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***BRICE MARDEN TO RECEIVE THE 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEDAL AWARD FROM THE  
SCHOOL OF THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, BOSTON***

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The School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (SMFA), will honor renowned American artist Brice Marden at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Medal Award ceremony and gala dinner on May 7, 2007.

The Medal Award is given to an individual whose work furthers the development and understanding of contemporary art. Considered to be one of the finest artists of his generation, Marden first received critical acclaim in the 1960s and '70s for his minimalist monochrome panel paintings. In the mid-1980s he began producing calligraphy-inspired paintings featuring sinuous ribbons of color, and in the past decade he has produced color-intense, linear abstractions. While his work has evolved over his more than 40-year career, it continues to be celebrated for its emotional intensity and formal simplicity.

The Medal Award ceremony and gala dinner will take place at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, on Monday, May 7, 2007. All proceeds from this event support student scholarships at the Museum School. For sponsorship information or to purchase tickets, please call 617-369-3659.

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***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](http://www.smfa.edu).*