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**NYC Artists to show in Grand Rapids and Grand Haven, MI**

This fall, 20 NYC artists will be showing paintings, video art, and site specific work at two West Michigan art festivals, Grand Rapids ArtPrize and Grand Haven Artwalk, from September 18 – October 6, 2013.

Second Ave Arts, an artist management company based out of NYC, will be facilitating the project which includes 20 NYC artists as well as 4 artists from the West Michigan area.  During the three week ArtPrize festival in Grand Rapids, this group of 24 artists can be seen at some of Grand Rapids most beautiful and historic sites; they include Calder Plaza, The Bob, JW Marriott, Grand Rapids Brewing Company, Hopcat, PNC Bank Building, and 50 Monroe Building, all located right in the heart of the downtown area.  The artists, spanning 6 decades in age, range from emerging Brooklyn artists to well established artists such as Graham Nickson and Paul Resika (both of whom have permanent works in The Metropolitan Museum of Art, MOMA, and National Galleries in Washington DC as well as many others).

Michael Coleman, founder and owner of Second Ave Arts, is an artist himself with an extensive back ground in hospitality and event planning.  He is coordinating the entire project, which includes choosing all the locations, overseeing all the transportation (in some cases of works that are 20 feet long) as well as the hanging and curating of all the pieces in the project throughout both down town areas.   "It's a bit like curating a huge show, it’s going to be an exciting challenge that I'm really looking forward to." “The goal is simply to add to an already significant cultural event in the Midwest by showcasing 20 NYC artists in ArtPrize and Artwalk.” – Michael Coleman

The international art festival, ArtPrize, attracted over 400,000 people last year, and gives $560,000 in prize money. $360,000 is awarded to artists by public vote and $200,000 by a jury of established artists and art critics. While last year’s list of jurors included art critics Jerry Saltz and Tyler Green, this year’s juror for two-dimensional work is John Yau, Editor of Hyperallergic Weekend, and the Grand Prize Jurors are Anne Pasternak (President and Creative Director of Creative Time), Manon Slome (President and Chief Curator of No Longer Empty), and Mel Chin (artist).

In addition to ArtPrize, all of the artists will be showing in Artwalk, an event that happens simultaneously with ArtPrize in the beautiful small beach community of Grand Haven, MI, located 30 minutes from downtown Grand Rapids. Artwalk, in its fourth year, was designed to complement ArtPrize, as a way to spread the growing excitement and enthusiasm for art throughout all of West Michigan.

See [www.secondavearts.com](http://www.secondavearts.com) to stay up to date with artist receptions and venue placement for all 24 artists in both Grand Rapids and Grand Haven, Michigan.

The 20 artists that either live, work, or have gallery representation in NYC are Paul Resika, Graham Nickson, Tyler Loftis, Kyle Staver, Janice Nowinski, Jason Eisner, Lynette Lombard, Benjamin Pritchard, Kurt Knobelsdorf, Richard Negre, Joren Lindholm, Jeannie Weissglass, Fran O’Neill, Lennart Anderson, Teresa Brown, Tony Gant, Martha Hayden, Peter Bonner, Mariangela Fremura, and Dov Talpaz.

For more information:

[www.secondavearts.com](http://www.secondavearts.com)

[www.artprize.org](http://www.artprize.org)

[www.ghartwalk.com](http://www.ghartwalk.com)

For a list of all ArtPrize jurors

<http://www.artprize.org/blog/announcing-the-2013-artprize-jurors>

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