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inSite Announces Major Gifts for inSite_05

SAN DIEGO/TIJUANA – Growing support for **inSite** – the binational network of contemporary arts events and actions set in the San Diego/Tijuana region, is evidenced by the receipt of 16 major gifts ranging from \$25,000 to \$250,000. **inSite_05/Art Practices in the Public Domain** has received gifts and grants from individuals, foundations, corporations, and government agencies both in the US and Mexico. This year's support surpasses that of any previous version. Programming and exhibition openings for **inSite_05** begin on Aug.26, and run through Nov. 13, 2005.

"As more people talk about extending the height and length of the fence dividing the US and Mexico, we look toward a future of greater regional collaboration. The extraordinary support **inSite** has received is, at least in part, attributable to the growing recognition that geographical boundaries are artificial constructions that arts and culture must continue to question so that a greater understanding of our binational region can be achieved. We are delighted to have our work recognized by so many outstanding organizations and individuals. It is a

testament to both the leading-edge work **inSite** artists have been undertaking for more than a dozen years and to the dedication of **inSite**'s board of directors, staff, volunteers and patrons," states Michael Krichman, executive director/US of **inSite_05**.

Private, government and foundation funding has thus far facilitated: 1) The commissioning of 22 public art works, known as **Interventions**; 2) a two-city **Museum Exhibition**, entitled *Farsites: Urban Crisis and Domestic Symptoms in Recent Contemporary Art*, which will be on view simultaneously at the San Diego Museum of Art and the Centro Cultural Tijuana; 3) the **Scenarios** component of **inSite** – commissioned artworks in new media, including on-line projects, a live sound/image event, and a mobile archive; and 4) a series of lectures and symposia known as **Conversations**, which features renowned artists, curators, art historians, sociologists, urbanists, and philosophers.

Government agencies in the US and public institutions in Mexico including The City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture, Centro Cultural Tijuana, The National Endowment for the Arts, Instituto Nacional de Bellas Artes, and Fondo Nacional para la Cultura y las Artes, have awarded **inSite_05** major grants in the areas of organization, programming and education.

Foundation, individual and corporate giving to **inSite** has risen steadily as the program has become internationally recognized. Contributions include, The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Border Billboard, The Jacques and Natasha Gelman Trust, Grupo Geo Baja California, Eloisa and Chris Haudenschild, The Bruce T. Halle Family Foundation, The James Irvine Foundation, Fundación Jumex, The Lee Foundation, The Lucille and Ronald Neeley Foundation, The Peter Norton Family Foundation, The Panta Rhea Foundation, The San Diego Union-Tribune, Fundación Televisa, and 20th Century Fox Studios.

inSite is a network of events and artistic practices dedicated to promoting the cultural vitality of the binational region. Operating through a unique collaborative structure based on the participation of more than 13 cultural and educational institutions in the US and Mexico, **inSite** provides opportunities for creative, reflective and expansive thinking about life in the extraordinary border region of San Diego/Tijuana.

At the heart of **inSite** is a process of two-year, periodic artist residencies that culminate in the creation and presentation of artists' interventions in public spaces throughout San Diego and Tijuana. Since 2003, **inSite** artists have been engaging communities on both sides of the border in a process of participation and co-creation. These interactions are the basis of the artists' projects.

Since its inception in 1992, **inSite** has commissioned and produced more than 150 thought-provoking and challenging new projects in San Diego and Tijuana by local, national and international artists.

Complete information is available at the **inSite** website, www.inSite05.org.

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