

## **JAMIE GILI ART ALL AROUND SEMI-FINALIST, August 2008**

**Jaime Gili** of London began his art studies in his native Caracas, Venezuela, in 1988. After moving to Spain, he enrolled at the University of Barcelona and received a bachelor's degree and doctorate in fine arts. He has also studied in Lisbon, Paris, Berlin and London. Gili has participated in dozens of solo and group exhibitions in countries including Mexico, Venezuela, Australia, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. His work appears in public collections at Saatchi Gallery and Christie's Contemporary in London, as well as Banco Mercantil in Caracas, L'Oreal in Madrid and the University of Essex. Gili has been featured in publications such as *Artforum*, *ArtPapers*, *Time Out London* and *The Guardian*. He has written more than 30 pieces for a variety of periodicals, and has worked as London correspondent for *LAPIZ*, a Madrid-based arts magazine.

*"I've been influenced by many artists from 20<sup>th</sup> Century Venezuelan modernism. Some of the most important artists from that time did large-scale projects that I have always admired. The challenge of the scale and grandeur of the site in Portland and of joining those artists' achievements is what attracted me to this project."*

— Jaime Gili