



PRESS RELEASE

ARE YOU READY TO FALL IN LOVE WITH ROBOTS?

Robots prepare for world's only robot talent show held in Dublin this weekend.

Dublin (17 September 2008) From a robotic spider that recognizes your face to an origami-inspired robot, come and meet the world's most talented robots at ARTBOTS at the Science Gallery, Trinity College, Pearse Street, this weekend (19-21 September).

Starting on Friday September 19th and running until Sunday this free exhibition will give you a chance to meet the robots and the people behind the steel and computers as well as experiencing the collision where art and robots meet. The ARTBOTS participants were chosen following an open call for entries and features 15 works by 16 artists from 9 countries, including two pieces from Ireland.

Welcoming ARTBOTS to Science Gallery, Michael John Gorman, Director of Science Gallery said, "ARTBOTS allows the viewer to meet the people behind the robots, as well as see how art and science can collide and create exciting and interesting exhibits."

One of the curators of the show, Douglas Repetto from the Columbia University Computer Music Center said "ARTBOTS presents a broad survey of the many strange and fanciful ways artists have used robotic technologies as an expressive medium and a way to ask questions about the world."

The ARTBOTS schedule of events includes:

Friday 19th September: Opening on Culture Night ARTBOTS will be open from 12pm-11pm

Saturday 20th September: A special talk by robotics expert Noel Sharkey who will discuss "Robot Rights and Robot Wrongs" discussing the impact on our daily lives with the increased use of robots in daily life – in everything from caring for our elderly through to fighting wars.

For a full list of events and artists participating check out www.sciencegallery.com/exhibits

ARTBOTS opens Friday 19th and runs until Sunday 21st of September ArtBots features 15 works, as well as performances, workshops, lectures, and an awards ceremony for the most talented robots. Science Gallery is an initiative of Trinity College Dublin and is located in the Naughton Building, Pearse Street, Dublin 2.