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## **CORNISH COLLEGE OF THE ARTS ANNOUNCES ALUMNI EXHIBITION FEATURING DIEM CHAU**

**SEATTLE, WA** – Cornish College of the Arts presents the Alumni Exhibition featuring Diem Chau September 21-October 20, 2006 at the Cornish Main Gallery located at 1000 Lenora Street in Seattle. The Opening Reception is 5-8 pm on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006.

A graduate from Cornish College of the Arts in 2002, Diem Chau considers herself an artist whose medium is stories. And, embedded in these stories are cultural connections to the past and an occasional escape from reality. She believes that each story is a thread that connects us to each other, the storyteller holding one end and the audience the other.

Diem Chau is the recipient of an Artist Trust GAP Grant and served as the PONCHO Artist in Residence at Pratt Fine Arts Center. Her work has been recently exhibited at Howard House, Richard Hugo House and Bumpersshoot.

Cornish Main Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 9 am – 4 pm. Weekends and evenings by appointment only (206) 726-5142.

### **IMAGES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.**

#### **About Cornish College of the Arts:**

Cornish College of the Arts provides aspiring artists with the educational opportunities to become professionals in their fields. The College offers Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in Art, Dance, Design, Performance Production and Theater, and a Bachelor of Music degree. It is one of three private colleges in the United States focusing on both the performing and visual arts, and the only college of its kind in the Northwest. The College is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design and has a national reputation for its faculty, curriculum, and student performance and exhibition opportunities.

Since its founding by Nellie Cornish in 1914, Cornish College of the Arts has contributed to the nation's cultural and intellectual heritage through its alumni and faculty. Historically, these figures include choreographers and dancers Merce Cunningham, Martha Graham, Syvilla Fort and Bonnie Bird; composer John Cage; painters Mark Tobey, William Cumming, and William Ivey; photographer Imogen Cunningham; educator Calvin B. Cady and broadcaster Chet Huntley, to name just a few. More recently these figures are joined by Brendan Fraser (film actor), Patrick Haskett (painter), Steve Jenson (sculptor), Paul Owen Lewis (illustrator), Lois Rathvon McCarter (dancer/choreographer), Evyind Kang (violinist), Jarrad Powell and Joshua Kohl (composers). And, the College continues to represent the Northwest's largest concentration of professional artists dedicated to instruction.

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