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The 2017 Cherry Creek Arts Festival and Arrow Electronics Announce the Five Years Out Arrow Art Challenge Finalists
Finalist pieces will be displayed at the Cherry Creek Arts Festival from July 1 to July 3

DENVER (May 24, 2017) — For the fifth year, the Cherry Creek Arts Festival is partnering with 2017 Festival presenting sponsor Arrow Electronics in the Five Years Out Arrow Art Challenge, an international challenge to inspire artists to take the concept of innovation and express what five years out looks like in the art world, translating ideas into their artistic medium.

This year, the Five Years Out Arrow Art Challenge received 117 applicants, including nine applicants representing Brazil, Belgrade, Germany, Canada, Nigeria, Sweden and Mexico.

Through a competitive and collaborative selection process, a jury of national artists and art professionals chose seven finalists out of a competitive pool of artists. Each finalist is receiving a \$5,000 commission to create a forward-thinking piece to be displayed at the Cherry Creek Arts Festival on Detroit Street near 2nd Avenue from July 1 to July 3. The following is a list of the finalists.

| Artist | Medium | City, State |
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| Amenda Corso | Mixed Media/Digital | Des Moines, IA |
| Sharon Brush | Ceramic | Santa Fe, NM |
| Dan Stiles | Mixed Media/Interactive | Portland, OR |
| Aaron Hequembourg | Mixed Media | Monticello, GA |
| Peter Clouse | Mixed Media | Ferndale, MI |
| Amy Carstensen | Painting | Tampa, FL |
| Edrex Fontanilla | Sculpture | San Jose, CA |

The jury will select one winner, the week of June 19, to receive the Innovation Award, granting that winner a \$10,000 prize and a jury-exempt invitation to exhibit at the 2018 Cherry Creek Arts Festival. The pieces will become part of the innovative collection of artwork at Arrow featured in offices around the world, as well as in aspects of its brand campaigns.

“Each year, partnering with the Cherry Creek Arts Festival, we’ve seen an evolution of impressive artistic expression, originality and ingenuity. As we mark the fifth year of our partnership and the Five Years Out Challenge, Arrow Electronics is thrilled to unveil the innovative pieces our 2017 finalists will present,” said Rich Kylberg, vice president of global corporate marketing and communications at Arrow. “This group of finalists are representing Arrow’s concept of innovation and transforming what’s possible into what’s practical in the present, and [Five Years Out](#).”

For more information about the Five Years Out Arrow Art Challenge, please visit <http://www.arrow.com/arts/> and www.cherryarts.org/ArrowFiveYearsOut.

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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.

Janus presents the 2017 Cherry Creek Arts Festival officially sponsored by Arrow Electronics and Your Hometown Toyota Stores. Associate sponsors are Blue Moon Brewing Company, Cherry Creek North, Cherry Creek Shopping Center, Frame de Art, Glenfiddich Whisky, Hendrick’s Gin, JW Marriott Denver Cherry Creek, Room & Board, the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District and Xfinity. They are joined by Associate Media Sponsors, 9NEWS, Colorado Homes & Lifestyles, Mountain Living, ColoradoBiz Magazine, The Denver Post Community, Alice 105.9, 99.5 The Mountain, Comedy 103.1 and Crusin’ 1430 AM. Supporting Sponsors include Collector’s Specialty Woods, Finished Basement Company-REthinkREmodel, Happy Llama Inc., King Soopers, Pepsi, Rodney Strong Vineyards & Applejack Wine & Spirits. Contributing Sponsors include Blake Communications, Colorado Business Bank, Colorado Lottery, Creative Law Network, John Atencio, the MDC Foundation and Stanley Marketplace.

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