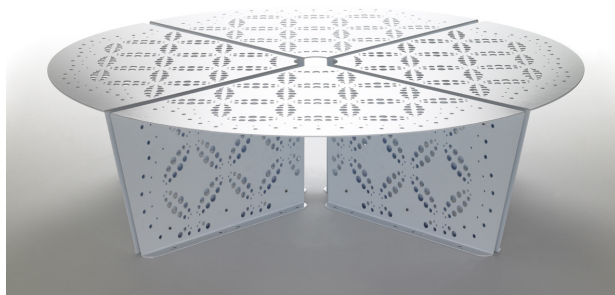

Media Release: Exhibition

Bombay Sapphire Design Discovery Award Exhibition showcases the 2006 finalists



Rina Bernabei and Kelly Freeman, *Brodie* table, aluminium. Photo: courtesy the artists

Bombay Sapphire Design Discovery Award Exhibition **2 September – 5 November 2006**

Representing the work of Australia's finest emerging designers, the ten finalists in the Bombay Sapphire Design Discovery Award are Charles Wilson, David Giorgio, Donald Holt, Henry Wilson, Kelly Freeman & Rina Bernabei, Lana Alsamir, Louisa Vilde, Ruth McDermott & Bettina Easton, Stuart McFarlane and Trent Jansen.

Object Gallery is proud to exhibit the work of these finalists for the first time in the Award's four-year history. Joining forces with Bombay Sapphire to give these exceptional young designers broadened exposure through a high profile exhibition opportunity, the *Bombay Sapphire Design Discovery Award Exhibition* will be curated by Object's Director, Steven Pozel, and Associate Director, Brian Parkes. The exhibition features ground-breaking new designs in lighting, furniture, accessories and homewares. On announcing the exhibition at Object Gallery, Steven Pozel said, 'This exhibition not only cements the firm partnership with Bombay Sapphire, but also develops Australian design through nurturing its designers at that crucial emerging stage in their careers. Object Gallery is pleased to support some of the most exciting young designers to be working in Australia right now.'

As part of the inaugural St Margarets Design and Architecture Festival, the exhibition will be accompanied by public programs including talks by the designers. Dates and times will be announced soon – so watch this space for your exclusive opportunity to hear these designers talk publicly about their work.

The *Bombay Sapphire Design Discovery Award Exhibition* will tour to Melbourne and Perth in 2007.

Touring dates for *Bombay Sapphire Design Discovery Award Exhibition*
FORM Gallery, WA **Melbourne Museum, VIC**
2 February– 21 April 2007 **Late 2007**

St Margarets Design and Architecture Festival
Surry Hills, Sydney
9–24 September 2006

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