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CHERRYARTS ANNOUNCES JURIED ARTISTS FOR 2019

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DENVER, CO - January 31, 2019: CherryArts officially announces the 260 juried artists and 5 "Emerging Artists" for its 29th annual Cherry Creek Arts Festival (CCAF). The artists were chosen in a blind-jury process from 2,161 artist applications, making the CCAF one of, if not the most, competitive art shows in the nation. The CCAF takes place Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 5, 6, 7, 2019 and is located in Denver's Cherry Creek North District.

The only artists annually exempt from the jury are the 15 award-winning artists and the annual commemorative poster artist from the previous festival. The artist jury changes annually and selects work based solely on artistic excellence of quality, creativity, and overall impression of original handcrafted work: 76 of the total 260 artists are first-time-ever CCAF exhibitors. 30 artists are from the state of Colorado.

Contributing to the extremely competitive nature of the jury and the high levels of artistic excellence are actual artist sales (more than \$3.2 million for 2018) and consistently top 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 330,000 annually, and a nearly \$1M multi-media marketing campaign. The visual artists' success and quality are core values and measurements of accomplishment for the Cherry Creek Arts Festival.

The Arts Festival features artists in 13 different media categories including ceramics, digital art, drawing, fiber, glass, printmaking, jewelry, metalworks, mixed media, painting, photography, sculpture, and wood.

Congratulations to our 2019 juried artists:
<http://cherrycreekartsfestival.org/exhibiting-artists/>

The panel of jurors was comprised of: Beth C. McLaughlin (Brockton, MA): Chief Curator of Exhibitions and Collections at Fuller Craft Museum; Susan Froyd (Denver, CO): Denver Arts and Culture Journalist for Westword; Johanna Mueller (Fort Collins, CO): Printmaking Artist and 2018 CCAF Award Winner; Ashley Buchanan (Atlanta, GA): Jewelry Artist and 2018 CCAF Award

Winner; Castle Searcy (Denver, CO): Design/Branding, Retail, Public Art Curation/Administration, Denver Art Museum CultureHaus Board.

About CherryArts

CherryArts is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to provide access to art experiences and support arts education in Colorado. Along with the arts festivals, CherryArts fulfills its year-round art education and outreach mission through programs including the Mobile Art Gallery, Mobile Art Cart: Screen Printing Edition, and the Janus Henderson Student Art Buying Program.

CherryArts has produced its signature cultural event for Colorado annually during the 4th of July weekend since 1991. The CCAF weekend is a world-class and award-winning celebration of the visual, culinary and performing arts, and enjoys an attendance of 330,000 visitors over the 3-day event. CCAF gives patrons the FREE, rare and unique opportunity to meet and talk with international visual artists, explore their inner "Festival Foodie" with our culinary partners, visit special exhibits, and entertain their families with interactive and educational 'Activities' and exciting performing arts. Janus Henderson presents the 2019 Cherry Creek Arts Festival officially sponsored by Your Hometown Toyota Stores.

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