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**BLACK AND WHITE SPIDER AWARDS HONORS  
FINE ART PHOTOGRAPHER FROM CANADA – WINNIPEG, MANITOBA**

LONDON (December 7, 2005) – Fine Art Photographer David Firman of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada was presented with the 2006 Black and White Spider Awards Honor of Distinction in the category of Fine Art at a prestigious live online Awards Ceremony presented by Black and White Spider Awards to recognize excellence in black and white photography.

Thousands of images were received from over forty countries. The nominated photographers were selected by a who's who Judging Panel from the international photography community, including Magnum Photos (New York), Tate Gallery (London), and the Leica Photo Gallery. The Panel reviewed the images online over a four week period and David Firman's "Freeride Bike Trail 2, St. Boniface" an exceptional image entered in the Fine Art category, received a high percentage of votes overall.

"The Spider Awards celebrates photographers who operate at the highest levels of their craft," said the awards Creative Director, Basil O'Brien. "David Firman's work represents black and white imaging at its finest, and we're pleased to present him with the Honor of Distinction."

You can view the 2006 Winners Gallery online at <http://www.thespiderawards.com>

BLACK AND WHITE SPIDER AWARDS is the leading international award honoring excellence in black and white photography. This celebrated event shines a spotlight on the best professional and amateur photographers worldwide and honors the finest images with the highest achievements in black and white photography.