

PRESS RELEASE

BOMBAY SAPPHIRE® PRIZE 2008

The winner of the world's biggest annual international glass award to be announced in Milan, April 2008

London, UK/March 2008 - The *Bombay Sapphire* Foundation is counting down to the final of the world's biggest annual international glass award, the *Bombay Sapphire* Prize 2008.

The annual £20,000 Prize was launched by the Foundation to reward and promote the outstanding achievements of international artists, designers and architects working with glass.

Now in its sixth year, the finalist exhibition will be showcasing the inspiring work of 33 artists and designers from around the world, where the winner will be announced during the Salone del Mobile, Milan, April 2008.

Awarded for excellence and innovation in the use of glass, the Prize has celebrated the work of some of the world's most talented artists and designers including: Lena Bergström, Jaume Plensa, Tord Boontje, Barber Osgerby, Paul Cocksedge, Thomas Heatherwick, Foster and Partners and Ross Lovegrove.

The Foundation also awards an additional £5,000 for the 'Best Newcomer' to highlight the work of emerging new talent.

The Foundation was set up in 2001 with the aim of supporting and rewarding the best in contemporary design and in particular glass design. Members of the Foundation who will be judging the finalists for the Prize 2008 include the following international designers and glass experts: Ron Arad, Tom Dixon, Thomas Heatherwick, Lesley Jackson, Dan Klein, Karim Rashid and Nadja Swarovski.

The finalists short-listed for the Prize will be showcased in the *Bombay Sapphire* Prize exhibition at MyOwnGallery, Superstudio Piu, Via Tortona, during Milan Design Week (April 16th – 21st 2008), where the final judging will take place. *The winner will be announced by Karim Rashid at a special awards event on Thursday, April 17th* 2008 at 17.00hrs.

The exhibition will subsequently tour overseas until Spring 2009.

To find out more about BOMBAY SAPPHIRE and the spirit's commitment to the global design community go to www.bombaysapphire.com

For further press information and high res images on the *BOMBAY SAPPHIRE* Prize 2008 please visit <u>www.bombaysapphireprize.com</u> or contact:

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EDITORS NOTE

Finalists

The artists and their pieces that have been shortlisted for The Prize are listed on the following pages.

Why is BOMBAY SAPPHIRE so special?

Unlike most gins, which boil their botanicals directly in the spirit to achieve their taste, BOMBAY SAPPHIRE is distilled alone and the 10 uniquely combined botanicals from around the world are infused to achieve a much greater subtlety of taste. Based on a secret recipe from 1761, BOMBAY SAPPHIRE is produced by passing the spirit vapour through the botanicals, which are held separately from the spirit in a perforated copper basket. This process known as Vapour Infusion allows the gentle absorption of each of the aromatic flavours, resulting in a wonderfully balanced, crisp yet delicate finish; creating a versatility unmatched by other gins that can be savoured on its own in a classic martini cocktail, or in mixed cocktails.

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2008 Finalists



Sabrina Cant Angel (UK)



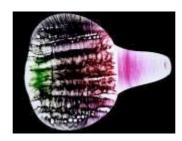
Annie Cattrell Capacity (UK)



Jon Clark & Angus Powers *Gravity* (USA)



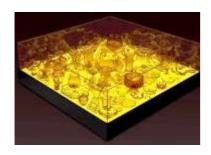
Rozlyn de Bussey, *Lappet Form No. 6* (Australia)



Matthew Durran Photograms (UK)



Gitta Gschwendtner Furniture Life (Germany)



Stuart Haygarth Aladdin (UK)



Yuichi Higashionna Chandelier (Japan)



Akiko lwase

A Molecule of the Horizon
(Japan)



Tavs Jorgensen
One Liners (Denmark)



Dafna Kaffeman Persian Cyclamen (Israel)



James Lethbridge Coalescence ii (UK)



Silvia Levenson Life's Strategies (Italy)



Carmen Lozar Crocodile Tears (USA)



Geoffrey Mann

Dogfight moth (UK)



Joanna Manousis *Lace* (UK)



Alison McConachie Silver Schwartz (UK)



Eva Menz Singing Water (Austria)



Michaela Nettell Bathysphere (UK)



Marvin Oliver

Mystical Journey (USA)



Zik Group *No 091138-05* (Israel)



Stephen Reveley

Portrait in Pasteur Pipettes (UK)



David Rickard
Stacked Stoppages (UK)



Bruno Romanelli Sol (UK)



Jeffrey Sarmiento Encyclopaedia (USA)



Judith Schaechter Agnus Dei (USA)



Charlotte Skene Catling Dairy House (UK)



Wilken Skurk

Quingelwingelqui from the
Series: Living, Living, Dying
(Germany)



Louis Thompson

The Songbirds (UK)



Jack Wax
Surviving on the Quality of
Listening (USA)



Kate Williams & John Lloyd Nuclear Power Station Project (UK)



Emma Woffenden *The Gaze* (France)



Ruby Woo Frozen in 2007 Melted in 1997 (Hong Kong)



Ruby Woo Baked in 2007 consumed in 1998 (Hong Kong)