



## SOFA CHICAGO 2010 SHOWCASES EXCITING NEW GALLERIES AT NAVY PIER NOV. 5 – 7

Galerie Suppan Contemporary Design (Vienna, Austria), Floating World Gallery (Chicago) and New Glass & Photography (Berlin, Germany) join premier returning galleries including New York's Heller Gallery and Sante Fe's Blue Rain, Jane Sauer, TAI Gallery and Zane Bennet Contemporary Art Galleries to bring exciting new perspectives to Chicago's longest running annual art fair

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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, the 17th Annual International Sculpture Objects & Functional Art Fair.

On track with last year, **SOFA CHICAGO 2010**, the annual international Sculpture Objects & Functional Art exposition and Chicago's longest continually running annual art fair, will feature 80 art galleries and dealers from 10 countries. New galleries for this year include:



Philipp Aduatz  
 Dormeuse  
 Suppan Contemporary

**Galerie Suppan Contemporary Design (Vienna, Austria)** will feature the work of Austrian artist and designer **Philipp Aduatz**, whose collection of contemporary works of furniture and interior sculpture at SOFA CHICAGO will also mark the first time he has presented outside of Austria. Aduatz will be one of the artists participating in the lecture "The Rebirth of Craft" Friday, Nov. 5 at 4 p.m., an illustrated look at the emerging global nexus of craft, design and fine art, the evolution of new directions and materials and their effects on the new generation of artists and collectors.



Fukami Sueharu  
 Tenku (Heaven), 2010  
 Floating World Gallery

**Floating World Gallery (Chicago)** marks their first year at SOFA CHICAGO. For their inaugural SOFA CHICAGO show, they will be presenting ceramic works from some of Japan's most respected contemporary ceramic artists including **Sueharu Fukami**, known for his use of seihakuji (pale blue) glaze and his horizontal and vertical sculptures. Fukami's works are featured in prestigious institutions around the world including the British and V&A museums in London, The Art Institute of Chicago and others.

**New Glass Art & Photography (Berlin, Germany)** has a central focus for championing emerging, mid-career and established artists who push the boundaries of working with glass. Their "Made in Germany" exhibition at SOFA CHICAGO 2010 will feature work by seven artists from various German regions and from varied backgrounds. Six of the artists, **Ursula Huth, Susan and Ulrich Precht, Gerd Sonntag, Jens Gussek and Sebastian Richter**, will be featured at SOFA CHICAGO for the first time.



Jens Gussek  
 New Glass Art & Photography

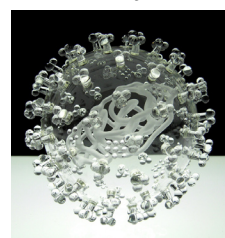
A number of premier returning galleries will showcase works by an impressive roster of artists of significant interest in the realm of sculptural objects and functional art. These include:



Preston Singletary  
 Deenaa (Fur Seal), 2010  
 Blue Rain Gallery

**Blue Rain Gallery (Santa Fe, N.M.)** is committed to promoting work of the finest contemporary artists. The gallery features an extraordinary collection of pottery, paintings, sculpture and bronze, glass art, kachinas and jewelry. Artists showcased by Blue Rain this year include **Tammy Garcia** and **Preston Singletary**. Garcia is known for her signature graphic style, using colorful lead crystal sculptures, panels and glass vessels to bring ancient Native American symbols to life. In a unique meeting of European glass-blowing tradition and Northwest Native design, Singletary transforms Northwest Coast imagery into hand blown, sand carved sculptures of ravens, soul catchers, shamen rattles and more.

**Heller Gallery (New York)** has represented premier international glass artists for nearly four decades. At SOFA CHICAGO 2010 Heller will highlight glass sculpture works of **Luke Jerram**. Jerram's work is fuelled by the fact that he is color-blind. He studies the qualities of space and perception in extreme locations, from the freezing forests of lapland to the sand dunes of the Sahara desert, using new ways of seeing.



Luke Jerram  
 Heller Gallery

**Jane Sauer Gallery (Santa Fe, N.M.)** is dedicated to presenting the work of local and international artists who have mastered a variety of media. Among the artists Sauer is presenting at SOFA CHICAGO 2010, is **Irina Zaytceva**. Classically trained at the Moscow University School of Art, this former book illustrator has developed several unique techniques for creating her highfired porcelain, utilizing overglaze and underglaze colors and 18K gold.



Irina Zaytceva  
 Forest Prince and His Falcon Vase  
 Jane Sauer Gallery

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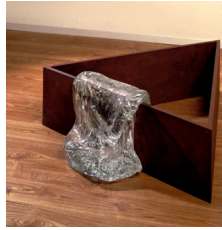
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**TAI Gallery**, located in **Santa Fe N.M.**, is one of the world's finest galleries featuring the art of traditional textiles and Japanese bamboo art. The gallery will exhibit works from different parts of Japan (from Tokyo and Kyoto to Sado Island), including works by **Oki Toshie**, one of a small group of women bamboo artists. This past August, she was one of five women artists in TAI Gallery's "A Different Sensitivity: Women in Bamboo Art," the first show ever to focus exclusively on bamboo basketry and sculpture by women.



Fujitsuka Shosei  
*Tide*, 2007  
TAI Gallery



Michael Petry  
Zane Bennett Gallery

**Zane Bennet Contemporary Art (Santa Fe, N.M.)** focuses on blue chip, internationally-known and established artists as well as emerging and regional artists. For SOFA CHICAGO 2010 Zane Bennet will represent the work of internationally renowned, abstract expressionist sculptor **Mark di Suvero** and **Michael Petry**. This marks the first time Petry's work will be presented at a sculptural objects fair. A conceptual artist, Petry works with many media, but mainly glass. Currently, he is the director of MOCA, the London Museum of Contemporary Art. He is also the first Artist in Residence at the Sir John Soane's Museum, London and will be participating in the 2011 Venice Biennale.

For more information about these and other galleries featured in SOFA CHICAGO 2010 visit [sofaexpo.com](http://sofaexpo.com).

**SOFA CHICAGO** is the longest continuously running art fair in Chicago, debuting at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers in 1994, with 58 exhibitors and 14,000 people attending. In 1995, SOFA CHICAGO moved to Festival Hall at Chicago's historic Navy Pier. Since then, this pioneering fair has been held annually in the fall at Navy Pier with an average of 85 dealers and 35,000 persons attending. Sales at the fair are estimated at 15 - 20 million dollars per show. Clients include museums, art advisors, interior designers and architects as well as both seasoned and new collectors.

What distinguishes SOFA art fairs in Chicago, New York and Santa Fe, NM from other top art events is their focus on 3-dimensional artworks that cross the boundaries of fine art, decorative art and design. SOFA is noted for its exceptional presentation, with an elite selection of international dealers presenting for sale one-of-a-kind masterworks in handsome, custom-designed gallery exhibits. SOFA is produced by The Art Fair Company of Chicago, Ill., who also produces SOFA NEW YORK and SOFA WEST: Santa Fe as well as the Intuit Show and numerous other US art fairs. SOFA CHICAGO is the largest of the three fairs. For more information please visit [sofaexpo.com](http://sofaexpo.com).

The Art Fair Company presents the 17th Annual SOFA CHICAGO 2010 + the new 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](http://sofaexpo.com) and [outsiderfolkartfair.com](http://outsiderfolkartfair.com).

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