

## WINNERS OF FIRST ANNUAL AWARDS FOR UNIQUE ARTISTS



NEW YORK—The first annual **Unique Art Awards** ceremony was held in Manhattan in July for the purpose of recognizing a select group of artists for their underrated talents. Spearheading the event was Jacqueline Simon, founder of the Society of Unique Artists, a non profit organization whose mission is to find and define new art forms and promote them in “exciting and innovative ways.”

Awards were presented in five categories: Unique Food Art: Carl Warner and James Parker. Unique Ice Sculpture: Scott Rella and Shintaro Okamoto.

Unique Sand Sculpture: Todd Vander Pluym and Jim Denevan, whose sand art on a beach is shown, with small figures showing the enormous size of the sand art. Unique Performing Arts: De Leon Productions, The Art of Entertainment; and Le Ombre, Silhouette Dance.

Unique Painting: Tracy Lee Stum, 3D street painter; and Danny Setiawan, body painter. Other winners were Calvin Nicholls for paper art and Nathan Sawaya for Lego art; Alex Wong, modern ballet and Anasma Vuong, bellydance hip-hop fusion. For more on the Society of Unique Artists, as well as the award-winning artists, visit: [www.suartists.org](http://www.suartists.org).