

# SANDSATIION

6th International Sandsculpture Festival in Berlin / 1st USF World Double Championship  
From June 8th – August 17th 2008 at Berliner Hauptbahnhof

## PRESS RELEASE

### India is World Champion

#### **The International Sand Sculpture Festival SANDSATIION assigned the first USF World Champion Award today**

Ladies and gentlemen, dear editors,

while the European Cup is still in full swing, the World Championship is celebrating the winner: **The International Sand Sculpture Festival SANDSATIION honoured the Indian team of Sudarsan Pattnaik and Jitendra Kishore Jagadev with the 1st USF World Double Championship Award, the world champion award in the sand sculpturing category 'double'**. The prize endows 10.000 Euros. Vice-champion is the team from North America, Rusty Croft (USA) and Guy Beauregard (Canada). Michel de Kok and Joris Kivits from the Netherlands came third.

The decision over which of the twelve exceptional sand sculptures would win the first prize comes from three sub-results: SANDSATIION's visitors were able to vote for their favourite sculpture over a period of two days and today the artists as well as a competent jury evaluated the finished sand art works.

The winning sculpture from India is called 'Global Warming'. It shows Knut, the little Berlin polar bear, sitting on a globe threatened by CO2 emissions, calling for help. Sudarsan Pattnaik is Asia's best-known sand carver and has won numerous SANDSATIION awards. His sculpture is an appeal to the public to do something against the imminent climate catastrophe. Through a variety of environmental and animal protection campaigns Sudarsan Pattnaik proved that art has the power to change the world.

All twelve sculptures that were designed and carved for the 1st USF World Double Championship at Berlin Hauptbahnhof will be on display on the festival site at the Hauptbahnhof until August 17th .

And by the way, SANDSATIION's guests don't have to do without the European Cup: there's public viewing on the site!

We will be happy about a notice of the winner of the USF World Double Championship and the duration of the festival. Please find attached pictures of the winning teams and their sculptures (Photo: Dirk Hoenerbach / Photo: Dorothee Klaes) as well as information on the award ceremony.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. You can find the latest news - also on our fringe events - on [www.sandsation.de](http://www.sandsation.de).

Kind regards,

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