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## **The International Sculpture Center Honors World Renowned Sculptor Magdalena Abakanowicz with a Lifetime Achievement Award**

(Hamilton, NJ) The International Sculpture Center (ISC) will gather arts patrons and professionals from around the world to honor the life and work of famed Polish sculptor **Magdalena Abakanowicz**. Now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, the **2005 Lifetime Achievement Award Gala** will take place **Thursday, October 20, 2005**, at the New York Athletic Club, Central Park South. Speakers include **Raymond Nasher**, founder of the Nasher Sculpture Center, Dallas, Texas. The evening will include cocktails, dinner, and entertainment. Confirmed attendees include art collectors **Martin Z. Margulies** and **J. Seward Johnson, Jr** as well as noted artists and other arts professionals.

Abakanowicz states “I am deeply moved hearing that I have been selected to receive the ISC’s Lifetime Achievement Award in Contemporary Sculpture...What we expect from art is to force doors (open), to reveal the unexpected...” Abakanowicz’s forty years of work is most notably characterized by her large-scale metal sculptures which have been showcased at an array of international public locales. Magdalena Abakanowicz was featured on the cover of the December 2000 issue of *Sculpture Magazine*, published by ISC, and is currently featured again on the October 2005 issue.

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 sculptural work as well as to the advancement of the sculpture field as a whole. Past recipients include **Louise Bourgeois, Sir Anthony Caro, Elizabeth Catlett, John Chamberlain, Eduardo Chillida, Christo and Jeanne-Claude, Mark di Suvero, Claes Oldenburg, Nam June Paik, Gio' Pomodoro, Robert Rauschenberg, George Rickey, George Segal and Kenneth Snelson**.

Tickets for the 2005 Lifetime Achievement Award Gala start at \$500. For further information, please contact Anthony D. Meyers, Events Coordinator, by calling 609.689.1051, extension 308, or via email at [events@sculpture.org](mailto:events@sculpture.org).

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