



BERMUDA NATIONAL GALLERY

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Selected artists named for 2008 Biennial

Hamilton, Bermuda, March 6, 2008 — One of Bermuda's most anticipated arts events – the Bacardi Limited Biennial Exhibition of Contemporary Bermuda Art – is just weeks away and today the Bermuda National Gallery is pleased to formally announce the artists whose work has been selected by the international jury for this year's exhibition.

The Biennial opens to the public on April 25 featuring 86 works from 41 local artists, chosen from an entry of more than 250 works from 68 artists.

The 8th Biennial, presented by Bacardi Limited in association with Royal Caribbean International will run from April 25 to September 4 and features work completed by Bermudian and resident artists between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2007. The exhibition is open to all Bermudian artists on the Island or overseas as well as foreign nationals who have been resident in Bermuda for at least six months during the competition period.

The distinguished international jurors for this year's Biennial were Mark Krisco, Artist, Curator, and instructor, Art Institute of Chicago and Franklin Sirmans, Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art at the Menil Collection, Houston, Texas.

Mr. Krisco commented: "While I certainly found the quality of the work generally high, it primarily was the range of the works that was most impressive to me as this suggests a changing - which is to say vibrantly alive - cultural landscape. Artists appear to be embracing two traditions both their own and the world. I consider myself very lucky indeed to be exposed to this emerging beauty and integrity."

This year's entries include Katherine Harriott, recent winner of the Charman Prize awarded by the Masterworks Museum of Bermuda Art, as well as familiar names like Antoine Hunt, Sharon Wilson, Will Collieson, Kevin Morris, Vaughn and Amy Evans,

Edwin Smith, Peter Lapsley, John Gardner and Charles Zuill.

BNG Director Laura Gorham said: “As with previous Biennials, not only are we impressed by the extremely high quality of challenging work that continues to be produced by the Island’s established artists but we are particularly excited by the emergence of new talent. This year we are proud that artists like Miles Manders, Charles Godet Thomas and Susan Pearson are taking their deserved place in this celebration of Bermuda’s richly diverse and talented arts community.”

The list of selected artists for the 2008 Biennial is attached below.

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

Theresa Airey

Jill Amos Raine

Meredith Andrews

Louisa Bermingham Flannery

Frank Chiappa

Vernon Clarke

William Collieson

Dana Cooper

Daniel DeSilva

Al Donouk

Vaughn Evans

Amy Evans

John Gardner

Molly Godet

Shelly Hamill

Katherine Harriott

Margie Harriott

Scott Hill

Antoine Hunt

Cynthia Kirkwood

Peter Lapsley

Kok Wan Lee

Ian McDonald-Smith

Miles Manders

Kevin Morris

Elizabeth Mulderig

Susan Pearson

Lisa-Anne Rego

Fiona Rodrigues-Roberts

Gail Santucci-Palacio

Alan Smith

Edwin Smith

Scott Stallard

Amanda Temple

Charles Godet Thomas

Caroline Troncossi

Martha Vaughn

Marion Watlington-Vorley

Tracey Williams

Sharon Wilson

Charles Zuill