

# HUGO BOSS

Press Information

## **THE HUGO BOSS PRIZE 2008**

### **Shortlist announced**

Metzingen / New York, February 4, 2008. Thomas Krens, Director of The Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation, and Dr. Bruno Sälzer, Chairman and CEO of HUGO BOSS, are announcing the shortlist of artists under consideration for The HUGO BOSS PRIZE 2008.

The finalists selected by the jury are Christoph Büchel (Switzerland), Patty Chang (U.S.A.), Sam Durant (U.S.A.), Emily Jacir (Palestine), Joachim Koester (Denmark), and Roman Signer (Switzerland).

“The HUGO BOSS PRIZE has become an integral component of the Guggenheim Museum’s contemporary art programming since its inception in 1996,” said Thomas Krens. “It has given us the opportunity to identify, exhibit, collect, and honor the work of extraordinarily talented artists who are actively redefining the parameters of today’s cultural production.”

“We are delighted that The HUGO BOSS PRIZE is now celebrating its seventh award in twelve years,” said Dr. Bruno Sälzer, Chairman and CEO of HUGO BOSS AG. “This demonstrates how firmly the award has become anchored in the contemporary art world and also underscores our continuing commitment to the arts.”

The biennial prize – carrying a stipend of U.S. \$100,000 – is administered by The Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation and is juried by a distinguished international panel of museum directors, curators and critics.

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The award is conferred upon artists whose work represents a significant development in contemporary art, and sets no restrictions in terms of age, gender, race, nationality, or media. The nominations include young, emerging artists as well as established individuals whose public recognition may be long overdue.

The jurors of the HUGO BOSS PRIZE 2008 are:

Russell Ferguson, Chair, Department of Art, UCLA, Los Angeles, California; Maria Lind, Director of the Graduate Program, Center for Curatorial Studies, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York; Sandhini Poddar, Assistant Curator of Asian Art, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum; Nancy Spector, Chief Curator, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum; Marc-Olivier Wahler, Director, Palais de Tokyo, Paris.

The year 2008 marks the seventh presentation of The HUGO BOSS PRIZE. Since 1996, the award has gone to the following artists: Matthew Barney (U.S.A.), Douglas Gordon (Scotland), Marjetica Potrč (Slovenia), Pierre Huyghe (France), Rirkrit Tiravanija (Thailand) and Tacita Dean (U.K.)

The HUGO BOSS PRIZE 2008 section on [www.hugoboss-prize.com](http://www.hugoboss-prize.com) will again be designed as an artistic forum.

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