

# SOFA

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**SOFA CHICAGO 2009: Special Exhibits**  
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### **The Legacy Continues: Sam Maloof Woodworking**

As a leader of the California modern arts movement, the late Sam Maloof designed and hand-crafted furniture infused with elegant artistic vision for more than half a century. Maloof Woodworking continues his legacy with woodworkers Larry White, David Wade and Mike Johnson at the master's bench, to whom Maloof entrusted the business, and whose work, alongside Maloof's, will be on view. All three trained and worked closely with Maloof on his signature furniture for many years, perfecting his sweeping sculptural style renowned worldwide for its exquisite craftsmanship and design. Presented by Sam Maloof Woodworking, Inc. and the Sam and Alfreda Maloof Foundation for the Arts and Crafts.

### **AIDA's Gems – Israel's Jewelers**

Founded in 2003, The Association of Israel's Decorative Arts (AIDA) fosters the development of contemporary decorative artists from Israel by connecting them to an international audience of galleries, institutions, and collectors. This year, AIDA returns to SOFA CHICAGO with an exhibition titled *AIDA's Gems - Israel's Jewelers*. featuring art jewelry by former AIDA artists and newcomers. Presented by Association of Israel's Decorative Arts (AIDA) in cooperation with Nancy and Jim Yaw.

### **BIGG: Breakthrough Ideas in Global Glass**

An exhibition exploring the future of glass by examining the works of a broad cross-section of recent graduates using the medium, organized around the concept of a breakthrough idea: works that pioneer new territory--conceptual or technological. Jurors included Tina Oldknow, Curator of Modern Glass at The Corning Museum of Glass and Italian maestro Lino Tagliapietra (Holsten Galleries). Presented by Ohio State University and Hawk Galleries.

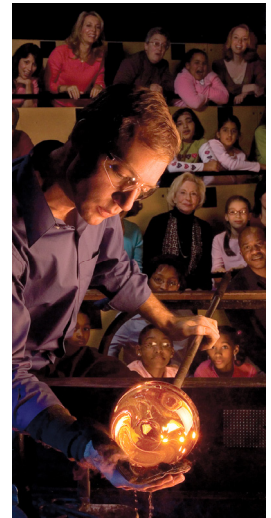
### **Influence & Inspiration: The Evolving Art of Woodturning**

An exhibition of works by emerging woodturners and their influential mentors—a one-on-one supportive relationship critical to growing a new generation of artists and collectors. Represented artists: Benoit Averly, David Ellsworth, Keith Lemley, Binh Pho, Richard Raffan, Joey Richardson, Merryll Saylan, Jason Schneider, Adrien Rutigliano Segal, Frank Sudol, James Thurman, Hans Weissflog, Jakob Weissflog. Presented by the American Association of Woodturners

### **LEGENDS: Watershed Artists Honor Artists**

Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts honors and presents the work of four artists - Ruth Duckworth, Jim Melchert, Don Reitz and Toshiko Takaazu - whose influence and contribution to art and ceramics continue to shape generations of artists and collectors. Presented by Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts, ME

### **Corning Museum of Glass Hot Glass Roadshow**



**The Corning Museum of Glass Hot Glass Roadshow will present glass blowing demonstrations Friday through Sunday in the Festival Hall during SOFA CHICAGO.**

