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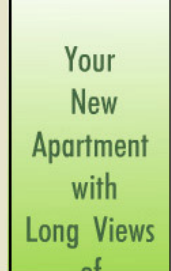
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New Delhi: A jury comprising eminent artists, art connoisseurs, and art historians met to decide on the winner of The Promising Artist Award 2007 which went to Baptist Coelho and Chinmoy Pramanick in the artist and ceramist categories.

Instituted by ART India, leading art magazine in the country, in collaboration with the Visual Arts Gallery, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, this is the third consecutive year it has been bringing together young artists, encouraging them to develop independent ways of addressing social issues through their work. The theme for 2007 was "Indian of the Eye" - capturing images of contemporary India, its vision, challenges and growth potential.

The award hopes to facilitate a public interface with developments in contemporary Indian art. Open to Indian nationals below the age of 40 who are exploring practices like painting, sculpture, installation art, new media art, photography, and graphic design it includes a citation, certificate, and cash prize.

Baptist Coelho and Chinmoy Pramanick were selected as winners. Their works along with last year's winner, Shiv Kumar Verma, will be on view at the Visual Arts Gallery.

More than 250 entries from all over the country were selected, 18 of which were shortlisted. The jury comprised Sangita Jindal, Gulammohamed Sheikh, Baiju Parthan, Namita Saraf, Urmila Kanoria; Shireen Gandhi, Raj Liberhan, Alka Pande and Abhay Sardesai and was presented by actress Dimple Kapadia.

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