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Bellevue Arts Museum announces BAM artsfair award winners

Bellevue, WA – Bellevue Arts Museum just announced the winners of the **Carol Duke Artist Awards of Excellence** sponsored by **Tiffany & Co.** The prestigious award is given every year to the top ten artists of **BAM artsfair**, a long-standing, much treasured community event featuring over 300 juried artists from across the nation and a multitude of free community programs. The award comes with a \$1,000 cash prize which will be presented at BAM's annual fundraiser, **Artful Evening**, on July 17th.

The ten winners of the 2010 **Carol Duke Artist Awards of Excellence** are:

Ceramics: **Matthew Allison** – Seattle, WA
Wood: **Michael Bauermeister** – Augusta, MO
Painting: **Brian Blackham** – Helper, UT
Jewelry: **Melissa Finelli** – Boston, MA
Sculpture: **Jennifer Ivory** – Corvallis, OR
Ceramics: **Brian Jones** – Portland, OR
Jewelry: **Seung-Hea Lee** – Providence, RI
Glass: **Richard Parrish** – Bozeman, MT
Ceramics: **Kenneth Standhardt** – Eugene, OR
Jewelry: **Kiwon Wang** – New York, NY

The award winners have been chosen by a jury of select art professionals:

Nora Atkinson, Curator, Bellevue Arts Museum - Bellevue, WA
Cable Griffith, Curator, Kirkland Arts Center - Kirkland, WA
Yoko Ott, Director, Open Satellite - Bellevue, WA

The award commemorates one of the fair's original managers and arts activist, Carol Duke (1928 - 1995). Her legacy of creating a vibrant festival that celebrates art, community and creative expression continues to live on in today's **Bellevue Arts Museum artsfair**.

Quick Facts about BAM artsfair:

What: 64th annual Bellevue Arts Museum artsfair

Free community event featuring over 300 artist exhibitors, performance art, demonstrations, live music, free admission to BAM and tons of hands-on activities for kids.

When: Friday - Sunday, July 23, 24 & 25, 2010

Friday & Saturday: 9:30 am - 9:30 pm

Sunday: 9:30 am - 6 pm

Where: Bellevue Arts Museum and Bellevue Square

Event Details: <http://www.bellevuearts.org/fair/index.htm>

Highlights:

- **325 juried exhibitors** offering unique, handmade arts & crafts that are hard to find anywhere else. Media include drawing/pastels, fiber, furniture, glass, jewelry, metal work, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, wearables and wood.

- **kidsfair** sponsored **Overlake Hospital Medical Center** featuring fun, hands-on art activities.
- ***NEW* Sound & Movement Stage** showcasing contemporary dance, jazz ensembles, theatre and more.
- **Chalk It Up!** sponsored by **Comcast** – a free outdoor chalk activity for children big and small.
- Free admission to **Bellevue Arts Museum** throughout all three days of the festival thanks to **Parker, Smith & Feek**.
- **Arts in Action Demonstrations Stage** sponsored by **MulvannyG2 Architecture** blazes with hot glassblowing.
- **Brian Major chalk painting** – Celebrated chalk artist Brian Major will once again recreate a famous masterpiece in chalk.
- **Come Hungry NW!** Stop by Scotty's NW for a fresh salmon caesar salad and finish up at Fisher Fair Scones. YUM!

BAM artsfair is sponsored by Microsoft Corporation, in partnership with The Bellevue Collection. **kidsfair** is presented by Overlake Hospital Medical Center. Other sponsors include: The Seattle Times, MulvannyG2 Architecture, Microsoft User Group, KOMO TV, T-Mobile, Classic King FM, Warm 106.9 fm, 98.8 KJWZ, 425 Magazine, New York Times, Coca Cola, The Standard and Clear Channel Outdoor Media.

About Bellevue Arts Museum

Bellevue Arts Museum is the Pacific Northwest's center for the exploration of art, craft and design. **BAM** celebrates regional, national and international artists working in a broad range of craft media, including ceramics, fiber, metal, wood and glass. The Museum also offers a unique array of free or low-cost educational and community programs such as artist demonstrations, lectures and workshops as well as a variety of engaging and fun hands-on kids activities. The **Bellevue Arts Museum artsfair**, the largest and most prestigious arts event in the Pacific Northwest attracting an average of 350,000 visitors, is held annually in July. **BAM** is located in the heart of downtown Bellevue, provides free parking and is wheelchair accessible. www.bellevuearts.org

For more information on this exhibit and other Museum-related programming, please contact Tanja Baumann (see contact information above).

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