

EXHIBITIONS

First area international art fair

Inart brings together 32 galleries, 13 organisations and 150 artists

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● After one and a half years of preparation, everything is ready for the first *Inart*, the International Art Fair of Catalonia, organised by *Bonart* magazine and the Fira de Girona. It will take place on June 3, 4, 5 and 6 at the Palau de Fires in Girona.

The event, with the cooperation of 32 galleries, 13 institutions and organisations, will provide a unique opportunity to see the work of more than 150 artists and aims to cover a gap in the Catalan artistic panorama. However, according to *Bonart* sources, it has not received much support from Barcelona galleries or the Culture Department of the Generalitat de Catalunya, which has contributed 18,000 euros.

There will be a great diversity of carefully selected contemporary art, and the fair is intended to be take place annually and become the reference art event in Catalonia.

The fair organisers have also come up with a wide range of parallel activities, such as a homage (six years after his death) to the poet Joan Brossa, the most visual of all Catalan poets, the artists Marcel Martí and Modest Cuixart, who will both celebrate their 80th birthday on Sunday, June 5. *Inart* will also present the second year of the experimental music festival, *Remor 2005*, to be celebrated from June 30 to July 3



"Dark-haired girl seated" (2004), a photograph by Pere Formiguera

and presented by the French duo Étant Donnés, from Grenoble, who will present their amazing *Le Sang est le mur de l'étoile*.

The selection jury, including Maria Lluïsa Borràs, Arnau Puig and Llanfranco Bombelli, have agreed on the participation of galleries such as Addaya Borràs, Cal Talaveró, Canals, DaVinci Art, El Quatre, Fons d'Art Olot, Galeria Cadaqués Dos, Arcadi Calzada, J. Machado — Palau de la

Mercè, La Galeria Sant Cugat and Omnium Ars, among many others.

There will also be representatives of the Diputació de Girona, Institut d'Estudis Ilerdencs, Fundació Caixa de Girona, Fundació Niebla, Vila Casas and Museu del FC Barcelona. One of the highlights of the many stands of *Inart* will belong to La Plataforma, a space aimed at presenting various painting prizes awarded during the year in Catalonia.