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**The Fifty Greatest Living Artists and Fifty Most Deserving of a Nobel Prize—Both Lists Now at TheBestSchools.org**

PELLA, IOWA (Oct. 11, 2017) — Who are the greatest artists and minds today? TheBestSchools.org answers that question in “The 50 Greatest Living Artists” and “50 People Who Deserve a Nobel Prize.”

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With recent Nobel recipient announcements and the perennial question of which artists propel the arts forward, TheBestSchools.org seeks to promote candidates for recognition. The individuals listed comprise the best in field of the arts and also in the sciences through the Nobel Prize and the Fields Medal for Mathematics.

“Living in a digital age inundated with data means important cultural and societal signals can get lost amid noise,” says Dan Edelen, director of marketing services for TheBestSchools.org. “By providing these two lists of 100 important figures, we seek to help readers recognize this generation’s true creatives and thought leaders, the minds that enlighten and beautify the world.”

A sampling of outstanding artists in the five categories examined:

**Dance & Drama:** *Svetlana Zakharova*, USSR [Ukraine], ballerina; *Tom Stoppard*, Czechoslovakia [Czech Republic], playwright

**Film:** *Terence Davies*, UK, director; *Lars von Trier*, Denmark, director

**Literature:** *Ko Un*, Japanese-occupied Korea [South Korea], poet; *Mario Vargas Llosa*, Peru, novelist

**Music:** *Arvo Pärt*, Estonia, composer; *Dame Janet Baker*, UK, mezzo-soprano

**Painting & Sculpting:** *Maya Lin*, USA, environmental artist; *Jaume Plensa*, Spain, sculptor

A sampling of deserving Nobel Prize and Fields Medal candidates:

**Physics:** *Yakir Aharonov*, Israel; *Alan Guth*, USA

**Chemistry:** *Jennifer A. Doudna*, USA; *Stanislas Leibler*, Poland

**Physiology/Medicine:** *Pierre Chambon*, France; *James A. Shapiro*, USA

**Literature:** *Nuruddin Farah, Somalia; Hilary Mantel, UK*

**Peace:** *José Antonio Abreu, Venezuela; Ragıp Zarakolu, Turkey*

**Economics:** *Susan C. Athey, USA; Dambisa Moyo, Zambia*

**Fields Medal (Mathematics):** *Kai-Wen Lan, Taiwan; Ciprian Manolescu, Romania*

Artists and potential Nobel laureates on our list have academic appointments at the following universities and institutes:

Auburn University

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