

## PRESS RELEASE

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### INTERNATIONAL HRANT DINK AWARD

Hrant Dink was born on September 15, 1954. We would be celebrating his 55th birthday, if he was not taken away from us.

As of this year, the International Hrant Dink Foundation will annually present the **International Hrant Dink Award** on Hrant Dink's birthday, September 15, to people who, like Hrant Dink, struggle for a democratic world, free from discrimination, take personal risks and use the language of peace, and to tell them that they are not alone in their struggle.

With this award, the Foundation aims to remind to all those who struggle for these ideals that their voices are heard, their work is visible and that they are not alone, and also to encourage everyone to fight for their ideals.

The Foundation has established a special Award Committee in order to determine this year's awardees. The members of the Award Committee are Ali Bayramoglu (Chair of the Award Committee), Raket Dink (President of the International Hrant Dink Foundation), Delal Dink, Rober Koptas, Betul Tanbay, Etyen Mahcupyan and Sibel Asna. As of next year, an international jury will undertake the selections of the nominees and the winners.

The International Hrant Dink Award, of which the conceptual work and logo design was realized by Bulent Erkmen and the award statue by Erdağ Aksel, will be presented during an international ceremony on Tuesday, **15th September 2009, between 20.30-22.00 hours at Istanbul Cemal Reşit Rey Concert Hall.**

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