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**47<sup>th</sup> Annual Raymond James Gasparilla Festival of the Arts  
Announces Winners**

**TAMPA, Fla.** – Selecting from a field of more than 250 acclaimed artists, juror Mark Ormond, selected the recipients of the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Raymond James Gasparilla Festival of the Arts cash awards, \$76,500.

The winners of the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Raymond James Gasparilla Festival of the Arts are:

**Raymond James Financial Best of Show (\$15,000)**

David Bjurstrom, Austin, TX | “African Queen”, Drawing

**Board of Directors’ Award (\$7,500)**

Ken Orton, Venice, FL | “Restless”, Painting

**Roddy Brownlee Reed Award of Artistic Excellence (\$4,000)**

Jean Yao, Ft. Lauderdale, FL | “Coconut Ark”, Fiber

**Mayor’s Award (\$3,500)**

Jennifer Ivory, Corvallis, OR | “Dragons & Damsels”, Mixed Media

**President’s Award (\$2,500)**

Steve Wewerka, Saint Paul, MN | “Old Church”, Photography

**Friends of the Museum Award (\$2,000)**

Beua Tudzarov, Ft. Lauderdale, FL | “Check 17”, Digital

**Holmes Hepner & Associates Architects Emerging Artist Award (\$1,500)**

Glen DePasse, Tampa, FL | “Shadows”, Photography

**Gensler Award of Merit (\$1,300)**

Kit Karbler, Denver, CO | “Tall Vortex”, Glass

**Hill Ward Henderson Award of Merit (\$1,300)**

Matthew Hatala, Danielsville, GA | Black Maple, Wood

**Michael C. Gribbin D.M.D. General and Cosmetic Dentistry Award of Merit (\$1,300)**

Edson Campos, Winter Park, FL | “Hoshi”, Drawing

**Oxford Exchange Award of Merit (\$1,300)**

Colin Margerum, Winter Springs, FL | “He Who Whispers”, Drawing

**The Bank of Tampa Award of Merit (\$1,300)**

Robin Kittleson, Geneva, IL | “Murrini Bowl”, Glass

**The Barrymore Hotel Award of Merit (\$1,300)**

Matthew Cornell, Orlando, FL | “Monument”, Painting

**Wells Fargo Award of Merit (\$1,300)**

Mark Orr, Pinckney, MI | “New Beginning”, Sculpture

**Inaugural Tampa Bay Regional High School pARTicipant Award (\$1,000 scholarship)**

Noah Cribb, Tampa, FL | “Untitled”, Painting

**Individual Awards of Merit (\$1,300 each)**

Megan Austin, Canton, GA | “Moonstones”, Jewelry

David Burton, Indialantic, FL | “High and Dry”, Mixed Media

Doug Cavanah, Franklin, NC | “Old Homestead”, Photography

Melissa Dominiak, Hannibal, MO | “Books”, Painting

Thomas Dumke, Stone Bank, WI | “Cherry Hall Table”, Wood

Jeff Eckert, Tampa, FL | “Pouring Over His Work”, Drawing

David Figueroa, Sanford, FL | “Internal Development”, Sculpture

Christiane Hampel, Naples, FL | “Calalilly”, Jewelry

Geoffrey Harris, Lexington, SC | “Rockets, Robots, Rayguns”, Digital

Aaron Hequembourg, Monticello, GA | “Home”, Mixed Media

Lori Jenkins, Melbourne, FL | “Making a Point”, Watercolor

Ken Jensen, St. Augustine, FL | “Didgereehoop”, Ceramic

Nicario Jimenez, Naples, FL | “Immigration”, Mixed Media

William Kwamena-Poh, Savannah, GA | “Kalekye”, Watercolor

James (Michael) Nemnich, Indialantic, FL | “Wang Dang Doodle”, Painting

Tim Peters, Winter Haven, FL | “Memories of America”, Ceramic

Phill Singer, New Britain, PA | “Preservation”, Painting

Cheryl Mackey Smith, Fairview, NC | “Safe Havens”, Ceramic

Thomas Styczynski, Santa Barbara, CA | “Zuni Spirit”, Photography

Marilyn Vaillancourt, Weeki Wachee, FL | “Fluttering By”, Jewelry

Chuck Wimmer, Brecksville, OH | “Velcrow”, Digital

Kreg Yingst, Pensacola, FL | “Troubadour”, Painting

Yu Zhou, Yardley, PA | “Peaches with Blue Bowl” Painting

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**Photos Available:** “African Queen”

The Gasparilla Festival of the Arts is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation dedicated to producing an annual, premier juried outdoor art festival for the enjoyment and education of patrons, artists and guests as well as for the enhancement of the Tampa Bay area’s cultural arts. The non-profit organization relies on support from sponsorships, on-site retail sales and corporate and individual gifts to fund its programs and events.