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**BERNAR
VENET**
HERMANN PARK
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MEDIA ALERT

JANUARY 21 PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES BERNAR VENET MONUMENTAL SCULPTURE EXHIBITION IN HERMANN PARK

Media are invited to attend a press conference on Thursday, January 21 to announce the opening of internationally renowned artist Bernar Venet's exhibition in Hermann Park, Houston, Texas

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What: On Thursday, January 21 a press conference will be held to announce the official opening of a nine-month exhibition of sculptures by the internationally acclaimed artist, **Bernar Venet**. The monumental works, made of cor-ten steel, are sited at eight locations throughout scenic Hermann Park. The exhibition opens to the public on **January 23, 2010**. The press conference is a perfect occasion to meet the artist, view the impressive sculptures (which measure up to 30 feet tall) and hear the story behind this groundbreaking public art exhibition.

Who: **Bernar Venet**, Artist
Mickey Henry, President of the Texan-French Alliance for the Arts (TFAA)
Doreen Stoller, Executive Director of the Hermann Park Conservancy
Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department
Minnette Boesel, The City of Houston
Peter Brown, Former City Council Member
Christiane Fischer, CEO and President, AXA Art Insurance Corporation

When: Thursday, January 21 at 3:30 p.m. sharp

*A photo opportunity of the artist and/or the sculptures will be available during and after the conference. Camera crews are invited to begin setting up at 3:00 p.m.

Where: Kinder Station at Lake Plaza in Hermann Park (across from The Houston Zoo entrance)

*Only in case of rain, the conference will move across the street to the Historic Clubhouse at Hermann Park located at 6201 Golf Course Drive.

How: Following the conference, media are invited to take the Hermann Park Railroad for a *Choo-Choo* tour of exhibition sites throughout the park. An artist reception and exhibition preview will follow from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Media: Please RSVP by **Monday, January 18** to Heather Wagner at 713 208 3891 or heather@juiceconsulting.net



sculptures courtesy of **Bernar Venet Studio** and **McClain Gallery, Houston**

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