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### **New Art Book Celebrates the Work of Modern Artists From Around the World**

With no real center to today's art world, the February release of WorldWide ArtBooks' (WWAB) Annual *International Contemporary Masters Volume III* shows that innovation in art is still thriving in many, perhaps unexpected, corners of the globe. The book, produced by international curator, Despina Tunberg, traces the latest trends of today's art, by featuring the works of select artists from around the world, who are helping shape the evolution of modern art.

"As a gallery owner in both Europe and the United States, I've seen how artists of varied esteem can spend time struggling to show their art, when what they really want to focus on is creating it," said Tunberg, who founded World Wide ArtBooks in **2004**. "I created International Contemporary Masters as a luxury art publication that would serve as a tool through which artists can introduce their work to the public and the art world alike. The book also brings lesser-known artists of high caliber to the public eye."

*International Contemporary Masters Volume III* features more than 230 artists from nearly 50 countries and nearly 400 works of art. Each artist was selected by a committee according to strict criteria of originality and proficiency. The history of the artist was not so important, as WWAB's editors were looking for artists breaking new ground, who's names may not yet have been discovered. Media presented in the book includes painting, mixed media, sculpture, photography, digital art and installation.

In addition to producing the book itself, Tunberg offers featured artists support by organizing exhibitions to show their latest works. On February 29, WWAB and the Southern Nevada Museum of Fine Arts are presenting the first of three shows in Las Vegas, NV displaying the work of artists from 21 countries, who appeared in the 2008 & 2009 editions of International Contemporary Masters.

While the *International Contemporary Masters* series had its beginnings in Greece, in the International Art Festival of Chania, an annual event that attracted the participation of hundreds of artists from all over the world, it is now produced in the United States and shipped to artists around the globe.

### **About World Wide ArtBooks**

For **15** years, WWAB's founder, Despina Tunberg worked as a curator of the Omma Centre of Contemporary Art in Chania, Crete, where she organized themed exhibitions and international gatherings of artists and artworks. In **2004**, she opened a second Omma gallery in Santa Barbara, CA. The vibrant catalogues that emerged from these eclectic exhibitions are what helped inspire her to found World Wide ArtBooks. Members of the art world – first and foremost, artists themselves, gallery owners, museum curators, collectors and critics – have since begun to realize the worth of such an ongoing presentation, and the value of this particular presentation. Tunberg plans to keep *International Contemporary Masters* growing constantly and offering an ever more comprehensive depiction of the whole span of the visual arts today.

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