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2010 Biennial Puts Artists on the Map

Hamilton, Bermuda, March 5, 2010 — Bermuda National Gallery is delighted to announce that the 2010 Bacardi Limited Biennial of Contemporary Art has been juried. This year's international jurors, Veerle Poupeye, Executive Director National Gallery of Jamaica, and Tumelo Mosaka, Curator of Contemporary Art, Krannert Art Museum, University of Illinois, carefully reviewed 277 pieces of art submitted by 71 artists. Their final decision for the 2010 Biennial exhibition showcases 41 pieces of art and 20 artists.

This is the BNG's 9th Biennial exhibition, which is committed to providing local artists an opportunity to interface with international jurors. Jurors Poupeye and Mosaka were very pleased with the quality of work submitted and they felt that the artists showed sound technical skills; indeed, they were quite surprised to discover just how active is the local art scene. All the artwork submitted was created within the last two years.

BNG Director Lisa Howie states: "Looking across the 8 previous Biennials, we can see how the exhibition has evolved, and how this current exhibition makes a strong statement about contemporary art in Bermuda. All of the artists who submitted must be commended, as submitting to an international jury takes some courage. I trust that all the artists will embrace the jury's selection, and that this Biennial will help to locate Bermuda's artistic talent on the map."

BNG Curator Sophie Cressall states: "The jurors engaged in a highly critical, deeply reflective process of art review. They were committed to examining the submitted art through the international lenses within which they work, and this has led to a very tight, cohesive exhibition, which has strong international credibility."

Artists included in the 2010 Bacardi Limited Biennial of Contemporary Art include: Meredith Andrews, John Battersbee, William Collieson, James Cooper, Louisa Flannery Bermingham, Graham C. Foster, John A. Gardner, Charlie Godet Thomas, Kathy Harriott, Scott Hill, Antoine A. R. Hunt, Christina Hutchings, Bill Ming, Kevin Morris, Bryan Ritchie, Alan C. Smith, Ian Macdonald-Smith, Michael Walsh, Sunell Lombard, and Charles Zuill.

The exhibition opens on June 18, 2010.

Note to editors

About the Bermuda National Gallery:

Opened in 1992 and located in the City Hall & Arts Centre in Hamilton, the Bermuda National Gallery is both the home of Bermuda's national art collection and the centre of the Island's thriving arts scene. It is the Island's leading art museum with a richly diverse exhibition programme of past and present works by local and international artists that reflects Bermuda's varied artistic heritage and multicultural community. The Bermuda National Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Monday to Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Admission free. For more details contact Director Lisa Howie on 441-295-9428, director@bng.bm or visit www.bng.bm.