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Gasparilla Festival of the Arts

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**49th Annual Raymond James Gasparilla Festival of the Arts Festival Announces
Winners**

Tampa, Fla. - Selecting from a field of more than 250 acclaimed artists, juror Andy Maass, selected the recipients of the 49th Annual Raymond James Gasparilla Festival of the Arts cash awards, \$75,000.

The winners of the 49th Annual Raymond James Gasparilla Festival of the Arts are:

Raymond James Financial Best of Show Award (\$15,000.00)

Ummarid Eitharong, Orlando, FL | "Cosmic Moment", Mixed Media

Board of Directors' Award (\$7,500.00)

Richard Currier, Micco, FL | "Solution-Deep End", Painting

Roddy Brownlee Reed Award of Artistic Excellence (\$4,000.00)

Jean Yao, Ft. Lauderdale, FL | "Stand Still", Fiber

Mayor's Award (\$3,500.00)

Clifton Henri, Chicago, IL | "Us Vs. Everybody", Photography

President's Award (\$2,500.00)

Igor Menaker, Grayslake, IL | "Lake and Wells", Photography

Friends of the Museum Award (\$2,000.00)

Nathan Miller, St. Petersburg, FL | "Where do we go from here?", Painting

William P. O'Dowd Memorial Emerging Artist (\$1,500.00)

Nneka Jones | "Self Portrait", Painting

Adrienne M. Carson Memorial Award of Merit (\$1,300.00)

Claudia Melchiorre | "Maiden's Armor", Jewelry

api(+) Award of Merit (\$1,300.00)

David Figuerora, Sanford, FL | "Growing Structure IV", Sculpture

DMG School Project Award of Merit (\$1,300.00)

Susan Gott, Tampa, FL | "Calendar Wheel", Glass

FIRVA Capital Management Award of Merit (\$1,300.00)

John Williams-Joseph Williams, Tampa, FL | "Pine Globe", Wood

Harbinger Signs Award of Merit (\$1,300.00)

Cali Hobgood, Urbana, IL | "Bathrobe", Photography

Jane and Vince Arnett Award of Merit (\$1,300.00)

Samantha Freeman, Ocala, FL | "Seascape Necklace", Jewelry

Kelly M Klein Memorial Award of Merit (\$1,300.00)

Bobby Goldsmith, Perkinston, MS | "Elysium", Drawing

Lindsay M Marano Memorial Award of Merit (\$1,300.00)

David Russell, Camden, SC | "Tusk", Glass

Michael C Gribbin D.M.D. General and Cosmetic Dentistry (\$1,300.00)

Paveen "Beer" Chunhaswasdikul, Gadsden, AL | "V-Twin Teapot", Ceramic

Muscaro & Martini Dentistry Award of Merit (\$1,300.00)

Mark Sudduth, Cleveland Hts, OH | "Anklet", Glass

Oxford Exchange Award of Merit (\$1,300.00)

Tricia Young, Churchville, VA | "Green Dragon", Jewelry

Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick Award of Merit (\$1,300.00)

Aletha Jones, Madison, WI | "Badminton Games in the Garden", Watercolor

The Barrymore Hotel Tampa Riverwalk Award of Merit (\$1,300.00)

Jesper Johansen, Denver, CO | "Peppermint Beach", Photography

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

Phillip Michaels, Miami, FL | Untitled, Painting

The Dali Museum Award of Merit (\$1,300.00)

Luke Proctor, Mt. Horeb, WI | "Shaker Lamp", Mixed Media

Trenam Law Award of Merit (\$1,300.00)

Paul Shatz, Hilton Head Island, SC | "Lake Marion #8", Photography

Walmart Supply Chain Award of Merit (\$1,300.00)

Andrew Sovjani, Conway, MA | "Leaving in the Morning", Photography

Wells Fargo Award of Merit (\$1,300.00)

Chris Zenger, Pickerington, OH | "Supernova", Photography

Zukku Sushi Award of Merit (\$1,300.00)

Scott Swezy, Albuquerque, NM | “Chaos”, Printmaking

Award of Merit (\$1,300.00)

Roland Descombes, Zephyrhills, FL | “Dolls in the Attic”, Drawing

Charles Gatewood, Phoenix City, AL | “Untitled”, Painting

Julie Jerman-Melka & Jeffrey Melka, Calumet, MI | “Water Fall”, Jewelry

Nicario Jimenez, Naples, FL | “Immigration: Difficult Years”, Mixed Media

Robert Johnson, Orlando, FL | “Run Allyson”, Watercolor

William Kwamena-Poh, Savannah, GA | “Pride of Fishmonger”, Watercolor

Amanda Outcalt, Norfolk, VA | “The Chosen One”, Mixed Media

Chris Rom - Geoff Buddie, Swanton, OH | “Stoneware Bottles”, Glass

Marlene Rose, Clearwater, FL | “Amber Tree”, Glass

Michael Schwegmann, Bement, IL | “Muffler Bucket”, Ceramic

Greg Turco, Jefferson, GA | “Tones of Home”, Photography

Lightning Foundation Scholastic Showcase Award (\$1,000.00)

Gavin Moody | Harrison School of the Arts

Scholastic Showcase High School Representative Award (\$500.00)

Harrison School of the Arts | Polk County, FL

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.