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The Cherry Creek Arts Festival Announces 2016 Artist Award Winners

WHAT: On Sunday, July 3, the [Cherry Creek Arts Festival](#) held its annual Artist Awards event, where exhibiting artists came together to celebrate the 2016 Arts Festival and honor 2016 Artist Award Winners. The following 11 artists are automatically invited to return for the 2017 Cherry Creek Arts Festival.

WHO: A group of independent jurors determined the following artists to be the 2016 award winners.

Best of Show: Scott Hildebrandt, Emerging Artist program, booth E5

2nd Place: Gabriela Horvat, jewelry, booth 127

3rd Place: William Kidd, ceramics, booth 167

Merit Awards: Nile & Michelle Fahmy, metalworks, booth 246; Carolina Cleere, mixed media, booth 143; Nicolette Absil, jewelry, booth 239; Nick Leonoff, glass, booth 156; Robert Hessler, ceramics, booth 75

Juror's Award: Monique Rancourt, jewelry, booth 188

Juror's Award: Aaron Hequembourg, mixed media, booth 151

Juror's Award: Matthew Hemminghaus, photography, booth 32

ARTIST SELECTION: The 250 exhibiting artists were selected through a blind-jury process from more than 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 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+.

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 2016 event will take place on July 1, 2, 3 and 4.

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