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Lightning bolt to hit Launceston!

A huge bolt of lightning will hit Launceston tomorrow morning.

That is, the largest sculpture ever commissioned in Launceston will touch down outside the UTAS Academy of the Arts at Inveresk.

Early tomorrow morning, David Hamilton's 48-metre long sculpture, "**Bolt**" will be lowered into place by a crane.

Nearly as long as an Olympic swimming pool, bright yellow and weighing about three tons, when in place the sculpture will pierce the corner of the Stone Building and zig-zag across the site towards the Powerhouse Building.

A well-known local artist, Hamilton said the project would not have been possible without the generous support of many of our sponsors.

"This artwork is the culmination of a longstanding collaboration between the primary sponsors, Onesteel Metaland, Crisp Bros and Haywards, Fairbros Pty Ltd and SEMF Pty Ltd and the University of Tasmania," he said.

Professor Vincent McGrath, Head of the School of Visual and Performing Arts said the sculpture commission was a part of the 'It's About Us' celebration in 2006.

"The Inveresk Sculpture project has been in the making for 12 months. It commemorates how far Launceston has come as a city – socially, economically and culturally. *Bolt* is a big, bold statement of celebration that will stand out even in the visually stimulating Inveresk precinct."

GREAT VISION OPPORTUNITY!

WHAT: 48-metre "lightning-strike" sculpture being installed

WHEN: 8.30AM TOMORROW (Wednesday, 7 March, 2007)

WHERE: UTAS Academy of the Arts, Inveresk arts precinct, Launceston.

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