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Subject: Call for nominations - Governor General's Awards in Visual and Media Arts for 2008

NOMINATION DEADLINE: 29 June 2007

Dear Colleague:

Since the Governor General's Awards in Visual and Media Arts (GGAVMA) were inaugurated in March 2000, they have honoured some of Canada's most outstanding visual and media artists, and they have played a significant role in raising the public profile of the visual arts and the media arts. In 2007, the Saidye Bronfman Award for excellence in the fine crafts became an eighth GGAVMA. For more information on this development, please consult the news release at www.canadacouncil.ca/prizes/saidye_bronfman.

Also, in honour of the Canada Council for the Arts' 50th anniversary in 2007, the GGAVMA's have been increased to \$25,000 each on a permanent basis. For more information, please consult the news release at www.canadacouncil.ca/prizes/ggavma.

The Canada Council for the Arts is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the Governor General's Awards in Visual and Media Arts for 2008, with up to eight awards of \$25,000 to be awarded. Nominators play a paramount role in the awards process, and I strongly encourage you to put forward the names of candidates worthy of this prestigious honour.

An individual may not put forward his or her own nomination and candidates must be nominated by an eligible nominator. Please note that any former or current grant recipient or prize winner in visual arts, media arts and fine craft may nominate a candidate for this prize.

We solicit your collaboration in publicizing this call for nominations to other people in your institution and in the broader visual arts, media arts and fine craft communities. Nominations and related documentation must be postmarked by **29 June 2007** and sent directly to the Canada Council for the Arts.

The enclosed nomination form provides full information on the nomination procedure. It is also available on our web site at www.canadacouncil.ca/prizes/ggavma. We invite you to contact us should you require additional copies.

The Governor General of Canada will present the awards to the laureates in March 2008 at a ceremony at Rideau Hall. We are planning a public event at the National Gallery of Canada to celebrate the achievements of the laureates.

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