

# INTERNATIONAL VISIONS GALLERY

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** International Visions Gallery is proud to announce the winners of the 2011 Bombay Sapphire Artisan Series competition. Out of 200 entries from the DC, Virginia and Maryland area, 28 artists were selected to exhibit at International Visions Gallery. The two winning artists chosen from this exhibition by national judges are **Alvin Burts** for his work “Reciprocity” and **S. Ross Browne** for his work “Persistence of History.” After winning this regional competition these two winners will continue to the National Bombay Sapphire Artisan Series Finale Competition, held during Art Basel, Miami Beach this December 2011.

**The winning artwork by Alvin Burts and S. Ross Browne will be shown at International Visions Gallery from October 8<sup>th</sup> – November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**



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**Bombay Sapphire Gin** and Russell and Danny Simmons’ **Rush Philanthropic Arts Foundation** have partnered to create a nationwide art competition, **Artisan Series**. The project aims to discover the next big names in art, urban photography and multi-media arts, and to celebrate today’s diverse up-and-coming artists on a national stage.

There are ten galleries and museums across the nation participating with the Artisan Series that will choose twenty artists to advance to the *Artisan Series Finale*, held during Art Basel, Miami Beach in December 2011.

The two winning finalists of the Art Basel exhibition will be invited to exhibit at Rush Arts Gallery in New York City in February 2012 ([www.rushartsgallery.org](http://www.rushartsgallery.org)).

Other galleries collaborating with The Artisan Series includes: Boston, MA – **Boston Center for the Arts**; Atlanta, GA – **Mason Murer**, Chicago, IL – **Gallery Guichard**, San Francisco, CA – **5 Claude Lane Gallery**; Miami, FL – **Miguel Paredes**; Houston, TX – **The Houston Museum of African American Culture**; New York, NY – **Rush Arts Gallery** and Dallas, TX – **Dallas African American Museum**.

For continuing coverage on the Artisan Series, see [www.complex.com/promotions/sapphireart/press](http://www.complex.com/promotions/sapphireart/press)

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**Attachments:** “Reciprocity” by Alvin Burts, “Persistence of History” by S. Ross Browne