



SOFA CHICAGO 2010 SPECIAL EXHIBITS NOV. 5 TO 7 AT NAVY PIER'S FESTIVAL HALL

Special exhibits FREE with paid admission to SOFA CHICAGO 2010 and Intuit Fair
Highlights include works from the world-renowned Anne and Jacques Baruch Collection;
The Archie Bray Foundation's 60th Anniversary Celebration featuring World-Renowned Masters; and
Live! The Corning Museum of Glass Hot Glass Roadshow, back by popular demand

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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.

An extensive and thought-provoking series of SOFA CHICAGO 2010 special exhibits are part of the three-day art event. SOFA CHICAGO exhibits are included in the price of admission to SOFA CHICAGO and The Intuit Show of Folk & Outsider Art. Highlights include:



Magdalena Abakanowicz
browngrotta arts

**Advocates for Art:
Polish and Czech Fiber Artists from the Anne and Jacques Baruch Collection**
Presented by SOFA exhibitor browngrotta arts, Wilton, CT

At SOFA CHICAGO 2010, renowned fiber arts dealer browngrotta arts of Wilton, Conn. presents a special exhibit featuring works from these distinctive collectors. The exhibit, which includes 12 fiber artworks from the Baruch's collection, will showcase major Eastern European artists, including a piece by renowned artist **Magdalena Abakanowicz**, well-known for her Agora installation in Chicago's Grant Park. During the Iron Curtain years, Jacques (d. 1986) and Anne (d. 2007) Baruch were underground art couriers, who smuggled supplies and money *in* to Eastern European artists to create their works. These photographs, tapestries, prints and paintings

were smuggled out of the region and put on display in the gallery space at their baronial duplex apartment complex at 900 N. Michigan Avenue. This helped cultivate and promote the work of many Eastern European artists who today have international reputations.

**Is Ornament a Crime?:
Re-Thinking the Role of Decoration in Contemporary Wood**
Curated by Cindi Strauss, Curator of Modern and Contemporary Decorative Arts and Design, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. Presented by Collectors of Wood Art

Decoration has increasingly played a major role in contemporary wood art in recent years. What does this mean for the field? Does ornament contribute a deeper meaning to contemporary wood or is it only a style? Sixteen accomplished artists respond to the challenge to rethink the necessity of ornament by creating works that focus on pure form.



Christian Burchard
Collectors of Wood Art



The Fab Five
Archie Bray Foundation

2011: From the Center to the Edge, 60 Years of Creativity and Innovation at the Archie Bray Foundation
Presented by the Archie Bray Foundation

In 2011, the Archie Bray Foundation in Helena, MT will celebrate 60 years of leadership in the international ceramics community. The Foundation will commemorate the anniversary with this exhibit focused on works by master artists such as **Don Reitz, Kurt Weiser and Richard Notkin**. Presented by the Archie Bray Foundation, whose primary mission is to provide an environment that stimulates creative work in ceramics.

The Corning Museum of Glass Hot Glass Roadshow

Returning to SOFA CHICAGO by popular demand, the Corning Museum of Glass presents live demonstrations of hot glass blowing, featuring SOFA-represented artists and master glassblowers. Demonstrations are on-going throughout the fair; for a "Hot Glass Roadshow" schedule, please visit sofaexpo.com the week of Nov. 1.

For a complete list of special exhibitions, 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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