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RITA DOMINELLI | President & CEO
Dominelli International

Kenya comes out on top at Dominelli's Carnevale 14th Annual Body Art Competition

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Vancouver, Canada June 3, 2008: Samantha Rae painted powerful imagery of African plains, and animals of Kenya on model Regina Bair, and won the hearts of the judges and came out on top at the 14th Annual Carnevale Body Art Competition presented by Dominelli International. This year's competition was themed "The World", which meant a multicultural 7 course meal, with Italian wine pairings, a full hour of entertainment representing 7 continents, and 11 body models representing: USA, Canada, Brazil, Spain, Kenya, India, Italy, Japan, England, Russia, and Zimbabwe.

Lucie Brouillard painted Spain on her model Nicole Pilich and received the second place cash prize, while Jennifer Little painted Inukshuk and Canadian geese representing Canada on her model Sky Foletto. David Dale, The Executive Director of the Burn Fund, had a full night of interviews with the media, and managing 4 of his firemen who volunteered to be painted gold with the world map on their backs as Body Art Display models as they opened the extravaganza night of artistry. He says proudly "we very much enjoyed the great event and we look forward to future events with Dominelli International" He further added that he has 15 firefighter members lined up to volunteer for next year's Carnevale at the World Police and Fire Games to be held in Burnaby, British Columbia. The burn fund is currently raising \$25 million dollars for the building of their new downtown facility to support world-class research, housing for burn survivors and a multi-media education centre. For more info and to pledge your support, please visit www.burnfund.org

The atmosphere and mood of the event was intensely exciting and mysterious, from the multi-color lighting to the dramatic music; the mystery unraveled itself during the second half of the show when the 11 body art

models walked off the stage and into the crowd for a much closer viewing experience causing endless appreciative exclamations. Capoeira Males Vancouver wowed the crowd during dinner with their amazing acrobatic martial arts, while Christina Barbosa brought chills from her powerful delivery of opera singing, and Baila Vancouver seduced us with their sexy Latin dance moves. The event was brought to a climax during the Drum Café's performance, when everyone played music with their drumsticks along with the Master's drumming. It created a mood of an African village with people underneath the starry night in front of a fire, celebrating life through a pageantry of singing, art and dancing. A sense of community was thick in the air, celebrating the multiculturalism of arts, culture, food, wine as the world came together in a showcase of body artistry.

The judges for this year's body painting competition included long time fashion media personality Virginia Leeming, art curator Monica Reyes, body painting expert Michael Nault, special events correspondent for Metro News Catherine Barr, owner and publisher of Vancouver View Magazine Matthew Toren, and Judges Commissioner Richard Jeha, an internationally renowned hair stylist. The judging process was a difficult one, as all the artists' creations were beautifully inspired and created to showcase the world's variety.

Mrs. Rita Dominelli, the producer and organizer of this annual event, has supported various charities over the years, and is very proud to say "we're extremely happy with how this year's event turned out, and we would like to give recognition to all our supporters, volunteers, sponsors, for without them, this event would not have happened at this level. Some of our guests, have phoned me personally to indicate that they would like to purchase tables and become sponsors at next year's Carnevale gala, which will be in June 2009 at the World Police & Firemen Games in Burnaby which draws an audience of approximately 30,000 people from all over the world." Michael K. Hwang, LLP, Director of Burnaby Board of Trade, an attendee at the gala event comments "Rita, congratulations on the most wonderful event I have ever attended in Vancouver. You are fabulous, your speech was great, and my guests were flabbergasted and now have a new impression of Vancouver. Thank you so much for your invitation ", and sponsor Scott Berg, managing partner of Trade Exchange Canada says "your event last night far exceeded any expectations I had, I feel I received very good value for my sponsorship and look forward to working with you in a larger capacity next year. The exposure for Trade Exchange Canada was excellent and I feel we will generate some additional business because of it."

About The Burn Fund:

The Burn Fund provides life saving, life supporting, and life enriching services to the people in British Columbia. More than 3,600 professional fire fighters in BC dedicate and donate their time and skills to support burn survivors and increase the public's knowledge about fire and burn safety issues through the work the Burn Fund does with its Burn Awareness, Research and Prevention Programs (more information at www.burnfund.org).

About Dominelli International College of Esthetics:

Established in 1979 by Rita Dominelli, Dominelli International College is located in Burnaby, BC. The college, supported by administrative staff, instructors and committed students, continues to thrive today. Dominelli's comprehensive esthetic diploma programs continue to incorporate and deliver the highest level of esthetics training available.

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