALIA "The Alpha"

CATEGORY 21. IMPRESSIONISM – FIGURE 1ST PLACE TRACY SCHAAL USA "The Final Stretch"

CATEGORY 22. IMPRESSIONISM – LANDSCAPE 1ST PLACE JAN M PEETERS THE NETHERLANDS "Brede Haven On A Winter Eve"

CATEGORY 23. IMPRESSIONISM – STILL LIFE 1ST PLACE SUSAN KUZNITSKY USA "La Gris Piedra Boutique"

CATEGORY 24. INNOVATIVE 1ST PLACE STAN RAGETS USA "Sizzler"

CATEGORY 25. MINIMALISM MINIMAL 1ST PLACE QIYUAN ZHENG CHINA "Crab And Excavator"

CATEGORY 26. NAÏVE ART – FIGURE 1ST PLACE CAMELIA AHMADY IRAN "The Last Round Of Sema"

CATEGORY 27. NAIVE ART – OTHER 1ST PLACE GREGORY SUPPLE USA "H & L Company No 3"

CATEGORY 28. ORIENTALISM or ASIAN SUBJECT 1ST PLACE GLORIA YEWON SHIN USA "Han-Yeo"

CATEGORY 29. POLITICAL COMMENTARY 1ST PLACE SAM HALL UK "What Else Can I Do?"

CATEGORY 30. POP ART 1ST PLACE SEELEY LUTZ USA "I love it, Darling"

CATEGORY 31. PORTRAIT OF SOMEONE FAMOUS 1ST PLACE NAGY GÉZA HUNGARY "Morgan Freeman"

CATEGORY 32. PORTRAIT OF SOMEONE NOT FAMOUS 1ST PLACE CHER PRUYS CANADA "Siblings"

CATEGORY 33. REALISM – ANIMAL 1ST PLACE AIRIDA MILASAUSKIENE LITHUANIA "The King (Lion)"

CATEGORY 34. REALISM – FIGURE 1ST PLACE SSEKIDDE MARTIN UGANDA "Baana Ba Kintu/Sons Of Kintu"

CATEGORY 35. REALISM – LANDSCAPE 1ST PLACE DAVID PATCH NEW ZEALAND "Exeter From Waterloo"

CATEGORY 36. REALISM OR IMPRESSIONISM – LANDSCAPE WITH LIFE 1ST PLACE CHER PRUYS CANADA "New York New York!"

CATEGORY 37. REALISM – STILL LIFE 1ST PLACE DAN PYLE USA "Succession"

CATEGORY 38. RELIGIOUS SPIRITUAL 1ST PLACE CHAITALI. V.PURUSHOTHAMAN INDIA "The Phoenix - Universal Energies Protect Us All..."

CATEGORY 39. SELF-PORTRAIT 1ST PLACE BARBARA STANTON USA "Mirror, Mirror..."

CATEGORY 40. SURREALISM 1ST PLACE SHI YEYUN CHINA "Analogy Juxtaposition"

CATEGORY 41. NONMANIPULATED PHOTOGRAPHY – ANIMAL 1ST PLACE TANIA CHOLWICH SOUTH AFRICA "Gentle Giant"

CATEGORY 42. NONMANIPULATED PHOTOGRAPHY – FIGURE 1ST PLACE JOPHEL BOTERO YBIOSA PHILIPPINES "The Mud People"

CATEGORY 43. NONMANIPULATED PHOTOGRAPHY – LANDSCAPE 1ST PLACE JOPHEL BOTERO YBIOSA PHILIPPINES "The Batad Rice Terraces"

CATEGORY 44. NONMANIPULATED PHOTOGRAPHY – STILL LIFE 1ST PLACE ROBERT MEYERS-LUSSIER USA "Tiered Symmetry"

CATEGORY 45. MANIPULATED PHOTOGRAPHY – HUMAN OR ANIMAL 1ST PLACE NICA BREEZE USA “And Still I Rise”

CATEGORY 46. MANIPULATED PHOTOGRAPHY - LANDSCAPE OR STILL LIFE 1ST PLACE IGORS BARULINS LATVIA “Neon Reflections”

CATEGORY 47. DIGITAL ART - REPRESENTATIONAL 1ST PLACE YOURI CHASOV RUSSIA “Autumn Look”

CATEGORY 48. DIGITAL ART - NON-REPRESENTATIONAL 1ST PLACE MAURITS ROL USA “Aquatic Communion”

CATEGORY 49. SCULPTURE - REPRESENTATIONAL 1ST PLACE ELENA KRAFT GERMANY "Stolen Childhood"

CATEGORY 50. SCULPTURE - NON-REPRESENTATIONAL 1ST PLACE BRANDON YUN USA "A Wonderfully Incorrect Way To Use Chopsticks"

Art collectors can see the hundreds of winning artworks and corresponding contact info to the best contemporary artists in the world here: <https://americanartawards.com/2025-winning-artists-american-art-awards/>

American Art Awards 20 Best Galleries for 2025 (in alphabetical order by state) asked to score art:

Best in Arizona: Exposures International Gallery Of Fine Art

Best in California: 111 Minna Gallery

Best in Florida: Art Fusion Galleries

Best in Idaho: Sun Valley Contemporary Gallery

Best in Illinois: Jackson Junge Gallery

Best in Kentucky: Moreman Gallery

Best in Louisiana: Stella Jones Gallery

Best in Maine: Maine Art Hill

Best in Michigan: Water Street Gallery

Best in Minnesota: All My Relations Gallery

Best in Mississippi: Studio Waveland + Gallery

Best in Missouri: Fresh Gallery

Best in Oklahoma: Exhibit C Gallery

Best in Pennsylvania: Paradigm Gallery + Studio

Best in Tennessee: Lilienthal Gallery

Best in Texas: Thornwood Gallery

Best in Utah: The Compass

Best in Washington: Ryan James Fine Arts

Best in West Virginia: Paragon Fine Art

Best in Wyoming: Gallery Wild

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