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HIGH QUALITY ENTRIES FOR THE 2007 IRISH AMERICAN ARTS AWARDS**

The Irish American Arts Awards today announced that it has received an increased quantity of extremely exciting entries for the Awards from across the globe. **Enrique Juncosa**, the Director of the **Irish Museum of Modern Art** in Dublin who is the **Chairman of the Judging Panel**, said *"The standard of entries for this second year of the Irish American Arts Awards is very high."* Entries are now closed and the adjudication process is underway.

The Awards will be presented in at an event in New York City in the early weeks of 2008.

The Irish American Arts Awards works to recognize, encourage and celebrate contemporary visual art by members of the Irish Diaspora worldwide.

The Irish American Arts Awards recently praised by **President of Ireland, Mary McAleese**, as *"a superb platform for artists of Irish heritage"* received entries from all over the world in 2007, including Ireland, the USA, Germany, Japan and Singapore.

The **Consul General for Ireland in New York, Niall Burgess**, said *"The Awards have made great strides in a very short period of time and have proven to be a real asset in recognizing our visual artists. I certainly look forward to the ceremony to honor the artists in early 2008."*

"Through the end of 2007 we will further our mission, with the core Awards, and also with the announcement of some very exciting new programs" said **Simon Pereira Shorey**, the IAAA Chairman.

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