



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 Cockshedge, 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.

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

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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 Iwase
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)