



December 29, 2002

Dear Mary Sherman, members of TransCultural Exchange and other Coaster Project Participants,

I am writing to you as a representative of the Boston section of AICA, the International Association of Art Critics. It is our great pleasure to inform you that your exhibition "The Coaster Project, Destination: The World" has won First Place for Best Show in an Alternative Space outside New York City." The International Association of Art Critics was founded in 1949 as a non-governmental affiliate of UNESCO. The Paris-based International Association of Art Critics (Association International des Critiques D'art or AICA) comprises 4,000 members in seventy-four national sections around the world. AICA, whose members are distinguished critics, scholars, curators and art historians, aims to further and protect the field of art criticism, to facilitate international communication among critics, to promote the values of art criticism as a discipline and emphasize its contribution to society, and to act on behalf of the physical preservation and moral defense of works of art. AICA/USA is the largest national section of the organization.

Each year the United States Section of the International Association of Art Critics invites its nearly 400 members to vote for the best exhibitions created during that season. The International Association of Arts Critics/USA awards are given in recognition of the exceptional and important work in the visual arts contributed this year by artists, curators, gallerists, writers and cultural institutions. AICA is the only organization to award excellence in museum and gallery exhibitions. The prestigious annual award is the art-world equivalent to that given each year by the New York Film Critics Circle or the Drama Desk. This is the first year that a regional chapter is holding its own awards ceremony. This year the Boston chapter has come up with a set of Boston area winners using the appropriate categories from the national ballot. We will hold our own ceremony on January 27 at Brandeis University's Rose Art Museum, Waltham, MA, beginning at 6PM. . The Boston awards will also be announced in conjunction with AICA USA's annual Best Show Awards ceremony on January 13, 2003, at the New Museum in New York City. For more information please contact me at markfran@worldnet.att.net or at 978-475-9859.

Sincerely,

Francine Koslow Miller, Boston Coordinator AICA