

# News Release



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## LDDC ANNOUNCES LIMEHOUSE LINK PUBLIC ART COMPETITION

Michael Pickard, the recently appointed Chairman of the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC), today announced the launch of London's most prestigious public art commission in recent years.

The LDDC proposes to commission three major works of art to adorn the portals of the Limehouse Link tunnel, the strategic four-lane highway that will connect the City to the Isle of Dogs on its completion in Spring 1993.

The Limehouse Link is one of Europe's most technically challenging civil engineering projects, running through one of the most geologically complex urban sites in the UK.

The scale of the art competition and commissions, worth £250,000, reflects the strategic importance of the Limehouse Link to the Capital's transport system. The artwork on the western portal of the tunnel will, in fine architectural tradition, herald the importance of this gateway to London Docklands.

The competition will be judged by a jury made up of local representatives and eminent figures from the art world, including Catherine Lampert, Director of the Whitechapel Art Gallery and sculptor Jane Ackroyd.

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The LDDC has appointed arts consultant Victoria Preston to run the commission and competition which is open to all professional artists in the UK. Initially, seven artists will be chosen to develop their proposals and from these, three artists will be chosen to produce the final work of art which will be installed in Spring 1993.

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#### **NOTE TO EDITORS**

A CAD image of one of the portals to the Limehouse Link, showing the location of one of the proposed works of art, is available on request from the LDDC Press Office.

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