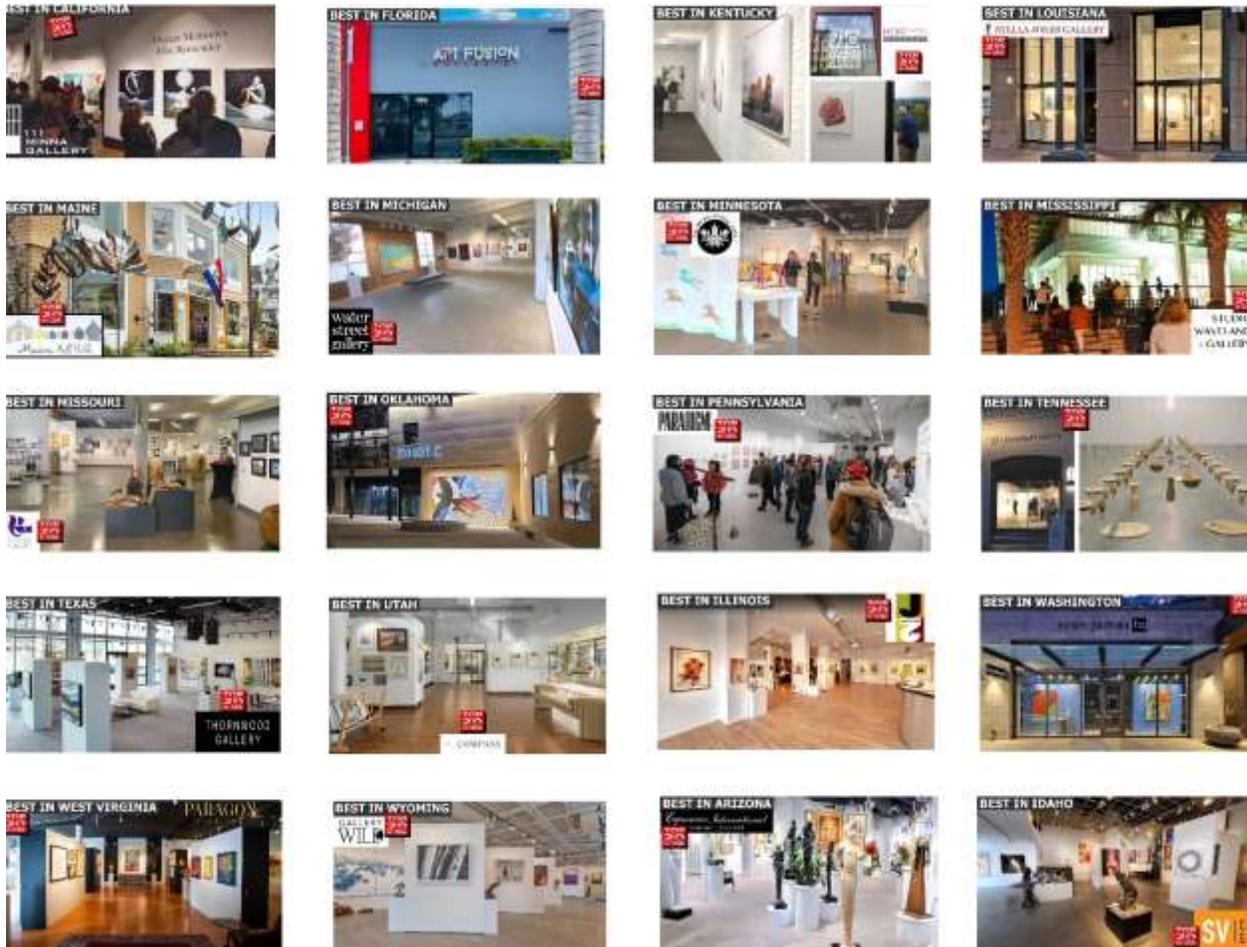


AMERICAN ART AWARDS TOP 20 GALLERIES



American Art Awards Selects The 20 Best Art Galleries In USA For 2025

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The American Art Awards has selected the 20 Best Galleries In USA, 2025. Decisions were based on years established, industry reputation, online interest, location, size, aesthetics, socially relevant exhibits as well as represented artists.

American Art Awards: "This year we awarded beacons of art and culture in the San Francisco Bay Area, Chicago, Houston, Kirkland, Louisville, New Orleans, Springfield, Grand Rapids, Philadelphia, Sedona, Sun Valley, Jackson Hole and the historic district of Provo. Our Oakland Park institution has also enjoyed success in Miami launching more than 800 artists internationally.

“Some of our urban hotspots deal in regional paintings, jewelry, pottery, mixed media, wood, glass, digital and photography while others present large-scale installations in outdoor sculpture gardens by artists from the Southwest, China, Germany, Israel, Brazil, Azerbaijan and beyond.

“Our diverse roster this year includes many high-rated women-owned establishments (Kentucky, Louisiana, Tennessee, Texas, Utah) and three venues owned by married artists (Illinois, Mississippi, Wyoming) exhibiting their own work along with emerging and mid-career contemporary artists.

“One of the most respected African American fine art galleries in the country made our Top 20 list as did two premier American Indian owned and operated contemporary fine arts galleries. One by the Chickasaw Nation in Oklahoma and the other in Minnesota providing the public with education, culture and powerful historical and contemporary artwork.

“We selected a revered 5-story gallery and many other facilities over 10,000 sq. ft. exhibiting high-quality work by important national and international artists. While some specialize in traditional mediums, others promote abstract, conceptual and expansive spiritual or allegorical art.

“We opted for some striking modern galleries with influential international presences showcasing brilliant contemporary work. In addition, we chose some cultural landmarks with warmer ambiance and welcoming reputations making an impact on their communities.”

The globally-recognized American Art Awards, World Art Awards and Art Collectors Choice Awards are headed by award-winning actor, author and painter Thom Bierdz.

Thom Bierdz: “American Art Awards chases beauty. What a privilege it is for us to work with the most beautiful galleries in USA and the most beautiful contemporary artworks from around the world.”

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

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

GALLERY DESCRIPTIONS:

Best in Arizona: Rising like a gigantic mystical temple in Sedona, this 20,000 sq ft showplace displays the finest of every style from classical to contemporary. Serving private or commercial needs, **Exposures International Gallery Of Fine Art** offers small maquettes to monumental bronze and stone sculptures, original oil and acrylic otherworldly paintings, fine art jewelry, enchanting glass art...

Best in California: **111 Minna Gallery** of 30+ years is a beacon of art and culture in the Bay Area, earning accolades such as Best Art Gallery (2019 & 2018 / SF Weekly) and the Small Business of the Year Award (2018 / SF Chamber of Commerce, 2018 Ebbies)." The spectacular 4300sq ft exhibition space with 16-foot ceilings with theater lighting showcases premier contemporary art.

Best in Florida: **Art Fusion Galleries** was founded by William Braemer (appointed public art consultant to Oakland Park) and Jay Jakela twenty-six years ago. The 4500 sf Oakland Park institution also had great success in Miami and St. Petersburg having launched more than 800 international artists.

Best in Idaho: **Sun Valley Contemporary Gallery** represents dynamic established and mid-career artists, encompassing a diversity of styles and mediums reflecting the vibrant tapestry of the contemporary art landscape. The gallery and it's founders have over 50 years of working experience in the arts.

Best in Illinois: The **Jackson Junge Gallery** is a remarkable contribution to the flourishing arts community of Wicker Park / Bucktown in Chicago. Co-owned by the talented Chicago artist Laura Lee Junge and her husband / partner Chris Jackson, this gallery serves as an exclusive local venue for Junge's captivating paintings and other exquisite works of art. The gallery also showcases a diverse selection of works by other contemporary artists from Chicago and beyond. From the avid art collector to the casual admirer, visitors delight in the comfortable ambiance and welcoming atmosphere found within its walls.

Best in Kentucky: **Moreman Gallery**, a contemporary art gallery, located in downtown Louisville, was founded by art enthusiast and collector Susan Moremen. The gallery's focus is a continually evolving selection of contemporary art by emerging and mid-career artists, showcasing work that deserves more than a passing glance, work that is provocative yet approachable, timeless, pleases the eye and lives in harmony in its place.

Best in Louisiana: One of the most respected African American fine art galleries in the country, for almost 30 years **Stella Jones Gallery** has played a pivotal role in highlighting the historical relevance of Black Art. Showcasing local artists of color alongside masters in a downtown Louisiana venue educates collectors, museums and the community on the political, social and economic impact of Black Artists. 2018: Downtown NOLA award 2017: listed as a Cultural Landmark 2020: placed on Beyonce's list of Black Owned Businesses.

Best in Maine: For almost 35 years, **Maine Art Hill** owner John Spain has expanded the art and vision of idyllic Kennebunkport. The gallery presently represents over forty painters and sculptors with strong inspirations from, and connections to, Maine.

Best in Michigan: **Water Street Gallery** exhibited contemporary work in indoor spaces and outdoor sculpture gardens in both Grand Rapids and Douglas.

Best in Minnesota: **All My Relations Gallery** is Minnesota's premier American Indian owned and operated contemporary fine arts gallery, providing the public with education, history, culture, and powerful contemporary artwork.

Best in Mississippi: For nearly ten years, **Studio Waveland + Gallery** has provided a stunning exhibition space for artists to explore their creativity and challenge boundaries

while also fostering meaningful connections within the community. "To create an atmosphere of inclusivity and appreciation for all kinds of art" is the goal of owners/artists Erica Larkin Gaudet (metal sculptor) and Mitchell Gaudet (glass artist who also reveals his hot cast process at their Studio Inferno).

Best in Missouri: **Fresh Gallery** is home to the best fine art talent in Southwest Missouri. Located in Springfield, they offer monthly art exhibits, art curation and installation, and is a provider of unique event space filled with traditional and contemporary art. This landmark is a home for artists of all mediums; paintings, jewelry, sculptures, pottery, mixed media, wood, glass, and photography.

Best in Oklahoma: **Exhibit C Gallery** is a 10,000 sq. ft. art gallery and retail space located in the Horizons District of Oklahoma City. Owned by the Chickasaw Nation, Exhibit C is filled with authentic pieces of artwork handcrafted by Chickasaw and other First American artists from around the world. Additionally, Exhibit C carries gifts such as Bedré Fine Chocolate, Chickasaw Press books, Mahota Textiles and Pendleton items.

Best in Pennsylvania: Established in 2010 by co-founders and curators, Jason Chen and Sara McCorrison, **Paradigm Gallery + Studio** exhibits meaningful, process-intense contemporary artwork by emerging and mid-career artists from around the world. In 2022, Paradigm opened its new 5-story, 7,000 sq. ft. home, The Paradigm Arts Building, in Old City, Philadelphia. The building boasts multiple floors of exhibition space, integrated in-house design and printmaking, a dedicated events floor, and art advisory offices.

Best in Tennessee: Woman-owned/run **Lilienthal Gallery** is an art space showcasing contemporary international, national, and select local artists. The gallery offers a tasting of the global palette including large-scale sculptural installations, abstract paintings, photorealistic works, and ink works on paper. With artists from China, Germany, Israel, Brazil, Azerbaijan, and beyond Lilienthal Gallery exhibitions evoke the spirit of rich cultural exchange.

Best in Texas: With 25 years of experience in the world of fine art, **Thornwood Gallery** has earned a reputation for placing high-quality work by international and national artists for residences, corporate offices, and hotels. Their stunning locations in Houston's iconic Gallery Row and Santa Fe's famous historic Canyon Road focus on 60 of the finest artists and their work, ranging from abstract to impressionism to realism to photography to sculpture.

Best in Utah: **The Compass** specializes in expansive spiritual and allegorical art, meaningful timeless works provoking constructive thought and conversation. Located in the historic district of Provo, the gallery favors traditional mediums and expressive representational, semi-representational, and symbolic styles.

Best in Washington: **Ryan James Fine Arts** is a contemporary Kirkland art gallery representing 25 local and national artists. Founded in 2011 by Ryan James and joined in 2014 by Jessica Kravitz, the gallery exhibits modern, abstract, and conceptual artworks

in a variety of mediums. *The Best of 425 Art Gallery Award - 425 Magazine. Best Art Gallery - Kirkland Lifestyle Magazine. Merrily Dicks Arts & Culture Award.*

Best in West Virginia: Joshua Adamo, owner of the new **Paragon Fine Art**, purchased the building in 2023 from Marilyn Cooper, who opened Cooper Gallery in the same space nearly 30 years ago. A local design-builder and craftsman, with a history in historic preservation, the transition was something Adamo manifested through two of his lifelong loves—historic buildings and the world of art.

Best in Wyoming: Owned and operated by wildlife painter, Carrie Wild, and her husband, wildlife photographer Jason Williams, **Gallery Wild** has stunning locations in Jackson Hole, Wyoming and Santa Fe, New Mexico. Well received by the Jackson Hole community and quickly established as a mainstay gallery on Broadway opposite the historic Wort Hotel, this collection features established and emerging artists offering both oil and acrylic paintings, bronze sculpture, mixed media and photography.

American Art Awards annually awards 20 museums and/or galleries, and with their critique months later, awards 300+ deserving contemporary artists from 60+ countries: painters, photographers, sculptors and digital artists.

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