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MCCA PRESENTS MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF ART WITH STIPEND FOR EXHIBIT
Seven Local Artists Rewarded for Contribution to Annual Art Celebration

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA) today presented a stipend of \$10,000 to the Massachusetts College of Art and Design (MassArt) and the seven artists that took part in its Masters Program. The "Masters in Painting" exhibit was the anchor of the 3rd Annual Summer Street Solstice, which took place this past June at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center and celebrated cultural awareness and support for the local art community.

"The MassArt exhibit was an excellent addition to the 3rd Annual Summer Street Solstice and contributed greatly to its success," said James E. Rooney, Executive Director of the MCCA. "By developing partnerships with organizations like MassArt, we will be able to continue to bring in exhibits that showcase the vitality and diversity of the arts community throughout Massachusetts and introduce these talents to the several hundred thousand visitors welcome to our facilities each year."

The result of a successful collaboration between the MCCA Art Program and MassArt, "Masters in Painting," brings together seven former students from MassArt's graduate program and showcases 14 large-scale abstract oil paintings on canvas. The exhibit will be on display in the Northwest Lobby of Level One at the BCEC through December 2007. Artists with pieces on display include: Juan Jose Barboza Gubo, Caitlyn Cedarstrom, Kate Goyette, Allison Judd, Susan Post, Anna Mogilevsky and John Thompson.

"At MassArt, we are committed to fostering relationships with diverse organizations throughout the city of Boston," said Kay Sloan, President of the Massachusetts College of Art and Design. "In partnering with the MCCA, we have been able to give our students the unique opportunity of exhibiting their work to convention-goers from around the world."

The MCCA Art Program has grown steadily since its launch in 2005 with the First Annual Summer Street Solstice, and now offers visitors more than six different art exhibitions at the BCEC, as well as an additional exhibit at the Hynes Convention Center. Its rotating art exhibition schedule features established and emerging artists and art organizations from across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority owns and oversees the operations of the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA and the Boston Common Parking Garage. In 2006, the

MCCA hosted 275 events at the BCEC and the Hynes, which drew in 696,522 attendees and generated 648,862 hotel roomnights, as well as \$528 million in economic impact for Greater Boston.

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