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## **MAS EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR 2009 MASTERWORK AWARDS Top Building Project Nominations Accepted Through March 2**

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The Municipal Art Society of New York, a private, non-profit membership organization that fights for intelligent urban planning, design, and preservation, has extended the nomination deadline for its 2009 MASTerwork Awards to March 2, 2009. Since 2001, the annual awards have honored the year's top building projects for their excellence in architecture and urban design, and their contribution to New York's built environment.

Eligible building projects must have been completed in New York City in 2008 and nominations are reviewed by a distinguished committee of architects and design experts in the following categories: new building, commercial restoration, residential restoration, neighborhood catalyst and privately-owned public space.

"The MASTerwork Awards celebrate the year's ingenuity in architecture and design across various building types," said Vin Cipolla, president of MAS. "Year after year, MAS is continually impressed by the way these projects influence the way all of us view and live in the city."

The 2008 Awards named Renzo Piano's New York Times Building and Frank Gehry's IAC Building as Best New Buildings. Other awards went to the Diane von Furstenberg (DVF) Studio Headquarters and the Museum at Eldridge Street for Best Historic Restorations and to the Floating Pool and the New Museum of Contemporary Art for Outstanding Neighborhood Catalysts.

For more information about the 2009 MASTerwork Award nominations, contact Genevieve Sherman at MAS at 212-935-3960 or [gsherman@mas.org](mailto:gsherman@mas.org)

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