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rangsook I spent a lovely day in Ocala today, serving as Merit Award Juror for the city's 6th biennial Outdoor Sculpture Competition. Its selection committee did all the heavy lifting by choosing ten wonderful works out of over 100 entries, and I chose three prize winners.

I selected Three Musketeers by Gus and Lina Ocamposilva @guslinaart as the Best in Show. I was delighted to learn that this is a piece by a husband-and-wife team based in Clearwater. Three Musketeers activates the wide, open space with its multiple views, bright colors, and balanced, dynamic composition. It truly exudes an undeniable sense of joy and delivers the premise of a large-scale outdoor sculpture. The playfulness of three cats on top and inside of circular discs playing with twirling bands invites the viewer to walk around it. The use of simple, two primary colors in conjunction with unpainted, polished aluminum surface is also very effective and without overdoing. A shiny ball that a cat plays with, reflecting the viewer as well as its surrounding, also adds an unexpected delight for the viewer looking closely and attentively. Even without its irresistible subject matter, cats at play, this work with an excellent three-dimensional composition and equally fine finishing is appealing,



enhancing the public park's surroundings.

Marion County is internationally renowned as the "Horse Capital of the World," and #Johntravolta has a horse ranch in/near Ocala. He can be often spotted in the downtown, I am told.

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