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THE MERCHANDISE MART INTERNATIONAL ANTIQUES FAIR OFFERS COMPELLING PROGRAMMING DURING ARTROPOLIS

CHICAGO (April 6, 2011) - The Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair™, one of the premier antiques shows in the Midwest, returns April 29 – May 2, as a part of Artropolis. Experienced and novice collectors alike will have the opportunity to shop this amazing anthology of works that range from rare antiquities to mid-century modernism.

More than 100 top national and international antiques and fine art dealers are exhibiting in The Fair. In addition, The Fair hosts a variety of special events, including an exclusive preview night party, presentations, book signings and a toast to England's new royal couple.

**The Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair Preview Night
April 28**

5–8 p.m., April 28

The Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair Preview Night will benefit the Women's Board of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (RIC). Guests will have the first opportunity to purchase offerings from dealers, while enjoying cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and live music. Tickets start at \$150 and are available via www.merchandisemartantiques.com.

Opening Presentation and Book Signing

Craig Kellogg

Dealer's Choice: At Home with Purveyors of Antique and Vintage Furnishings

10 a.m., April 29

Dealers of antiques and vintage furnishings are major trendsetters, setting the styles that are followed by decorators, manufacturers and ultimately, consumers. In their own homes, the dealers have the opportunity to let their imaginations run wild and to display what is, for them, the cream of the crop. Author Craig Kellogg shares the best of these homes, and the creativity, diversity and passion that the foremost dealers bring to their personal lives and businesses.

Royal Toast

1 p.m., April 29

Antiques Fair attendees are invited to gather in the Tea Room on the showfloor for cake and champagne to toast the nuptials of Prince William and Kate Middleton. All attendees may enter a raffle for two tickets to the Joffrey Ballet.

Masterpiece under the Microscope

3 p.m., April 29

Jonathan Canning, curator of Loyola University Museum of Art, will interpret the scientific findings of an 18th century Spanish portrait of a Jesuit saint. Analyzed by a scientist at McCrone Associates of

Westmont, Ill., the analyzed painting was x-rayed, photographed under infra-red and ultra-violet light, and its pigments sampled by a microscope.

Introductions Radio Broadcast

10 a.m., April 30

Some of Chicago's finest pre-college classical musicians will perform at a live WFMT radio broadcast from the Show floor.

Young Collectors Experience: Shop. Imbibe. Learn

5 p.m., April 30

Ginny Berg, publisher of Chicago Gallery News, will moderate a panel featuring some of Chicago's most informative young collectors as they share their stories and reasons why they collect. Attendees will meet dealers and enjoy a welcome reception presented by Nick's Fishmarket Grill.

Furnishing Louisiana

1 p.m., April 30

The lower Mississippi River Valley has survived a history of headline disasters, including Hurricane Katrina. Editors of the newly released book "Furnishing Louisiana," Sarah Doerries and Jessica Dorman, will celebrate the survival of some of the area's most prized possessions and share tales of the disasters, along with heroic stories of restoration. Book signing to follow lecture.

Sunday at The Fair

11 a.m. – 1 p.m., May 1

Attendees may enjoy mimosas and music while shopping The Fair.

Designer Consultations, 8th Floor

Friday – Sunday afternoons

Looking for advice on adding antiques, art or other designs to your home? Make an appointment for a complimentary designer consultation. One-hour sessions are available Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Space is limited, stop by to see if there is an opening

Designer Vignettes, 8th Floor

These vignettes showcase antiques blended contemporary furnishings and may be visited anytime during The Fair. Participating designers are: Grace Sielaff, Sarah Van Assche and Kenneth Walter.

Antiques Fair dates, location

April 29 – May 2, 2011

8th Floor, Merchandise Mart, Chicago

Antiques Fair hours

Thursday, April 28 • Preview Night

Friday, April 29 • 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Saturday, April 30 • 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Sunday, May 1 • 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

Monday, May 2 • 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Antiques Fair tickets

Tickets are \$15-\$25 and provide admission to Artropolis, featuring Art Chicago, one of the leading contemporary and modern art fairs in the world, and NEXT, an invitational exhibition of emerging art—offering even more to see and do at The Mart during this exciting weekend!

Fair Partners include:

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Chicago Architectural Foundation

Chicago's First Lady

Chicago Gallery News

Joffrey Ballet

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Nick's Fishmarket
Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
Terlato
The Design Center at The Merchandise Mart
The Historic New Orleans Collection

The Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair will once again be an exciting component of Artropolis, a world-class, city-wide celebration art, antiques and culture with Art Chicago at its centerpiece. The multiple shows under the Artropolis umbrella enable attendees to enjoy a diverse selection of art, prints, sculpture and other three dimensional forms from antiquities to contemporary art.

Artropolis is Chicago's celebration of everything art. It offers an international art exhibition, world-class antiques fair, satellite art shows, educational programs, guided tours, music, theater and dance performances are planned at a variety of venues: from major museums to small galleries, from world-class concert halls to cutting-edge clubs, from exclusive tours to private parties. Artropolis features three separate shows that will be co-located at The Merchandise Mart—Art Chicago, The Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair and NEXT.

MMPI is the world's leading owner and operator of showroom buildings and trade show facilities, bringing buyers and sellers together in more than 300 market events, trade and consumer shows and conferences each year. MMPI manages The Merchandise Mart and 350 W. Mart Center in Chicago; Market Square, the Suites at Market Square, Hamilton Market, Plaza Suites, Furniture Plaza and the National Furniture Mart in High Point, N.C.; the Architects & Designers Building and 7 W New York in New York; the L.A. Mart in Los Angeles; the Boston Design Center in Boston; and the Washington Design Center in Washington, D.C.

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