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**The National Portrait Gallery Announces  
Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition 2006 Awards**

*\$25,000 First prize goes to David Lenz of Shorewood, Wis.*

The National Portrait Gallery is pleased to announce that David Lenz of Shorewood, Wis., has been awarded the first prize for the “Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition 2006.” Lenz’s oil painting entitled “Sam and the Perfect World,” depicts his son Sam in rural Wisconsin. First prize includes a cash award of \$25,000 and a commission from the National Portrait Gallery to portray a remarkable living American for its permanent collection.

Second prize was awarded to Yuqi Wang of Brooklyn, N.Y., who submitted the painting “From Red Hook.” Third prize went to Nuno de Campos, also from Brooklyn, N.Y., who submitted “Magnet #3.” Commended artists are: Brett Bigbee of Portland, Maine, for “Joe and James”; Jenny Dubnau of Jackson Heights, N.Y., for “M. with Wet Face”; Justin Hayward of Bountiful, Utah, for “Young Marriage”; and Alan Caomin Xie of Atlanta, for “Still Image 24 – Andrea.” Each will be awarded a cash prize.

These works are finalists in the first-ever U.S. national portrait competition, the “Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition 2006.” Of more than 4,000 entries submitted from across the country, 51 artists’ works were chosen to display in the exhibition; seven of these works were chosen for the short list.

“In recent years, many visual artists have again taken up the challenge of ‘capturing’ human individuality in their art,” said Marc Pachter, director of the National Portrait Gallery. “Through this competition, the Gallery welcomes the continuing reinvention of portraiture as a vital art form for the 21st century.”

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The competition received entries of painting and sculpture from emerging and mid-career portrait and figurative artists, demonstrating that portraiture is alive and thriving across the United States. Future competitions, to be held triennially, may explore other forms of portraiture, including watercolor, drawing, photography, film, video and electronic and digital media.

Finalists for the 2006 competition were chosen in early March and the first prize winner was announced at the Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition Awards Celebration Friday, June 23. (A list of the finalists follows at the end of this release). Additionally, one exhibiting artist will win the People's Choice Award, which will be announced on Sept. 15. In this part of the competition, visitors to the exhibition, both online and in the gallery, will be able to cast a vote for their favorite of the 51 finalists.

Jurors for the competition include independent scholar and curator Trevor Fairbrother; Thelma Golden, director of The Studio Museum in Harlem, N.Y.; the artist Sidney Goodman; art critic and scholar Katy Siegel; National Portrait Gallery director Marc Pachter; deputy director Carolyn K. Carr; and associate curator of painting and sculpture Brandon Fortune.

This competition is made possible by the generosity of Virginia Outwin Boochever, whose gift will foster the acquisition of innovative contemporary portraiture for the Portrait Gallery. This exhibition will be open to the public from July 1 through Feb. 19, 2007.

The Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery tells the stories of America through the individuals who have built America's society and culture. Through the visual arts, performing arts and new media, the Gallery portrays poets and presidents, visionaries and villains, actors and activists who speak American history.

The National Portrait Gallery was established by an Act of Congress in 1962 and opened to the public in 1968. The museum's collection of nearly 20,000 works ranges from paintings and sculpture to photographs and drawings. The National Portrait Gallery will open July 1 in the Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture at Eighth and F streets N.W., Washington, D.C. Smithsonian Information: (202) 633-1000; [www.npg.si.edu](http://www.npg.si.edu) or [www.reynoldscenter.org](http://www.reynoldscenter.org).

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## Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition Finalists and Prize Winners 2006

Doug Auld, Hoboken, N.J.  
Robert Bauer, Providence, R.I.  
Brett Bigbee, Portland, ME\* (commended)  
Brian Bishop, Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
Chris Campbell, Honolulu  
Susanna Coffey, New York  
Nuno de Campos, Brooklyn, N.Y.\* (third prize)  
Steve DeFrank, New York  
Marc Dennis, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Marita Dingus, Auburn, Wash.  
Armando Dominguez, Miami  
Bryan Drury, Salt Lake City  
Jenny Dubnau, Jackson Heights, N.Y.\* (commended)  
Lucy Fradkin, Long Island City, N.Y.  
Kathleen Gilje, New York  
Justin Hayward, Bountiful, Utah\* (commended)  
Jared Joslin, Chicago  
Jenny Kanzler, Baltimore, Md.  
Amber Kappes, Odessa, Texas  
Laura Karetzky, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Kris Kuksi, Hays, Kan.  
Nathaniel Lang, Lawrenceville, Ga.  
William Lawrance, Chicago  
David Lenz, Shorewood, Wis.\* (first prize)  
Nina Levy, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
John Manion, Randolph, Mass.  
Sam Messer, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Tina Mion, Winslow, Ariz.  
Jenny Morgan, Denver  
Tina (Rita) Newberry, Philadelphia  
Jennifer Oldis Kryczka, Westchester, Ill.  
Paul Oxborough, St. Louis Park, Minn.  
Sara Pedigo, Amherst, Mass.  
Catherine Prescott, Mechanicsburg, Pa.  
Demi Raven, Seattle  
James Seward, Kent, Ohio  
Carle Shi, New York  
Burton Silverman, New York  
Zak Smith, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Kimanne Smith, Wayne, N.J.  
Sarah Sohn, La Verne, Calif.  
Sharon Sprung, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Ginny Stanford, Sebastopol, Calif.  
Costa Vavagiakis, Long Island City, N.Y.  
Yuqi Wang, Brooklyn, N.Y.\* (second prize)  
Richard Weaver, Charlottesville, Va.  
Kent Williams, Los Angeles  
Will Wilson, San Francisco  
Alan Caomin Xie, Atlanta\* (commended)  
John Younger, Ivy, Va.  
Brenda Zlamany, Brooklyn, N.Y.

\*Denotes the artists whose work was selected for the seven top prizes.

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