



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Wednesday, January 10, 2007

CONTACT: Brian Connolly
212-935-3960

MASTERWORK AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT; EMINENT JURY TO HONOR ARCHITECTS, DEVELOPERS

Nominations are now being accepted for the sixth annual MASTerwork Awards, the Municipal Art Society's honors for excellence in urban design. Sponsored again this year by the international commercial bank Helaba, the awards are presented in five categories to projects completed in 2006: best new building, outstanding commercial restoration project, best residential restoration, neighborhood catalyst, and privately owned public space.

Submissions will be judged by a distinguished five-member jury. Members of the jury include **Helena Rose Durst**, assistant vice president of The Durst Organization; **Jonathan Marvel**, a partner in Rogers Marvel Architects; **Mohsen Mostafavi**, dean of the College of Architecture, Art and Planning at Cornell University; **Susan Rodriguez**, a partner in Polshek and Partners; and **Billie Tsien**, a partner in Tod Williams Billie Tsien and Associates.

The deadline for nominations is Saturday, January 27, and the awards will be presented at a ceremony in the early spring. For more details on the call for entries and a copy of the nomination form, visit www.mas.org.

Helaba, also known as Landesbank Hessen-Thüringen, is a commercial wholesale bank with headquarters in Frankfurt and Erfurt. It has offices in London, Dublin and New York. Through Helaba New York, the bank provides real estate financing throughout the United States for large residential and commercial projects.

The Municipal Art Society of New York is a private, non-profit membership organization whose mission is to promote a more livable city. Since 1893, the MAS has worked to enrich the culture, neighborhoods and physical design of New York City. It advocates for excellence in urban design and planning, contemporary architecture, historic preservation and public art.