

2023 Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival Best of Show

The 64th Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival's Best of Show winner was a fiber entry named *The Lost Child/El Nino Perdido* by Melbourne, Florida artist Wilber Quispe Huaman and co-artist Gwendi Raymond. This handwoven wool tapestry portrays a harrowing story of the artist's childhood. Wilber was orphaned as a child and lived in the jungle of Peru with a merchant family. For several months, the tree became his nighttime home, where he survived alongside a variety of animals, including monkeys, parrots, foxes, deer and snakes. This fantastical tapestry portrays them living together in love and solidarity in their shared home.

The City of Winter Park currently displays *The Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival Best of Show Collection* at locations throughout Winter Park, including the Winter Park Library, The Winter Park Event Center, The Galloway Gallery at the Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center, and Winter Park's City Hall on the 2nd floor and in the lobby.



