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**The School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
Commencement 2008**

Boston (April 25, 2008)— Commencement activities for the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (SMFA), will be held Sunday, May 18, 2008 at Northeastern University's Blackman Auditorium. The SMFA commencement address will be delivered by artist Faith Ringgold.

A total of 250 graduates will be celebrated at the ceremony including: 177 Bachelor and Masters degrees granted in partnership with Tufts University and 73 Museum School Certificates awarded for the Diploma, Post-Baccalaureate, and Fifth Year programs.

Commencement details:
Sunday, May 18, 2008
3:30–5 pm

Blackman Auditorium
Northeastern University
360 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02115

About Faith Ringgold

Ringgold began her artistic career more than 35 years ago as a painter. Today, she is best known for her painted story quilts—art that combines painting, quilted fabric, and storytelling. She has exhibited in major museums around the world and has works in the permanent collections of New York museums including the Studio Museum Harlem, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Museum of Modern Art.

Ringgold has written and illustrated 11 children's books. Her first book, *Tar Beach* (Dragonfly Books, 1996), was a Caldecott Honor Book and winner of the Coretta Scott King Book Award for Illustrators. Ringgold has received more than 75 awards, fellowships, citations and honors, including the Solomon R. Guggenheim Fellowship and two awards from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Visit www.smfa.edu for more information about commencement activities.

About the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston:

Founded in 1876 and accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (SMFA), is one of the largest and oldest museum schools in the country. A division of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, the School offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs in partnership with Tufts and Northeastern universities. SMFA also offers an all-studio four-year Diploma and one-year Fifth Year and Post-Baccalaureate certificates. Through Continuing Education, evening and weekend courses and art-making programs for adults and teenagers also are available. For more information, please visit www.smfa.edu.

Join us at the "Graduating Students Exhibition" on view May 18–June 6 at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (230 The Fenway). Special gallery hours: Monday–Friday: 10 am–5 pm.

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