THE INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE CENTER ANNOUNCES 2011 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER
Frank Stella to Receive Award

(Hamilton, NJ) The International Sculpture Center (ISC) has announced that its 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to world-renowned sculptor Frank Stella. Mr. Stella will be honored at the 20th Annual Lifetime Achievement Award Gala on April 26, 2011 at the Tribeca Rooftop in New York City. Mr. Stella is expected to attend this event. The Gala will bring together arts patrons and professionals to celebrate the career of this well-known artist. The evening will consist of cocktails, dinner, and an awards ceremony. The evening’s speakers will include Kenneth Tyler, Master Printer and Publisher and Adam D. Weinberg, Alice Pratt Brown Director of the Whitney American Museum of Art.

Frank Stella is an American painter, printmaker, and sculptor who has been a significant figure in minimalism and abstraction for over five decades. Born in Massachusetts, Stella moved to New York after college and has lived there ever since. His career began with two-dimensional paintings, but soon developed into relief painting, which he referred to as “maximalist” painting, and eventually transitioned into full three-dimensional sculptural work. In 1970, Frank Stella became the youngest artist to receive a retrospective at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Since then, he has been the recipient of many awards, including New York City Mayor’s Award for Arts and Culture (1981) and the Gold Medal of the National Arts Club in New York (2001). He has received honorary degrees from Princeton University, Dartmouth College, and Brandeis University. In 2009 he was awarded the National Medal of Arts, presented by the President of the United States. Stella continues to live and work in New York, and remains active in protecting the rights of artists.

“Frank Stella is a multi-talented and versatile artist,” said Johannah Hutchison, Executive Director of the International Sculpture Center, “His three-dimensional work is exemplary to the field and he has been influential and inspiring. We are thrilled to be honoring this most deserving artist.”

The International Sculpture Center’s Board of Directors established the Lifetime Achievement Award in 1991 to recognize individual sculptors who have made exemplary contributions to the field of sculpture. Candidates for the award are masters of sculptural processes and techniques who have devoted their careers to the development of a laudable body of work, as well as to the advancement of the sculpture field as a whole. Past recipients include Magdalena Abakanowicz, Fletcher Benton, Louise Bourgeois, Sir Anthony Caro, Elizabeth Catlett, John Chamberlain, Eduardo Chillida, Christo and Jeanne-Claude, Mark di Suvero, Richard Hunt, Phillip King, William King, Manuel Neri, Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen, Nam June Paik, Arnaldo Pomodoro, Gio’ Pomodoro, Robert Rauschenberg, George Rickey, George Segal, Kenneth Snelson, and William Tucker.

Tickets for the 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award Gala will start at $500 with tables starting at $5000. For further information or to pre-order seats, please contact Dawn Molignano, by calling 609.689.1051, extension 308, or via email at dawn@sculpture.org. All proceeds from the Gala benefit the programs and services of the International Sculpture Center.

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