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The Cherry Creek Arts Festival Announces 2017 Artist Award Winners

WHAT: On Sunday, July 2, the [Cherry Creek Arts Festival](#) held its annual Artist Awards event, where exhibiting artists came together to celebrate the 2017 Arts Festival and honor 2017 Artist Award Winners. The following 11 artists are automatically invited to return for the 2018 Cherry Creek Arts Festival.

WHO: A group of independent jurors determined the following artists to be the 2017 award winners.

Best of Show: Suzanne Schmid, jewelry, booth 78

2nd Place: Scott Hildebrandt, mixed media, booth 75

3rd Place: Heinrich Toh, printmaking, booth 113

Merit Awards: David Burton, mixed media, booth 159; Aaron Hequembourg, mixed media, booth 161; David Kammerzell, painting, booth 166; Brice McCasland, mixed media, booth 233; Tony Ortega, printmaking, booth 106

Juror's Award: Brian Blackham, painting, booth 119

Juror's Award: Adam Crowell, wood, booth 107

Juror's Award: Christopher Wagner, sculpture, booth 257

ARTIST SELECTION: The 255 exhibiting artists were selected through a blind-jury process from 2,100 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+.

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 2017 event will take place on July 1, 2 and 3.

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