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Artists chosen for Out West Art Show Quick Finish

For nearly 50 years, art enthusiasts and artists have been gathering in Great Falls, MT in March to commemorate the birthday of one of the West's favorite artists—Charles M. Russell. Thousands journey annually to see the Best Western Plus Heritage Inn transformed into the largest gathering of nationally renowned artists on the planet.

The show opens Wednesday March 14, 2018 with a Gala Reception at 6:00 pm, followed by the launch of their newest event the 14” Squared Art Auction. Preview the juried auction pieces in the Russell Room of the Best Western Plus Heritage Inn. The auction features 2D & 3D small works that are smaller than 14”. This juried show offers the work of 50 artists. Buyers can view auction pieces on the website and may purchase the art with the “Buy it Now” option. The show has works available for every budget.



Art enthusiasts have always been interested in being part of the process and seeing “Art” being created before them. The public has a front row seat to see what captures the artists’ eye and imagination. Some artists work directly from models, while other artists spend hours bringing their pieces to a finished state. The excitement builds as the artists complete the works. The convention area then erupts with the presentation of the freshly created art followed by the launch of the 14 Squared Auction.

All events are Free-of-Charge and art aficionados can visit the 110 Exhibit rooms featuring the works of over 140 artists as well as 10 galleries.. This gathering of nationally renowned artists propels the Out West Art Show to the center of the art universe.

Thursday's events include the Young Masters Program. Young artists from Great Falls and surrounding areas travel from nearly 115 miles to attend art classes from master artists. This year students will attend classes taught by: Rob Akey, Christy Daniels, D. G. House, Meagan Abra Blessing, and R. Tom Gilleon. Students participate in an annual competition and compete for cash awards and scholarships.

