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THE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION MANIFESTA IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE

MANIFESTA 7, the European Biennial of Contemporary Art, is curated by Adam Budak, Anselm Franke / Hila Peleg and Raqs Media Collective.

Manifesta 7 takes place in the Italian region of Trentino - Alto Adige / Südtirol and opens for the public on 19 July, 2008.

The **professional preview** of Manifesta 7 will take place on: Thursday July 17 and Friday July 18, 2008 from 11am to 7 pm

The **press conference** and the **official opening** will take place on: Saturday July 19, 2008

Accreditation for the professional preview has started. Please refer to our website <http://www.manifesta7.it> for further details and an online accreditation form.

The **exhibition venues** for Manifesta 7 are located on one of Europe's most important travel routes between north and south, in the cities of Franzenfeste / Fortezza, Bozen / Bolzano, Trento and Rovereto. It includes the fortress of Fortezza that dates back to the middle of the 19th century, three industrial buildings from the first decades of the 20th century (Ex-Alumix in Bolzano and Manifattura Tabacchi and Ex Peterlini, both located in Rovereto), as well as the Palazzo delle Poste in Trento, an edifice constructed in the rationalist style in the 1930s. While articulating an

overall framework for Manifesta 7, each of the three curatorial units will concentrate on working in one city and its venues, with Raqs Media Collective working in Bozen / Bolzano, Anselm Franke / Hila Peleg in Trento, and Adam Budak in Rovereto. The fourth venue, the fortress Fortezza, will be curated by all curators collaboratively.

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION MANIFESTA, located in Amsterdam, the Netherlands is the initiator and co-organiser of Manifesta and its related activities. Responsibility of all executive tasks of Manifesta are in the hands of Founding Director Mrs Hedwig Fijen. The Board of International Foundation Manifesta is made up of senior professionals from the academic world, businesses and the international art world, whose composition changes on an ongoing basis. Henry Meyric Hughes (Chairman), Martin Fritz (Treasurer), Francesco Bonami, Vicente Todoli and Maaretta Jaukkuri have recently stepped down after many fruitful years. International Foundation Manifesta is pleased to announce the new Chairman of the Board, as well as the appointment of three highly qualified art professionals. **Gilane Tawadros** has accepted the position of Chairman of the Board. Gilane Tawadros is a curator and writer, based in London. She was the founding director of INIVA, Institute of International Visual Arts, and curated the Brighton Photo Biennial in 2006. She has been serving on the Board of International Foundation Manifesta since 2002, and now succeeds Henry Meyric Hughes. **Charles Esche, Sirje Helme** and **Sarat Maharaj** joined the Board in 2008. Charles Esche is a curator and writer, and currently the Director of the Van Abbemuseum in Eindhoven, and editor of Afterall. Sirje Helme was the Director of the Soros Center for Contemporary Arts, Estonia, and is now the director of KUMU Art Museum in Tallinn. Sarat Maharaj is Professor of Visual Art and Knowledge Systems at Lund University in Malmö. The full Board of International Foundation Manifesta is now composed of Gilane Tawadros (Chair), Renze Hasper (Treasurer), Viktor Misiano (Vice-Chair), Daniel Birnbaum, Iara Boubnova, Fabio Cavallucci, Charles Esche, Massimiliano Gioni, Andreas Hapkemeyer, Sirje Helme, Allard Huizing, Sarat Maharaj and Marieke Sanders – ten Holte.

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