

## Erste banka announced competition for “New Fragments 6”

Zagreb, September 8, 2009 – Continuing a long-standing tradition, Erste & Steiermärkische Bank d.d. is once again organizing a competition for a project entitled “New Fragments 6”. With this project, Erste banka strives to offer support to young and unestablished visual artists under the age of 30 and visual arts students by purchasing their pieces of art (sculptures, paintings, graphics and installations) as well as an additional cash prize for the best work.

Applications for “New Fragments 6” will be accepted until October 31, 2009, while high-quality pictures of the works (paintings, sculptures, installations, graphics) should be submitted stating the price and a short resume of the author to Erste & Steiermärkische Bank d.d., Communications Department, Ivana Lučića 2, 10000 Zagreb with the note “New Fragments 6”. A professional jury consisting of **Vanja Babić** – head of Galerija Matice Hrvatske, **Patricia Kiš** – Jutarnji list art critic, **Božica Dea Matasić** – academic sculptor, **Bane Milenković** - academic painter, as well as **Borivoj Popovčak** – director of Strossmayerova Galerija will decide about the selection of pieces for purchase and the best piece of art. The selected works will be shown at exhibitions in Rijeka and Zagreb at the end of the year, while a cash prize is foreseen for the author of the best piece as well.

In the past five editions of this project that started in 2001, a total of 83 works by young artists has been purchased. Last year’s edition showed once again that the overall project has managed to grow into a recognizable and respectable event which young artists longing for acknowledgement and exhibition of their works are seriously counting on, as it can be seen from the close to 250 works submitted to the competition. In the end, a total of 15 works was purchased with a total value of close to HRK 110,000, and these works were shown at exhibitions in Mali salon in Rijeka and Dom hrvatskih likovnih umjetnika in Zagreb at the end of 2008. The winner of the competition was a young artist from Osijek, **Ines Matijević**, with a graphic called “Anamorfoza”. In 2007, first prize went to **Sanela Đurinec** for oil on canvas with the title “U naletu”, while the winner of “Novi Fragmenti 3”, which was held in 2006, was **Zlatan Vehabović** with his oil on canvas painting “No. 8”.

The link between art and Erste banka is based on the bank’s sponsorships and donations business strategy, which is closely connected to culture and young people. Following this strategy, Erste banka strives to continuously help young academic visual artists through “New Fragments”, which are attracting ever more interest by the year and thus confirm that young visual artists in Croatia really do need help.

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