



## ART COLLECTORS CHOICE AWARDS Reveals World's Best Fine Artists

April 3, 2026. Los Angeles.

Artists from 47 countries won in the 2026 ART COLLECTORS CHOICE AWARDS where 16 international art collectors were sent online images to score in drawing, painting, sculpture, digital and photography. The 300+ winning works, 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Place (and ties) in 50 categories, will be featured in an upcoming movie and 75 articles.

The six cash prizes go to fine artists in Austria, Canada, Italy, Panama, Poland, USA and Zimbabwe winning in oil, acrylic, graphite, pastel, watercolor, abstract, digital and photography.

“Art Collectors Choice Awards levels the playing field, so all artists have an equal opportunity,” explains Thom Bierdz, president of Art Collectors Choice Awards, World Art Awards and American Art Awards. “This is why we only send the voting collectors 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 collector is so enamored with a piece, they are free to click on the artist's web site link and contact them for any reason."

Winners of the 6 cash prizes:

MOST WINS – 40 WINS cash prize goes to Austrian-American TATIANA LEIMKUELLER who scored exceedingly well in every category from abstract to cubism to realism to graphite to pastel to watercolor to innovative to religious to political to celebrity portrait to digital to sculpture.

The MASTERPIECE cash prize goes to ANDREA NANÌ of Italy for "La Custode Delle Stelle / The Keeper of the Stars." The timeless and alluring 16 inch female portrait, pastel on mat, scored high in 8 categories.

The BEST OF SHOW / HIGHEST SCORE cash prize goes to LUKASZ OGRODOWCZYK of Poland for "Port Of Aberdeen, Scotland 02." The impressionistic 15 inch watercolor on paper featured multi-colored docked ships.

The 2ND HIGHEST SCORE cash prize goes to CHANTAL POULIN DUROCHER of Canada and Panama for "Boquete White Dog." The 22 inch pastel on Pastelmat showed remarkable detail of a canine bust.

The 3RD HIGHEST SCORE cash prize goes to FREDDY CHIHOTA of Zimbabwe for "Real African Woman." The 24 inch realistic portrait, oil on canvas, tributed an earnest woman adorned in fabrics.

The 4TH HIGHEST SCORE cash prize goes to NICA BREEZE of USA for "A Touch Of Nagual." The 24 inch surreal self-portrait mixed digital with high contrast photography.

Art collectors can see the hundreds of winning images and corresponding contact info to all the artists here: <https://www.americanartawards.com/2026-winning-art-art-collectors-choice-awards/>

1st Place winning artists:

- CATEGORY 1. OIL – FIGURE: Freddy Chihota
- CATEGORY 2. ACRYLIC – FIGURE: Tanya Filichkin
- CATEGORY 3. WATERCOLOR – FIGURE: Lukasz Ogradowczyk
- CATEGORY 4. CHARCOAL/INK/GRAPHITE – FIGURE: Andrea Caradonna
- CATEGORY 5. PASTEL – FIGURE: Michelle Lucking
- CATEGORY 6. ABSTRACT: Divna Pesic Grozdanov
- CATEGORY 7. ABSTRACT EXPRESSIONISM: Lia Ali
- CATEGORY 8. ART BRUT and or TORMENT: Rytis Minkevičius
- CATEGORY 9. CUBISM/CUBIC: Joseph Crago
- CATEGORY 10. EROTIC – MALE: Tom Ellis
- CATEGORY 11. EROTIC – FEMALE: Youri Chasov
- CATEGORY 12. EXPRESSIONISM – HUMAN FIGURE: Tanya Filichkin
- CATEGORY 13. EXPRESSIONISM – OTHER: Ramón Rivas
- CATEGORY 14. FANTASY LANDSCAPE: Maurits Rol
- CATEGORY 15. FASHION: Gene Boshkaykin
- CATEGORY 16. FLORAL – NOT REALISTIC: Alexandra Finkelchtein
- CATEGORY 17. FLORAL – REALISM: Jennifer Marshall

CATEGORY 18. FUTURISM or FUTURISTIC: Alexander Vlasov  
CATEGORY 19. HUMOR/WIT: Ssekidde Martin  
CATEGORY 20. IMPRESSIONISM – ANIMAL: Jack Puhl  
CATEGORY 21. IMPRESSIONISM – HUMAN: Liming Tang  
CATEGORY 22. IMPRESSIONISM – LANDSCAPE: Liming Tang  
CATEGORY 23. IMPRESSIONISM – STILL LIFE: Lukasz Ogradowczyk  
CATEGORY 24. INNOVATIVE: Chaitali. V. Purushothaman  
CATEGORY 25. MINIMAL or MINIMALISM: Avadka Colez  
CATEGORY 26. NAÏVE ART – HUMAN FIGURE: Nancy Calef  
CATEGORY 27. NAIVE ART – OTHER: David Yoffe  
CATEGORY 28. ORIENTALISM or ASIAN SUBJECT: Flora White  
CATEGORY 29. POLITICAL COMMENTARY: Alexander Vlasov  
CATEGORY 30. POP ART: Roelof Rossouw  
CATEGORY 31. PORTRAIT OF SOMEONE FAMOUS: Tatiana Leimkueller  
CATEGORY 32. PORTRAIT OF SOMEONE NOT FAMOUS: Krys Von Tornado  
CATEGORY 33. REALISM – ANIMAL: Chantal Poulin Durocher  
CATEGORY 34. REALISM – FIGURE: Ksystof Cetyrkovski  
CATEGORY 35. REALISM – LANDSCAPE: Jan Peeters  
CATEGORY 36. LANDSCAPE WITH LIFE: Marion Tubiana  
CATEGORY 37. REALISM – STILL LIFE: Joseph Crago  
CATEGORY 38. RELIGIOUS OR SPIRITUAL: Andrea Caradonna  
CATEGORY 39. SELF-PORTRAIT: Alex Kochkin  
CATEGORY 40. SURREALISM: Rytis Minkevičius  
CATEGORY 41. NONMANIPULATED PHOTOGRAPHY – ANIMAL: Tania Cholwich  
CATEGORY 42. NONMANIPULATED PHOTOGRAPHY – HUMAN: David Vance  
CATEGORY 43. NONMANIPULATED PHOTOGRAPHY – LANDSCAPE: Clay Fanning  
CATEGORY 44. NONMANIPULATED PHOTOGRAPHY – STILL LIFE: Jack Puhl  
CATEGORY 45. MANIPULATED PHOTOGRAPHY – FIGURE: Nica Breeze  
CATEGORY 46. MANIPULATED PHOTOGRAPHY – STILL LIFE: Sophia Kim  
CATEGORY 47. DIGITAL ART – REPRESENTATIONAL: Diamante Lavendar  
CATEGORY 48. DIGITAL ART – NON-REPRESENTATIONAL: Tatiana Leimkueller  
CATEGORY 49. SCULPTURE – REPRESENTATIONAL: Jennifer Marshall  
CATEGORY 50. SCULPTURE – NON-REPRESENTATIONAL: Tom Ashbourne

The 2026 ART COLLECTORS CHOICE AWARDS awarded winners from 47 countries - Angola, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Cuba, Egypt, France, Germany, Hungary, Japan, India, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Panama, Poland, Republic Of Korea, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Trinidad, Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, UK, Ukraine, USA, Zimbabwe.

The 16 international art collectors asked to score art:

Jason Stuckless – Toronto, Ontario  
Kene J. Rosa – Los Angeles, California  
Michael Gregg Michaud - Los Angeles, California  
Alec Wilder - Los Angeles / Las Vegas / New Orleans  
Eddie Dyer - Los Angeles / Las Vegas / New Orleans  
Joel Brown – Jackson, Mississippi  
Thomas Zora - Las Vegas

Ron Lundin - Naples, Florida / Chicago, Illinois / Vail, Colorado  
Jay H. Brewer - Orlando, Florida  
Alan McMullen - Fannettsburg, Philadelphia  
Brian Townley - Waco, Texas  
Aimee Unakis - Georgetown, Illinois  
Carole Hatcher – Rancho Mirage, California  
Jan Gold - Roseville, California  
Karen Valentine - Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Mitchell Antesky - Toledo Ohio

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