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PRESS RELEASE

After the successful participation at the inauguration under the patronage of his Majesty Sheik Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan last year, the leading German art gallery DIE GALERIE has the pleasure to announce its anew presentation at

artparis Abu Dhabi 2008

DIE GALERIE returns to Abu Dhabi for participating at this most important art fair in the United Arab Emirates stressing on mainly works of the modern art at its booth B30 in Emirates Palace amongst for example **Marc Chagall's** extraordinary painting *Le Village jaune*, painted with oil on canvas in 1968, **Pablo Picasso's** drawing *Combat de faune et de Centaure* from 1946 or as well the large painting *Head in the Mountains* by **Karel Appel**, an impressing canvas from 1960, when he changed from figurative to a more abstract expressionism.

Another definite highlight of this year's presentation will be the exposition of several unique works by **Christo's** and **Jeanne-Claude**, as one of the rare original drawings of the important *Mastaba Project* that is still in progress. Their Mastaba is especially created for the United Arab Emirates as a pyramid made of approximately 410.000 horizontally stacked oil barrels. Conceived already in 1977, **Christo and Jeanne-Claude's** Mastaba is composed of an overall surfacing of 55-gallon stainless steel oil barrels of various bright colors with a structure which is larger and taller than the largest pyramid in Giza, Egypt.

At the same time DIE GALERIE is engaged in contemporary art of renowned artists and is going to present large works by the internationally recommended Italian artist **Claudio Massini**. His noble, old mastered compositions made of thousands of pigments are more than fascinating and will convey an intense haptic experience to the viewers.

Furthermore DIE GALERIE has opened a large exhibition with the famous sculptor **Igor Mitoraj** during summer and will bring now best examples of his impressive bronzes as well to Abu Dhabi. In the space of the official fair sculpture garden of artparis Abu Dhabi **Igor Mitoraj's** monumental sculpture *Corazza*, an extraordinary bronze of more than 4 meters height, will be exposed in front of the Emirates Palace, and additionally smaller bronzes at the booth as for example *Osiride addormentato screpolato* from 2007. The sculptures of **Igor Mitoraj** combine enduring ancient aesthetics with the constant presence of death and fugacity. They are reflecting a silent melancholy, beauty and strength that will not stop to fascinate and to seduce the audience. Famous **Igor Mitoraj's** art works are shown in large exhibitions world-wide and are obtaining enthusiastic attention wherever they are shown.

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