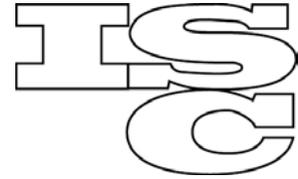


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**THE INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE CENTER ANNOUNCES 2008 LIFETIME
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS
Fletcher Benton and Arnaldo Pomodoro to Receive Award**

(Hamilton, NJ) The International Sculpture Center (ISC) has announced that the **2008 Lifetime Achievement Award** will be presented to world-renowned sculptors **Fletcher Benton and Arnaldo Pomodoro**. This year's **17th Annual Lifetime Achievement Award Gala** will bring together art patrons and professionals on **Friday, April 25, 2008**, at the **San Francisco Museum of Modern Art**, in San Francisco, California. Both Mr. Benton and Mr. Pomodoro are confirmed to attend this event. The evening will include cocktails, dinner, and entertainment.

Fletcher Benton, of San Francisco, and Arnaldo Pomodoro, of Milan, spent a considerable amount of time in San Francisco during important stages in their careers. Both are known for their work involving concepts of space: including the investigation of forms and the space they occupy. Following an early start as a painter, Benton became and remains best known for his metal sculptures; where he distorts familiar shapes and pushes the viewer for a new reaction to the differently perceived forms and the spaces. Pomodoro, well known for his large, bronze spheres, columns, and spires, began his career as a set and costume designer. His sculpture works are known for how they challenge and redefine the way in which art relates to the surrounding environment and architecture.

Both sculptors have been featured in numerous catalogues and books, have exhibited internationally, and have works in corporate, city, and private and museum collections throughout the world. Benton was featured in the June 2004 issue of *Sculpture* magazine, published by the ISC, and Pomodoro was featured in the May 2005 issue. The Arnaldo Pomodoro Foundation was covered in an April 2001 article. Both will be featured in the April 2008 issue.

“The ISC is delighted to honor these two most deserving artists,” said Johannah Hutchison, Executive Director of the International Sculpture Center, “we are looking forward to this international celebration recognizing the careers of these two unique artists. It will be wonderful to have Fletcher Benton and Arnaldo Pomodoro celebrating together in San Francisco, the city that had such an influence in their formative years”

The International Sculpture Center's Board of Directors established the Lifetime Achievement Award in 1991 to recognize individual sculptors who have made exemplary contributions to the field of sculpture. Candidates for the award are masters of sculptural processes and techniques who have devoted their careers to the development of a laudable body of work, as well as to the advancement of the sculpture field as a whole. Past recipients include **Manuel Neri, Magdalena Abakanowicz, Louise Bourgeois, Sir Anthony Caro, Elizabeth Catlett, John Chamberlain, Eduardo Chillida, Christo and Jeanne-Claude, Mark di Suvero, William King, Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen, Nam June Paik, Gio' Pomodoro, Robert Rauschenberg, George Rickey, George Segal and Kenneth Snelson**.

Tickets for the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award Gala are \$500 and tables start at \$5,000. For further information, please contact Dawn Molignano, by calling 609.689.1051, extension 308, or via email at events@sculpture.org. All proceeds from the Gala benefit the programs and services of the International Sculpture Center.

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