



DISCOVER THE CULTURE OF CONTEMPORARY DECORATIVE ARTS AND DESIGN WITH ACCLAIMED LECTURE SERIES PRESENTED AT 17TH ANNUAL SOFA CHICAGO 2010 NOV. 5 TO 7 AT NAVY PIER'S FESTIVAL HALL

Series Highlights include "Advocates for the Arts: Polish and Czech Fiber Artists from the Anne and Jacques Baruch Collection" and lecture featuring Legendary Artist Lino Tagliapietra

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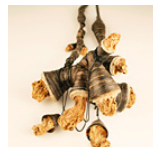
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CHICAGO — The Art Fair Company, based in Chicago, presents two art fairs under one roof at Chicago's historic Navy Pier Friday, Nov. 5 – Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010. For the first time, The Intuit Show of Folk & Outsider Art will share center stage in Festival Hall with Chicago's much-anticipated art fair mainstay, SOFA CHICAGO 2010, the 17th Annual International Sculpture Objects & Functional Art Fair.

SOFA CHICAGO's lecture series will be presented Friday, Nov. 5 and Saturday, Nov 6 and features conversations with curators, critics, collectors, artists, designers and art market journalists. Admission into the lectures is included in the price of admission to SOFA CHICAGO and The Intuit Show of Folk & Outsider Art. Highlights include:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5



Friday, Nov. 5, 9-10 a.m. — SNAG Emerging Artists 2010. Three exceptional emerging artists, **Adam Grinovich, Andrea Janosik and Eun Yeong Jeong** talk about the development of their jewelry, which draws on a diverse and innovative palette of materials. Presented by the Society of North American Goldsmiths (SNAG).



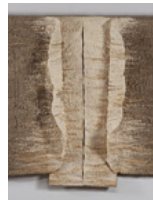
Friday, Nov. 5, 9:30 -10:30 a.m. — Reflections on the Past 30 Years: A Conversation with Lino Tagliapietra. Glass maestro **Lino Tagliapietra** reflects on his work and teaching in the United States over the past 30 years. **Jim Schantz**, owner/director of Schantz Galleries, will join Tagliapietra in this illustrated talk.



Friday, Nov. 5, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Masters and Apprentices: The European Tradition and Contemporary Jewelry in an American Context. A presentation and panel discussion on the European tradition of goldsmithing; how it contrasts to the American university system, and the relevance of apprenticeship in contemporary jewelry-making. This lecture is moderated by art historian **Sue Barry**, a senior lecturer at the University of Arts in Philadelphia.

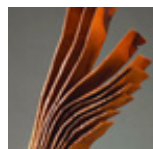


Friday, Nov. 5, 12 -1 p.m. — Thinking Through Making: Giving Physical Form To Meaning. Artist **Clifford Rainey** articulates the methodology and inspiration for his glass art. The talk includes an historical overview of his art punctuated with images of individual works and the original sources that sparked his initial idea. Rainey is represented by Habatat Galleries, Royal Oak, MI



Friday, Nov. 5, 2-3 p.m.— Advocates for the Arts: Polish and Czech Fiber Artists from the Anne and Jacques Baruch Collection. A collector, a curator, and a former assistant gallery director discuss the lives and legacy of **Anne and Jacques Baruch**, the legendary dealers who introduced Eastern European textile artists, including **Magdalena Abakanowicz**, to Chicago audiences in the 1970s. The talk is presented in conjunction with the special exhibit at SOFA CHICAGO by the same name. Fiber art collector **Fern Grauer** was a close friend of the Baruchs for 30 years. She is currently president of the Textile Society of the Art Institute of Chicago and a board member of Friends of Fiber Art International.

Christa C. Mayer Thurman, Emerita, the Art Institute of Chicago, chair and curator of the Department of Textiles (1967 – 2009), founded the Textile Society of the Art Institute of Chicago and initiated the 20th Century textile collection at the Art Institute. She was acquainted with the Baruchs for many years; several textiles that the couple brought from behind the Iron Curtain entered the Art Institute's collection. **Barbara Kalwajtyś** is curator of the Baruch Foundation. Formerly assistant director of the Anne and Jacques Baruch Collection, she worked with Anne Baruch for nearly two decades. **Rhonda Brown**, co-curator of browngrotta arts, Wilton, CT, has promoted international contemporary textiles through exhibitions and publications for more than 20 years.



Friday, Nov. 5, 3-4 p.m. — Is Ornament a Crime? Rethinking the Role of Decoration in Contemporary Wood. In recent decades, surface decoration has played an increasing role in wood art as artists have moved away from the simple, unadorned forms of the past. This panel will debate the role of ornament in contemporary wood as well as the effect of this aesthetic change on the field. The talk is presented in conjunction with the **special exhibit at SOFA CHICAGO** by the same name.



Clifford Rainey
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Friday, Nov. 5, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. — Makers: The First History of Studio Craft in America. An insider’s look at the book “Makers: The First History of Studio Craft in America,” the first comprehensive survey of studio craft in the United States, presented by co-authors **Janet Koplos**, freelance critic and **Bruce Metcalf**, studio jeweler and independent scholar; with **Katie Lee**, assistant director, The Center for Craft, Creativity & Design, UNC Asheville. The discussion will be followed by a book signing by Koplos and Metcalf.



Friday, Nov. 5, 4 – 5 p.m. — Pearls of Wisdom. **Isaac Levy**, designer and owner of Yvel Jewelry Gallery in Jerusalem, will discuss the soon-to-open Andrea Bronfman School of Jewelry and Art at the Yvel Design Center in Jerusalem. The school is devoted to teaching Ethiopian immigrants the art of making fine jewelry. Levy is also a board member of the Association for Israel’s Decorative Arts. Bronfman was a philanthropist and key figure in the Jewish community.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6



Saturday, Nov. 6, 1 -2 p.m. —Shinya Yamamura: Creating Infinity Through Design and Technique. **Shinya Yamamura** will briefly explain the history of Urushi lacquer in Japan and Asia as well as the techniques, materials and methods used to create his decorative works of art. Introduction by freelance critic Janet Koplos. Presented by Ippodo Gallery, in New York.



Saturday, Nov. 6, 2-3 p.m.— From the Center to the Edge: Celebrating 60 years of Creativity and Innovation at the Archie Bray Foundation. **Steven Young Lee**, director of the Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts in Helena, MT, traces the threads of innovation throughout the history of the Archie Bray Foundation and shares plans for the Foundation’s 60th anniversary in June, 2011. This talk is presented in conjunction with a related **special exhibit at SOFA CHICAGO** featuring the work of Bray artists (such as Don Reitz, Kurt Weiser and Richard Notkin) that will participate in the 60th anniversary exhibition.” Presented by the Archie Bray Foundation, whose primary mission is to provide an environment that stimulates creative work in ceramics.

For a complete list of SOFA CHICAGO 2010 lectures and special events, please visit sofaexpo.com.

CALENDAR LISTING

The Art Fair Company presents the 17th Annual SOFA CHICAGO 2010 + The Intuit Show of Folk and Outsider Art under one roof at Navy Pier’s Festival Hall Nov. 5-7. This two-fair, three-day art event features sculptural objects and functional art; outsider, ethnographic non-traditional folk art and visionary art, plus special art exhibitions and art lectures. One general admission ticket of \$15 admits visitors to both fairs, related lecture series, special exhibits and events. \$25 three-day passes and discounted student, senior and group tickets are also available. Hours are Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. The public is also invited to the opening night preview, Thursday, Nov. 4 from 7-9 p.m. Preview tickets are \$50. For tickets or more information visit sofaexpo.com and outsiderfolkartfair.com.

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