

# District 117

## PRIDE 2007 Juried Art Show

District 117 received a total of 84 submissions across 52 artists for its first annual Pride 2007 Juried Art Show. After a long and difficult night of narrowing down the pieces for the show, the jury of gallery founders selected 38 pieces from 36 artists. Each one of the selected works illustrated conceptual creativity and remarkable technique. On the Saturday of the LGBT parade here on University Avenue, the gallery attracted many people who voiced they were highly impressed with the variety and quality of the pieces. Deciding on who would take home this year's best in show was an arduous process indeed, as each piece had its own character and uniqueness. The process for determining best in show was, after much thought and lengthy review, that each gallery founder nominated three pieces, assigning 3 points for their top pick, 2 points for second choice, and 1 point for third choice. When the votes were tallied, the artist with the most points was this year's best in show.

District 117 proudly presents this year's Best In Show to Dirke Johnson for his piece 'A New Plain of Existence' (24 x 48" mixed media on wood).

Honorable mention goes to the following artists as their pieces were among best in show nominations:  
(listed in alphabetical order by first name)

Amy Paul  
Anita Lewis  
Christian Lopez  
Dina Bedenko  
John Dole  
Katy Wang  
Tania Alcala  
Todd Carpenter

We'd like to thank all artists for their participation in this beautiful and diverse show.

Many Congratulations.