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5TH ANNUAL ATLANTA ARTS FESTIVAL RECOGNIZED TWELVE ARTISTS AS “BEST IN CATEGORY” THIS PAST WEEKEND

ATLANTA – Thousands of art and festival-goers experienced beautiful weather, hands-on art activities, live music and savory bites while perusing incredible artwork from across the country at the 5th Annual Atlanta Arts Festival in Piedmont Park. From food demonstrations on the new Art of Cooking Stage to Canvas by U! classes where attendees created their own masterpieces, face-painting for the kids in Lil’ Artist Alley, free samples from Peace Tea hippies and giant crepes made to order by Colorado based vendor The Crepe Stand – there was a non-stop supply of festivities for people of all ages, and that doesn’t even include the main attraction, the Artist Market! 200 of the nation’s top artists set-up shop on Saturday and Sunday on the park’s pathways amidst midtown’s picturesque skyline.

One artist from each of the 12 categories of art was awarded “Best of” in their respective craft. The winners were chosen by a panel of highly-esteemed judges, the same artists and educators who chose the participating artists from more than 500 applicants. 5th Annual Atlanta Arts Festival is proud to announce this year’s winners:

Best of Show – Bill Herb; *Townville, SC*
2-D Mixed Media – Mauro P. Pozzobonelli; *Loxahatchee, FL*
Drawing | Graphics | Printmaking – Kreg Yingst; *Pensacola, FL*
3-D Mixed Media – Jennifer Ivory; *Corvallis, OR*
Fiber | Leather – Teresa Merriman; *Westcliffe, CO*
Painting – Oil | Acrylic – Geoffrey Harris; *Hannibal, MO*
Glass – Bea Hatala; *Danielsville, GA*
Painting – Watercolor | Pastel – Godwin Kou; *Alpharetta, GA*
Jewelry – Harry Roa; *Sarasota, FL*
Photography | Digital Art – David Curles; *Kennesaw, GA*
Metal – John Mowen; *Nevada City, CA*
Wood – Matthew Hatala; *Danielsville, GA*

Festival patrons indulged in a glass of wine from Barefoot Wine & Bubbly and ice cold brews from Atlanta-based SweetWater Brewing Company while they perused the Artist Market looking for the perfect piece to take home. After a great day of shopping, Jimmy Buffett cover band, A1A, took attendees to Margaritaville on Saturday evening while The Whiskey Gentry closed the festival on Sunday with their eclectic folk, rock and country melodies.

For more information visit www.AtlantaArtsFestival.com, call Atlanta Arts Festival at 770.941.9660, follow the Festival on Twitter @AtlantaArtsFest and “Like” AAF on Facebook www.facebook.com/AtlantaArtsFestival.

PHOTOS FROM THE WEEKEND ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

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