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Do You Dare to Bare...?

Internationally acclaimed contemporary artist Spencer Tunick will be offering the chance of a lifetime to become part of his first back to back city art project in both Cork and Dublin this June. Multiple groups of nude participants will be photographed outdoors by Tunick as part of his series of installations that have previously taken place in cities around the world including New York, Amsterdam and Mexico City. Dublin Docklands Development Authority and Cork Midsummer Festival are delighted to present the first Irish installation by this celebrated artist.

Participants must register at www.spencertunickireland.ie to take part in the installations. The Cork installation will take place as part of Cork Midsummer Festival on Tuesday 17th June and Dublin will take place in the Docklands on Saturday 21st June. Participants will only be nude for a short period of time and must be over 18. In exchange for participating, attendees will receive a limited edition photograph, from the event they attended, by the artist.

Spencer Tunick is recognized worldwide for his elaborately posed still and video images of multiple nude figures in public settings. His temporary site-specific installations have taken place around the globe in cities including Montreal, Melbourne, Lyon, London, Newcastle-Gateshead, Santiago, New York, Mexico City and Barcelona to name a few. Tunick gathers volunteers to participate in the making of his work which, in the past, have totalled anywhere from 100 - 18,000 participants. The photograph from his Greenpeace project on Aletsch Glacier in Switzerland was named Time Magazine's Picture of the Year 2007.

From his beginnings documenting individual live nudes in public locations in NYC he has taken his celebration of the nude form international having photographed over 75 temporary site-specific related installations all over the world.

"Taking part in a Spencer Tunick installation is a life affirming and, perhaps, life changing experience. There are few contemporary artists who have so managed to capture the spirit of our age. Spencer's work is a celebration of the human body, of the landscapes which surround us and of the power we all have to change the world."

William Galinsky, Festival Director, Cork Midsummer Festival

"Tunick is an imaginative and inspirational artist who as part of his

art practice creates extraordinary images of the collective body in the environment. We look forward to working with him and the public to create an unforgettable collective civic moment in Dublin's Docklands."

This arts project is part of a series of invitations to artists to create new works in the Docklands. Other international artists creating new works during the year include Antony Gormley, Willie Doherty, Idris Kahn, Bethan Huws, Graham Hudson and writer, Ian Sinclair"

Mary McCarthy, Executive Arts Manager, Dublin Docklands Development Authority

"Dublin Docklands is looking forward to hosting this creative art project which will create fresh perspectives on the new urban fabric of the Docklands"

Paul Maloney CEO Dublin Docklands Development Authority

Tunick's installations are handled in a respectful and professional manner, with participants organised and directed collectively throughout the duration of the installation. Participants will be notified in advance via email of the specific time and location and, once there, will shed their clothing in a secure area and will be organised into the compositions by the artist, in as brief a time as possible.

Venue Information will be sent to participants after registering on the website – www.spencertunickireland.ie

Date Tuesday 17th June, Cork; Saturday 21st June, Dublin

Time To be announced

Note Participants must be at least 18 years of age or older

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