



BERMUDA NATIONAL GALLERY

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Island Construction Services backs the Biennial

Hamilton, Bermuda, February 9, 2006 — The Bermuda National Gallery (BNG) is pleased to announce that Island Construction Services (ICS) has agreed to become the Associate Sponsor of the Bacardi Limited 2006 Biennial Exhibition of Contemporary Bermuda Art, the Island's most important art showcase.

Bacardi Limited has sponsored the event since 1998 and remains the Signature Sponsor of the exhibition, which will now officially be referred to as: "*The Bacardi Limited Biennial 2006 Exhibition of Contemporary Bermuda Art presented in association with Island Construction Services*".

BNG Director Laura T. Gorham said: "We are delighted to announce Island Construction Services as Associate Sponsor of this most prestigious exhibition. We are particularly pleased to welcome on board a local company that, like the BNG itself, is deeply rooted and vested in the community. The Biennial has become truly representative of the best the Island has to offer in the contemporary arena, reflecting the achievements of Bermudians and resident artists of all ages, race and backgrounds. We are deeply appreciative of ICS's support and look forward to working with them in the future."

Zane DeSilva, President and CEO of ICS, said: "We are very excited about supporting the Biennial, which is the most highly anticipated event on the Bermuda arts calendar. We have seen the event develop in artistic importance over the years and have been impressed by the calibre of work produced in an increasing range of mediums by so many talented Bermudian and resident artists.

"The success and growth of ICS as a company has been built on diversity and we have a tradition of supporting a wide spectrum of local charities, organisations and causes. We are proud to be associated with a successful event like the Biennial that reflects the diversity of our Island community."

Founded in 1960 by Zane's father, Howard DeSilva, ICS is the Island's largest residential and commercial excavation company. The Devonshire-based company has also expanded into a number of other businesses, including property development, quarrying, trucking, crane rentals, landscaping and the Island's exclusive supplier of Goodyear tyres. The company now has more than 80 employees.

Roger Collins, CEO of Bacardi International Limited, welcomed the support of Island Construction Services: "Our continued sponsorship of the Biennial is an indication of the importance with which we regard supporting excellence in the arts in Bermuda. We are pleased that Island Construction Services shares this belief and recognises the growing impact that the Biennial has on the development of the local arts community."

Founded by Don Facundo Bacardí Massó in Santiago de Cuba in 1862 with the creation of BACARDI®, the world's original, premium smooth rums, Bacardi Limited is today the largest privately held spirits company in the world and produces and markets a variety of internationally recognized spirits. Bacardi Limited has had its worldwide, operational headquarters located in Bermuda since 1965.

The Biennial – now in its 7th edition and arguably the most eagerly awaited and widely debated on the local arts calendar – has become a benchmark of the development and maturity of the visual arts in Bermuda. This year's Biennial, which opens at the Bermuda National Gallery on April 21, will feature works selected from 263 works submitted by 68 artists.

The works chosen for the final show were selected by distinguished international jurors Dr. Annette Blaugrund and Professor Moe Brooker, who are on the Island this week viewing all the submissions and meeting the artists. Dr. Blaugrund is Director, National Academy Museum and School of Fine Art, New York while Professor Moe Brooker, former professor at Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, is presently Department Head of Basic Studies at Moore College of Art in Philadelphia where he also teaches painting.

Note to editors

About the Bermuda National Gallery:

The Bermuda National Gallery (BNG) is Bermuda's art museum. Established in 1992 by the Bermuda Fine Art Trust Act of 1982, The Bermuda National Gallery was created with a mission to promote, benefit and advance the visual art in Bermuda through creating a collection of significant artworks both from Bermuda and worldwide, and a facility in which to care for, research and interpret these works for the public. The BNG's goals are excellence, education and bringing the community together to share in the finest accomplishments via an interwoven programme of exhibitions, permanent collections, educational programming and cultural entertainment. The BNG is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Monday to Saturday. Admission is

free. For more details contact Director Laura Gorham on 441-295-9428, director@bng.bm or visit www.bng.bm.