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CherryArts Announces Artists for 2023 Cherry Creek Arts Festival

The 260 selected artists from three countries will exhibit this July 1 to 3, 2023

DENVER (February 9, 2023) — CherryArts has officially announced the 260 artists selected to exhibit their work at the 32nd annual Cherry Creek Arts Festival this July 1, 2, and 3, in Cherry Creek North.

A jury of five art professionals selected this line-up during a blind jury process in January. CherryArts received more than 1,800 applications in 13 different categories, which means CCAF continues to be one of, if not the, most competitive arts festivals in the United States.

Of this year's selected artists:

- 24 are from the state of Colorado
- 3 are from countries outside the U.S.
- 54 are first-time exhibitors at CCAF
- 21 are first-time applicants to CCAF
- 12 are multimedia artists
- 5 are emerging artists

The jury for CCAF changes annually and selects work based on artistic excellence of quality, creativity, and overall impression of original handcrafted work. The only artists exempt from the jury process are the poster artist, advisory committee, and award winners from last year's festival.

CCAF receives thousands of applications due to the festival's reputation, the high level of artistic excellence, and average annual sales. In 2022, sales averaged \$16,590 per artist, with more than \$4.1 million in total sales. Another key to success is the festival's setting in the heart of Denver's unique, beautiful, and affluent Cherry Creek North neighborhood, with an educated, art-buying audience of around 150,000 visitors and a nearly \$1M multi-media marketing campaign.

The Cherry Creek 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. The full list of 2023 artists is [here](#).

The 2023 CCAF jury included:

- Tya Alisa Anthony — Denver, CO — multidimensional artist & curator, director of education & community at RedLine Contemporary Art Center, executive director and founder of Mahogany Vu Contemporary Art & *Living Culture* magazine
- Darryl Cox — Bend, OR — 2022 CCAF award winner, mixed media artist
- Chris Dahlquist — Kansas City, MO — 2022 CCAF award winner, visual artist, and creative strategist
- Michael Gadlin — Denver, CO — visual artist, executive director of PlatteForum
- James Hull — Boston, MA — visual artist, museum preparator, and educator

The Cherry Creek Arts Festival is produced by CherryArts, a year-round nonprofit organization that serves more than 40,000 students each year through experiential art programs, including the Mobile Art Gallery, Student Art Buying Program, Art Kits, Mobile Art Cart: Printmaking Edition, Ink the City, and the Alliance Project. These mobile programs bring art experiences directly into schools with the goal of fostering lifelong relationships with arts and culture.

Photos from previous Cherry Creek Arts Festivals are in the CCAF media kit at bit.ly/CherryCreekArtsFestival2023.

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