

CBS The Young & the Restless Star's 2011 American Art Awards Competition In Full Swing.

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Annual Art Event Seeks Entrants From All Fifty States and Abroad.

Los Angeles/ May, 1, 2011/ As many emerging artists already know, The 2011 American Art Awards is already underway. Hosted by Thom Bierdz, who plays Phillip Chancellor III on CBS's number one rated, The Young and the Restless, the online competition is open to artists worldwide, many, like Bierdz, are self-taught. The 2010 winner roster listed artists from 13 countries.

"It's a golden opportunity," exudes Bierdz, "Artists are judged by twenty-five esteemed galleries who get a first look at undiscovered talent." Bierdz takes pride in working with the best galleries in each state, the most impressive in size being Michigan's Park West Gallery with 63,000 square feet. Park West has been judging the American Art Awards for three years and has discovered new talent along the way.

The 2011 American Art Awards is honored to have as part of this year's judging: Walter Wickiser Gallery (New York City, New York), Exposed Gallery (Phoenix, Arizona), Downey Gallery (New Mexico), June Fitzpatrick Gallery (Portland, Maine.) Richardson Gallery Of Fine Art (Reno, Nevada), Eva Reynolds Fine Arts (Kansas City, Missouri), Annie Kaill's Gallery (Juneau, Alaska), Monty Stabler Galleries (Birmingham, Alabama), Vermont Fine Art Gallery (Stowe, Vermont), Prairie Edge Fine Art (Rapid City, South Dakota), Southern Breeze Gallery (Ridgeland, Mississippi), Wolfgang Roth & Partners Fine Art Gallery (Miami, Florida) Painter's Chair Fine Art Gallery (Couer d' Alene, Idaho) CCA Gallery (Zionsville, Indiana), Stephano's Gallery (Little Rock, Arkansas) McColl Fine Art (Charlotte, North Carolina) Sunshine Arts (Kaneohe, Hawaii), Depot Gallery (Ennis, Montana), Mill Brook Gallery (Concord, New Hampshire) Divergence Fine Art (Baltimore, Maryland), 50 Penn Place Gallery (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma).

Deadline to enter is July, winners announced September 1, 2010. www.americanartawards.com

ABOUT THOM BIERDZ

Thom Bierdz is known to millions as Phillip Chancellor III on CBS's long-running number one daytime drama "The Young & The Restless". He is the author of the number one best-selling memoir, "Forgiving Troy". An accomplished artist painting in almost as many of the fifty-five categories' of the American Art Awards, he has received international acclaim for his work and is seen regularly on television and radio talk shows. His art has found its way to celebrity collectors such as Scarlett Johansson and Bruce Vilanche. Bierdz recently completed a portrait of Elizabeth Taylor getting her angel wings from Michael Jackson, Rock Hudson and Montgomery Clift.

ABOUT AMERICAN ART AWARDS

The American Art Awards is an annual international competition open to artists in fifty-five categories' ranging from Impressionism to Gay Teen Suicide. Hosted by television soap star Thom Bierdz, the event connects emerging artists with prestigious art galleries forging opportunities in the exciting art world.

Note to News Editors: To receive more information or schedule an interview with Thom Bierdz, please contact Buck Winthrop, publicist: CAPTIVE AUDIENCE MEDIA 310-272-0278
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