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79th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: PRINTMAKING May 21 – July 23, 2005

Opening Reception and Gallery Talk by the juror: Saturday, May 21, 2005, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Juried by **Judith Hecker**, Assistant Curator, Department of Prints and Illustrated Books,
Museum of Modern Art, NY

PHILADELPHIA - The Print Center's *79th Annual International Competition: Printmaking* features 40 prints by 35 of the finest contemporary artists from around the world. On Saturday, May 21 juror, **Judith Hecker**, Assistant Curator of Prints, Museum of Modern Art, New York will give a gallery talk in which she will discuss the works included in the exhibition. The award ceremony and opening reception will immediately follow her talk.

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. Hecker reviewed over 1,200 slides submitted by 312 artists. "The remarkably varied and often inventive group...suggests the continued, perhaps increasing, vitality of the print medium today—its specialized nature as well as its broader relevance to fine art and contemporary culture," said Ms. Hecker.

Among the awards given this year will include: The Print Center Honorary Council Award of Excellence (\$500) awarded to **František Blaž**; Jacqueline L. Zemel Cash Award (\$500) awarded to **Susannah Bielak**; The Print Center Selection awards were given to **Art Werger** and **Barbara Duval** for solo exhibitions. The Print Center Honorable Mention (\$100) awarded to **Doris Eisen**; and John Ittmann, Curator of Prints at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, will be selecting one print for inclusion in The Print Center Permanent Collection at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. This exhibition will travel to Long Beach Island Foundation of Arts and Sciences, Loveladies, NJ September 11 – November 11, 2005.

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The Print Center supports printmaking and photography as vital contemporary arts and encourages the appreciation of the printed image in all its forms. The Print Center presents a variety of programs for the public including 11 exhibitions annually; The Print Center Gallery Store, offering the largest and most diverse selection of contemporary prints in Philadelphia; the longest running annual international competition for prints and photographs in the country; an extensive series of continuing education programs; and special events.

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