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***THE 76<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: PHOTOGRAPHY***  
***AT THE PRINT CENTER***  
**March 23 - May 4, 2002**

**Opening Reception: Saturday, March 23, 2002 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Gallery Talk by Juror, Anne E. Havinga: Curator of Photographs at the Museum of Fine Art, Boston, MA.**

*Philadelphia, PA* - The Print Center's 76th Annual International Competition: Photography features photographs by some of the finest contemporary artists from around the world. On Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2002, esteemed juror, Anne E. Havinga, Curator of Photographs at the Museum of Fine Art, Boston will give a Gallery Talk in which she will discuss the works included in the exhibition. Her talk will be immediately followed by the opening reception.

The Print Center's *Annual International Competition* is one of the most prestigious exhibitions of its kind and is the oldest juried exhibition for printmaking and photography in the United States. Alternating each year between printmaking and photography, it provides a unique opportunity for local and international artists to compete in a forum which emphasizes individual talent and expressiveness rather than a specific exhibition topic.

Ms. Havinga reviewed over 1200 slides. "It has been a pleasure to juror the 76th Annual International Competition. Of the just over three hundred artists who submitted slides of their photographic work, I selected fifty-six for the show. I was surprised at the variety of the photographs submitted, and pleased at the high quality." said Havinga.

The awards given this year include: The Print Center Honorary Council Award of Excellence (\$700) to Bremner Benedict; The Print Center Honorable Mention (\$100) to Dean Price; and The Print Center Selection Awards (a solo exhibition at The Print Center) to Bremner Benedict and Paul Cary Goldberg. Katherine Ware, Curator of Photographs at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, selected photographs by Bremner Benedict and Hiroshi Watanabe for inclusion in The Print Center Permanent Collection at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Two new awards will also be given this year: a cash award by the Olcott family and three purchase awards by Susan and Fred Denenberg.

*Located at 1614 Latimer Street, in the heart of Center City Philadelphia, The Print Center supports printmaking and photography as vital contemporary arts. The Print Center presents a variety of programs for the public including 11 exhibitions annually; the longest running annual international competition for prints and photographs in the country; an extensive series of continuing education programs for art professionals and amateurs; a gallery store; and special events.*

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