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### **The Cherry Creek Arts Festival Announces 2014 Artist Award Winners**

**WHAT:** On Friday, July 4, the Cherry Creek Arts Festival held its annual Artist Awards Dinner, where exhibiting artists came together to celebrate the Arts Festival and honor 2014 Artist Award Winners. The following 11 artists are the only exhibiting artists who are automatically invited to return for the 2015 Arts Festival.

**WHO:** A group of independent jurors determined the following artists to be the 2014 award winners.

Best of Show: Faryn Davis, mixed media, booth 229

2nd Place: Jennifer McCurdy, ceramics, booth 199

3rd Place: Donna Veverka, jewelry, booth 24

Merit Awards: Theodore Gall, sculpture, booth 54; William Kidd, ceramics, booth 195; Aaron Hequembourg, mixed media, booth 148; Joachim Knill, painting, booth 36; Gregg Rasmusson, ceramics, booth 96

Juror's Award: Tim Byrns, wood, booth 143

Juror's Award: Katie Musolff, painting, booth 11

Juror's Award: Shadow May, ceramics, booth 70

**ARTIST SELECTION:** The 250 exhibiting artists were selected through a blind-jury process from over 2,000 applicants, based on artistic excellence in original, handcrafted work, making the Festival one of the most competitive art shows in the nation. Contributing to the extremely competitive nature of the jury and the high levels of art excellence are actual artist sales and consistently high national festival rankings. High sales are attributed to the event's setting in the heart of Denver's unique, beautiful and affluent district of Cherry Creek North, an educated art-buying audience of 350,000 annually, and a multi-media marketing campaign valued at \$900,000+.

## About The Cherry Creek Arts Festival

The Cherry Creek Arts Festival is a three-day, world-class and award-winning celebration of the visual, culinary, and performing arts and enjoys an annual attendance of 350,000 visitors. Special exhibits, art and culinary demonstrations, and interactive family activities on Artivity Avenue complement the Festival experience. The 2014 event will take place on July 4, 5 and 6. The 2014 Cherry Creek Arts Festival is presented by Janus, Arrow Electronics and Your Neighborhood Toyota Stores. Associate sponsors are The Art Institute of Colorado, Blue Moon, Cherry Creek North, Cherry Creek Shopping Center, FastFrame of Cherry Creek, JW Marriott Denver, and the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District. They are joined by Associate Media Sponsors, 9NEWS, Colorado Homes & Lifestyles, Mountain Living, The Denver Post Community, Alice 105.9, Studio 1430 KEZW AM, KOSI 101, 99.5 The Mountain and Xfinity. Supporting Sponsors include Blake Communications, Denver Zoo, Happy Llama Inc., Pepsi, Room & Board and Viking Range Corporation. Contributing Sponsors include Clif Bar, Colorado Business Bank, Colorado Lottery, Creative Law Network, Earls Kitchen + Bar, Kaiser Permanente, King Soopers, and MDC Foundation. Along with the annual civic event, the Cherry Creek Arts Festival's 501(c)(3) non-profit mission provides art education and outreach programs in local area schools. For more information, visit [www.CherryArts.org](http://www.CherryArts.org); or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#). Share how art lives within you by using the hashtag #ccaf.

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