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82nd ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: PHOTOGRAPHY

May 31 – August 2, 2008

Saturday, May 31: Opening Reception 3:00-5:00pm

Gallery Talk & Awards Ceremony by the Juror: 3:30pm

Juror: **Joel Smith**, Curator of Photography, Princeton University Art Museum

PHILADELPHIA: The Print Center's 82nd Annual International Competition: Photography features 37 prints by 36 of the finest contemporary artists from around the world. On Saturday, May 31 juror **Joel Smith**, Curator of Photography, Princeton University Art Museum will give a gallery talk discussing the works included in the exhibition with award ceremony immediately following.

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 yearly between printmaking and photography, it provides a unique opportunity for local, national and international artists to compete in a forum which emphasizes individual talent and expressiveness rather than a specific exhibition topic. Mr. Smith reviewed over 2,100 images submitted by over 500 artists. "The result is an exceptional exhibition, representative of the wide variety of current photographic practices, with a particular nod to the digital viewer," said Executive Director Elizabeth Spungen.

This year's Philadelphia Museum of Art Purchase Award, selected by Kate Ware, Curator of Photographs, Philadelphia Museum of Art was awarded to **Amy Stein** and was supported by Julie Jensen Bryan and Robert Bryan and the Callan/McNamara Award. Mr. Smith awarded The Print Center's Honorary Council Award of Excellence (\$500) to **Susan Lakin** and Honorable Mention Awards (\$50) to **Jimmy Fike** and **Timothy Fitzgerald**. The Olcott Family Award (\$500) was given to **Irene Imfeld** and the Florence Whistler Fish Award (\$300) went to **Nadine Rovner**.

Material awards include the Aperture Award (two year subscription) to **Daniel Farnum**, the Blind Spot Award (one year subscription) to **Libby Rowe**, The Photo Review Award (one year subscription) to **Devorah Bowen** and the Art on Paper Award (one year subscription) to **Sarah Bones**. The Silicon Gallery Fine Art Print Award (\$250 gift certificate) was given to **Jack Ramsdale**, the Calumet Award (\$250 gift certificate) to **Jennifer Tauber** and the Crane & Company Paper Award (paper valued at \$350) to **Chris Smiar**. The Print Center's Curator of Prints and Photographs, John Caperton awarded prestigious solo exhibitions to **Nadine Rovner** and **Amy Stein**. The exhibition will travel to Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts and Sciences, Loveladies, NJ, September 19– October 27, 2008.

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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