

THE ASPEN ART FAIR

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The Aspen Art Fair Names Recipients of its 2026 Art Prize Program

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Awarded the Anderson Ranch Arts Center Visiting Artist Prize

Jozua Gerrard and Chen Tianyi

Awarded the Mack Art Foundation Artist-in-Residency Prize

Zanele Muholi

Awarded the Buckhorn Public Art Prize

Grace Christian, Elizabeth Foster, Zariah Green, Ruby Nevins, Micah Scott
Named Winners of the newly established Aspen Education Foundation IB Art Prize



L to R: Tschabalala Self, courtesy Southern Guild and Christian DeFonte, Jozua Gerrard courtesy Southern Guild; Chen Tianyi, courtesy the artist and Luce Gallery; Zanele Muholi, courtesy Southern Guild;

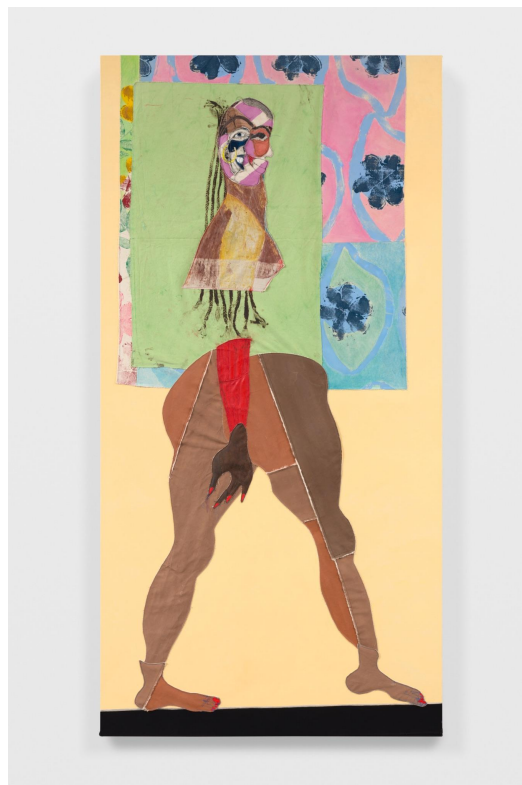
Aspen, CO. – In partnership with **Anderson Ranch Arts Center, Aspen Education Foundation (AEF), Buckhorn Public Arts, and Mack Art Foundation, The Aspen Art Fair** announced today the winners of its expanded **2026 Art Prize Program** reinforcing its commitment to supporting artists and their evolving practices.

Tschabalala Self (Southern Guild) has been awarded the Anderson Ranch Arts Center Visiting Artist Prize. **Jozua Gerrard** (Southern Guild) and **Chen Tianyi** (Luce Gallery) are the recipients of the Mack Art Foundation Artist-in-Residency Prize. **Zanele Muhoil** (Southern Guild) is the recipient of the Buckhorn Public Arts Award. **Grace Christian, Elizabeth Foster, Zariah Green, Ruby Nevins, and Micah Scott** are the five recipients of the Aspen Education Foundation IB Art Prize.

“Now in its third year, The Aspen Art Fair continues to expand its commitment to supporting artists at every stage of their creative development,” said **Bob Chase**, co-founder of The Aspen Art Fair. “Through our partnerships with Anderson Ranch Arts Center, Mack Art Foundation, Buckhorn Public Arts and the Aspen Education Foundation, we are proud to create meaningful opportunities for established and emerging artists—and to nurture the next generation of creative voices in our community.”

Anderson Ranch Arts Center Visiting Artist Prize

This year, **Tschabalala Self**, represented by Southern Guild, has been awarded The Aspen Art Fair’s Anderson Ranch Arts Center Visiting Artist Prize. This prestigious honor grants the artist a one-week residency at the Ranch in Snowmass, Colorado with access to studios across a range of disciplines, including painting, ceramics, sculpture, photography and more. Self joins a distinguished list of past visiting artists at the Ranch, including Catherine Opie, Wu Chi-Tsung, Mickalene Thomas, Kennedy Yanko, Joel Mesler, and Nacho Carbonell, among others.



Tshabalala Self, *Dry Land*, 2026, Acrylic, oil paint, oil pastel, coloured pencil, fabric, thread on canvas, 96 x 48 in., 243.8 x 121.9 cm, Image courtesy of the artist and Southern Guild

Tschabalala Self is a Harlem-born artist who lives and works in New York's Hudson Valley. Working across painting, printmaking and sculpture, Self combines sewn, printed and painted materials to create distinctive figurative works centered predominantly on women. Her practice explores selfhood, race, gender, sexuality and the cultural significance of the Black female body, creating space for her subjects to exist with agency, complexity and self-possession. Self's work has been presented internationally at institutions including the Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Baltimore Museum of Art, ICA Boston, MoMA PS1 and the New Museum, and is held in the collections of the Guggenheim Museum, Whitney Museum of American Art, LACMA, SFMOMA and the Art Institute of Chicago, among others.

The Mack Art Foundation

This year, The Mack Art Foundation has awarded two Artist-in-Residency Prizes to **Jozua Gerrard**, a South African artist represented by Southern Guild, and **Chen Tianyi**, a Chinese artist based in Japan represented by Luce Gallery in Turin, Italy.

The Foundation was drawn to Gerrard's striking paintings on glass, which bring vivid color and intimate observations of everyday life together in a powerful and original visual language. Chen's work similarly stood out for its remarkable technical skill and ability to blend traditional influences with a fresh, contemporary perspective.

"As artists with distinctive voices, Gerrard and Chen will find in New York City an extraordinary environment in which to expand their practices. The city's cultural diversity and creative energy will provide valuable opportunities for inspiration, dialogue and artistic growth. The Mack Art Foundation's mission is to build bridges between artists and cultures by creating meaningful opportunities that transcend geographic boundaries. The Foundation looks forward to welcoming Gerrard and Chen to New York and seeing how the residency shapes the next chapter of their artistic journeys," said **Christine Mack**, Founder of Mack Art Foundation.

Jozua Gerrard is a South African artist whose distinctive practice explores the people, communities and everyday experiences that shape his world. Best known for his striking paintings on glass, Gerrard combines vivid color with intimate observation to create a powerful and original visual language. His work transforms familiar moments into layered reflections on identity, place and human connection. As an emerging artist, Gerrard continues to expand his practice while remaining deeply rooted in the cultural landscape of South Africa.



Jozua Gerrard, *The idea of you*, 2026, Enamel on glass, 44.125 x 55.125 in., 112 x 140 cm, photo by Lea Crafford, courtesy of Southern Guild

Chen Tianyi is a Chinese artist based in Japan. Drawing upon traditional influences, Chen reinterprets established artistic forms through a singular visual language that reflects both cultural heritage and lived experience. The work creates a thoughtful dialogue between past and present while exploring ideas of identity, place and transformation. As an emerging artist, Chen continues to develop a practice that bridges cultures and transcends geographic boundaries.



Chen Tianyi, *Seaside Park*, Mineral Pigments, Mud Pigments, Chalk and Japanese Paper on Wooden Panel, 45 x 53 cm, courtesy of the Artist and Luce Gallery

Buckhorn Public Arts Award

Zanele Muholi has been awarded the 2026 Buckhorn Public Art Prize. As part of the award, a public installation from Muholi's acclaimed *Faces and Phases* series will be presented at the Red Brick Center for the Arts in Aspen.

Muholi is an internationally acclaimed South African visual activist, humanitarian and artist whose work documents and celebrates the lives of Black LGBTQIA+ communities. Begun in 2006, *Faces and Phases* is an ongoing portrait series that affirms the dignity, individuality and resilience of its participants while creating a powerful living archive of Black queer and trans lives. Muholi's work has been exhibited at leading museums and international exhibitions worldwide, including Tate Modern, SFMOMA, the Venice Biennale, dOCUMENTA and the São Paulo Biennial.



Zanele Muholi, installation view of *Faces and Phases* now on view at Red Brick Center for the Arts, 2026, photo by Dawn Blackman, courtesy of Southern Guild.

“Zanele Muholi is one of the most vital and influential voices working in contemporary art today,” said **Kelly Cornell**, Director of The Aspen Art Fair. “Through the power and directness of portraiture, Muholi creates visibility, preserves personal histories and invites meaningful dialogue around identity and representation. We are honored to recognize Muholi with this year’s Buckhorn Public Art Prize and to bring this important body of work into Aspen’s public sphere.”

Aspen Education Foundation (AEF) IB Art Program

The Aspen Art Fair’s partnership with the Aspen Education Foundation (AEF) supports the IB Art Program in the Aspen School District. As part of this collaboration, the fair has established an annual art prize to recognize and encourage emerging young artists. Roaring Fork-based artists **Dick Carter** and **Sabrina Piersol** awarded five outstanding students from the Aspen High School IB Art Program the opportunity to exhibit their work at this year’s fair. They include **Grace Christian, Elizabeth Foster, Zariah Green, Ruby Nevins, and Micah Scott**. A portion of the fair’s ticket proceeds will also benefit the Aspen Education Foundation.

The Aspen Art Fair 2026 exhibitors include:

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 Albertz Benda (Los Angeles, CA; New York, NY)*
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 Anat Ebgi Gallery (New York, NY; Los Angeles, CA)
 Bienvenu Steinberg & C (New York, NY)*
 Cadogan Gallery (London, UK; Milan, Italy)
 Charlie James Gallery (Los Angeles, CA)
 Casterline | Goodman Gallery (Aspen, CO; Santa Fe, NM)
 El Apartamento (Havana, Cuba; Madrid, Spain; Miami, FL)
 Friedman Benda (Los Angeles, CA; New York, NY)*
 Galerie Gmurzynska (New York, NY; Zürich, Switzerland)
 Galerie Maximilian (Aspen, CO)
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 Luis de Jesus Los Angeles (Los Angeles, CA)*
 Marianne Boesky Gallery (New York, NY; Aspen, CO)
 Monique Meloche (Chicago, IL)*
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 *new exhibitor for 2026 edition

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For more information and the latest updates, please visit: <https://www.aspenartfair.org>

About The Aspen Art Fair

The Aspen Art Fair, founded in 2024, is an international contemporary art fair and cultural takeover set against the stunning alpine backdrop of Aspen, Colorado. Held annually at the historic Hotel Jerome, the fair kicks off Aspen Art Week each summer, bringing together leading international and U.S.-based galleries, specially curated projects, and a global community of collectors, artists, and cultural leaders for a boutique and highly immersive experience. Distinguished by its intimate scale and hospitality-based format, The Aspen Art Fair reimagines the traditional art fair model within one of America's most exceptional MICHELIN Key-rated hotels. The fair is committed to fostering rigorous exchange across art, design, culture, and community, while contributing to Aspen's cultural vitality through cross-disciplinary programming developed in partnership with the region's world-class arts institutions.

The Aspen Art Fair 2026

[Hotel Jerome](#), 330 E Main St, Aspen, CO 81611

Fair Hours

VIP Preview Day: Wednesday, July 29, 2026, 11am - 6pm
Thursday, July 30, 2026, 11am - 6pm
Friday, July 31, 2026, 11am - 6pm
Saturday, August 1, 2026, 11am - 4pm

Tickets

VIP Pass 4-day ticket (Wed – Sat) includes VIP Preview and Run of Show) | \$250
Run of Show 3-day ticket (Thurs – Sat) | \$140
Single Day ticket | \$49
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