

# ART AT THE ARNOLD

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Greater Columbus Convention Center - Columbus, OH



2011 Art at the Arnold

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## **"Art At The Arnold" will be back at 2011 Arnold Sports Festival**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The 2nd Annual Art At The Arnold competition returns to the Arnold Sports Festival next year, providing artists a unique venue where they may both compete and entertain spectators with athlete portraits from dozens of sports that range from archery to weightlifting.

Instead of performing feats of strength, the artists will be drawing and painting athletes at the multi-event festival March 4-6, 2011 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High Street.

The Arnold Sports Festival presents some of the best physiques and sports action in the world. "Using these athletes as models resulted in an exciting demonstration and exhibition for the artists and audiences alike in last year's debut contest," said contest co-director Kevin Buckland. "The competition was a real crowd pleaser."

"Thousands of people watched 48 artists paint athlete models or from photographs they took throughout from the dozens of athletic competitions at the Arnold," co-director Pertain Gillespie said. "Subjects included dance, fencing, gymnastics, power lifting, bodybuilding, and more," she added.

The three-day competition consisted of a half day of figure drawing and painting of athlete models, followed by an afternoon of sketching and reference gathering throughout the Arnold Sports Festival. The second day artists spent in a studio work session using material gathered the day before. The final day artists selected one piece to submit for judging.

Juror of the event was Julie Taggart, Dean of Fine Arts, Columbus College of Art and Design. Winners received cash prizes, plus, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and actor Sylvester Stallone purchased several works. Entry forms and more information are at [www.arnoldsportsfestival.com](http://www.arnoldsportsfestival.com) (under Sports & Events, click on Art at the Arnold). The number of artists selected to compete will be limited. The deadline is December 3, 2010.

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