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SUBJECT: *TALENT SHOW*, THE 2007 ATLANTA BIENNIAL, OPENS AT THE ATLANTA CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER ON JUNE 8, 2007 WITH AN ARTISTS' RECEPTION. THE SHOW WILL RUN THROUGH AUGUST 12, 2007.



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Talent Show, the 2007 Atlanta Biennial, opens at the Atlanta Contemporary Art Center on Friday, June 8, 2007, with an artists' reception from 6 – 8 pm. The show will run through August 12, 2007. On June 21, from 6 – 8 pm, curator Stuart Horodner will offer personal insights to the show with *Talent Tour & Talk*; and on Saturday July 21 an afternoon of performances, starting at 2 pm, will be capped by the presentation of awards for participating artists.

June 8 - August 12, 2007

Talent Show

Artists' Reception, Friday, June 8, 6 - 9 pm

Talent Talk & Tour, Thursday, June 21, 6 pm

Performances & Awards, Saturday, July 21, 2 - 5 pm

Talent Show is a large-scale art exhibition that brings together the varied artistic achievements of creative individuals selected from Atlanta proper, and nearby. The show takes its cues from the traditional American talent show which unites members of a community to recognize and reward bold and audacious skills. The show's curator, Stuart Horodner, has opened the Contemporary's galleries to the widest possible examples of creative practice in order to examine issues of creativity and the relevance of place in production of art and visual culture.

The exhibition will feature works in painting, sculpture, drawing, printmaking, photography, installation, performance, and video. Horodner made studio and gallery visits, and invited artists to visit him each week with examples of their works, in order to gather a representative selection of work made within 100 miles of Atlanta.

Exhibiting artists include Lana Adams, Rose Barron, Amber Boardman, Sarah Emerson, Jennifer Hartley, Patrick Holbrook, Carol John, Jennifer Kornder, George Long & Mario Schambon, Louise Merlin, Jiha Moon, Charles H. Nelson, Open Studio Group, Suellen Parker, Fahamu Pecou, Shana Robbins, Ben Roosevelt, Ronnog & Steve Seaberg, Ruth Stanford, Constance Thalken, Bean Worley, Harry Zmijewski.

Founded in 1973, the Contemporary is a non-profit multidisciplinary arts organization dedicated to excellence, experimentation and education in all forms of contemporary art. Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, 535 Means Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30318, phone (404) 688-1970, www.thecontemporary.org.

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