



ART COLLECTORS CHOICE AWARDS Reveals World's Best Fine Artists

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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, 1st to 6th 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/>

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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