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Freedom to Create Announces Opening of Nominations for 2010 Prize

Singapore, 12 May 2010: Freedom to Create announced the opening of the nomination process for this year's prestigious Freedom to Create Prize. Participants from all creative fields are being encouraged to enter the international US\$ 125,000 prize.

Freedom to Create champions artists from around the world who are harnessing the power of creative arts to build positive social change. The organisation celebrates artists who utilise their talents to promote social justice, build the foundations for open societies and inspire the human spirit.

Freedom to Create spokesperson Bernard Stringer said, "The Prize is a fantastic opportunity for talented artists working with creative arts, to be rewarded with richly deserved recognition for the transformative work they are doing in achieving meaningful social change."

Highlighting the global reach of Freedom to Create, Mr. Stringer commented, "The 2009 Prize was a tremendous success, attracting over 1,000 entries from 110 countries, and we are confident that this year we will attract even more entries from around the globe and celebrate many remarkable artists".

The 2009 Prize attracted nominations from all over the world, including strong participation from artists in Iran, Afghanistan, Colombia and Zimbabwe.

Globally respected personalities will preside over the judging of the 2010 Prize. The deadline for nominations is 15 August, 2010.

Prize Categories

The Freedom to Create Prize is awarded each year to winners across three categories - Main, Youth and Imprisoned Artist.

Mohsen Makhmalbaf, winner of the 2009 Freedom to Create Prize, applauded the vision and mission of Freedom to Create. He said winning the Prize in 2009 enabled him to direct the world's attention on creative social justice defenders working on the frontlines.

Alongside the Prize, Freedom to Create provides grants for projects that use art and culture to empower communities and create meaningful social change in the developing world.

Note to editors:

About Freedom to Create:

- Freedom to Create (www.freedomtcreate.com) is a global movement of creative people who are changing the world.
- Our practitioners are artists and development workers from around the globe, working and speaking out for social change, and using creativity to build the foundations of open societies and provide hope in the world's darkest places.
- The Freedom to Create organisation supports these actions through its grant-making, the Freedom to Create Prize and through our website which is a platform for their voices.
- Freedom to Create is a division of the R.F. Chandler organization (www.rfchandler.com) focused on fostering CreativEmpowerment™ in order to Build Prosperity for Tomorrow's World.

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