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A SYMPHONY FOR THE SENSES EATING ART FOR PEACE
Chicago Artist Genevieve Erin O'Brien Dismantles Gingerbread Replica Of North
Korean Nuclear Reactor For Peace.

Chicago, Illinois - In a gesture some are calling "Yum-Yum Diplomacy," a Chicago based performance installation artist **Genevieve Erin O'Brien** has built a replica of The Democratic People's Republic of Korea's (DPRK) nuclear reactor site at Yongbyon entirely out of gingerbread. The gingerbread reactor will be on display at **School of the Art Institute of Chicago's Gallery 2** located at 847 West Jackson from April 25th through May 16th as part of the MFA thesis exhibition. The public and the press are invited to join the artist Genevieve Erin O'Brien in a press conference and reactor dismantling party on **Thursday May 8th 2008 at 11 am** in the gallery on the 3rd floor.

The event is co-sponsored in part by the Nuclear Peace Age Foundation. NPAF president David Krieger announced "Through her art, Erin seeks to awaken people everywhere to their responsibility to rid the world of nuclear weapons. It is not enough just to dismantle one nuclear plant in one country. All nuclear weapons in all countries must be dismantled. The United States, as the world's most militarily powerful nation, must take the lead in convening the world's nations to create a new treaty for the phased, verifiable, irreversible and transparent elimination of all nuclear weapons."

"A nuclear reactor made out of gingerbread – now this is a first for nonproliferation," noted Patrick O'Brien the artist's father and also a representative of the Nonproliferation and Disarmament Fund. Patrick O'Brien is currently in Pyongyang, DPRK overseeing the international effort to disable DPRK's nuclear arsenal. Patrick O'Brien commented, "It seems we have a little family legacy evolving here."

"I want to offer a way for people engage in the nuclear peace movement that is tangible, edible and fun. My installation, titled 'Nuclear Family,' is a natural blend of my mother's occupation as a pastry chef and my father's work for the Nonproliferation and Disarmament Fund and my own performance and installation art. You could call it edible aesthetics," says the artist Erin O'Brien. "The current efforts to denuclearize the Korean Peninsula are part of a larger effort that must continue to truly make the world safer for all. We can eat something sweet and feel like we are doing something for peace through art. We are helping dismantle global nuclear reactors right here in Chicago, Illinois."

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