

3 January 2008

Karin Sander

Re: Invitation to participate in SCAPE 2008 Biennial of Art in Public Space.

Dear Karin Sander,

We are delighted to announce that the 5th edition of the SCAPE Biennial of Art in Public Space, Christchurch, New Zealand, organized by Art & Industry Trust Foundation, will take place from 19 September to 2 November 2008.

The SCAPE 2008 will occupy the city in a wholly new way with site-specific artworks and interventions proposing a new culture of space that explores the notion of 'publicness' reflecting global conditions of change in cities through Christchurch's unique locality. The title of this edition "Wandering Lines: Towards A New Culture of Space" reflects the desire of SCAPE 2008 to unfold the already existing structure and ways of operating within the design of the city. It suggests a way of deconstructing the grid to reveal alternative ways of experiencing the city through the physical act of walking, while suggesting new possibilities for thinking outside of what is already proposed by the city structure.

SCAPE 08 is structured around three intersecting layers: researching drivers behind global conditions of change in cities; mapping the complex textures and terrains that are specific to Christchurch city; and creating a spatial dialogue within the city that brings to the fore palpable aspects of Christchurch city's structure that resonate with global issues. Through artistic interventions, SCAPE 08 explores the connection points, disconnections and conflicts, allowing artists to work site-specifically to draw attention to the current situation from an oblique perspective.

We are planning to invite 40 artists from 30 countries and intend to invite the artists/architects to Christchurch, New Zealand for a research visit of 3-5 days between the dates April/May, 2008.

We would like to invite you to participate in the SCAPE 2008 and have attached a dossier including the conceptual framework with the hope that the project would interest you and your schedule allows you to participate. We believe that your participation will contribute immensely to the exhibition

Looking forward to hearing from you on your interest and hopefully to our collaboration in the project.

Best Regards,

Fulya Erdemci and Danae Mossman
Curators,
2008 SCAPE Biennial