

## Press Release

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Prince Claus Fund for  
Culture and Development

### Prince Claus Awards 2008 Announced

Indian writer Indira Goswami to receive Principal Prince Claus Award of € 100.000,-

**The Principal Prince Claus Award of € 100,000 goes to Indian writer Indira Goswami (1942, Guwahati, Assam). The Awards ceremony will take place 3 December 2008 in the Muziekgebouw aan 't IJ in Amsterdam. Ten other laureates will receive awards of € 25.000 each in December and January in the Dutch Embassies in the countries where they live. Since 1997 the Prince Claus Awards have been given out each year to artists, intellectuals and cultural organisations in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.**

#### Culture and the Human Body

The theme of the 2008 Prince Claus Awards is Culture and the Human Body. With this theme, the Prince Claus Fund celebrates ingenuity in forms of expression that touch on the human body, particularly by individuals, groups and organisations that are positively engaged with their surroundings and society. The human body can be an inspiration, model, canvas or tool box, a medium for the expression of beliefs and ideas. The body provides the fundamental materials for metaphor and symbolism.

#### The ten laureates (€ 25.000,-)

##### Visual Arts

Li Xianting (b. 1949, Jilin Province, China)  
Venerable Purevbat (b. 1960, Tov Aimag, Mongolia)  
Ousmane Sow (b. 1935, Dakar, Senegal)

##### Photography and Film

Dayanita Singh (b. 1961, New Delhi, India)  
Elia Suleiman (b. 1960, Nazareth, Palestine)  
James Iroha Uchechukwu (b. 1972, Enugu, Nigeria)

##### Performance, Fashion and Dance

Tania Bruguera (b. 1968, Havana, Cuba)  
Ma Ke (b. 1971, Changchun, China)  
Jeanguy Saintus (b. 1964, Port au Prince, Haïti)

##### Collective Memory and Journalism

Carlos Henríquez Consalvi (El Salvador, b. 1947 Venezuela)

For the Jury report, additional information and visual material on the 2008 laureates please see our website [www.princeclausfund.org](http://www.princeclausfund.org).

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The Prince Claus Fund is a platform for intercultural exchange. Working with individuals and organisations that are mainly located in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Fund organises activities and publications on contemporary themes in the field of culture and development. The Prince Claus Awards form part of this policy.

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