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****CALENDAR LISTING****

**ARTROPOLIS®, CHICAGO'S CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS, ANTIQUES
AND CULTURE, RETURNS TO THE MERCHANDISE MART
April 29 – May 2, 2011
Preview Night, April 28**

WHAT: **ARTROPOLIS®**, the celebration of art and culture, will once again feature three dynamic shows - all co-located at The Merchandise Mart – the epicenter of Artropolis. An international art exhibition, a world-class antiques fair, and an exhibition of emerging and cutting-edge artists will anchor Artropolis, with educational programs, special programming and performances at The Mart and at cultural partners throughout the four-day event.

SHOWS: **ART CHICAGO®**
Now in its 31st year, Art Chicago® is the renowned international fair of contemporary and modern art. Art Chicago will once again offer curators, collectors, artists and art enthusiasts a comprehensive survey of current and historic work – from cutting-edge to modern masters - in a wide variety of media including: painting, photography, drawings, prints, sculpture, video and special installations. Art Chicago will feature events throughout the weekend, enticing both the novice and experienced collector. New this year, Art Chicago will be co-located on the 12th Floor with NEXT®.

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NEXT, the critically acclaimed complement fair to Art Chicago, will be co-located on the 12th Floor with Art Chicago. NEXT is an invitational exhibition of emerging art includes which features a showcase for the world's talents

and an adventure in cutting-edge culture. NEXT offers guests to Artropolis a portal to seeing contemporary art in new, innovative, and eye-opening ways. **New Insight**, a curated exhibition of work by students from the country's most influential MFA programs, juried by Suzanne Ghez, Director of **The Renaissance Society**, will also be a part of NEXT on the 12th floor, as will **NEXT Projects**, a platform for large scale installations, performances, and sculpture by **NEXT** artists. NEXT will also feature a venue for critical discourse entitled the **Talk Shop**, as well as the third annual **CONVERGE: Contemporary Curators Forum** panel series.

THE MERCHANDISE MART INTERNATIONAL ANTIQUES FAIR

The Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair, hosted on the 8th floor of The Mart, features an extraordinary collection of work—from rare antiquities to modern design—presented by more than 100 of the world's top dealers of antiques and fine art in categories including: 20th Century Design, Americana, Architectural Design, Asian Art, Ceramics, Clocks, Decorative Arts, Folk Art, Furniture, Glass, Jewelry, Posters, Prints, Maps, Tribal Art, Sculpture, Silver and more. The 14th Annual Fair is recognized as the premier antiques show in the Midwest and offers a compelling roster of high-profile speakers, charitable special events as well as designer vignettes and consultations for both seasoned and novice collectors.

- WHERE:** The Merchandise Mart
8th Floor & 12th Floor
- WHEN:** April 29 – May 2, 2011
Opening evening preview events for Art Chicago, NEXT and The Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair will take place on Thursday, April 28.
- HOURS:** 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.
- TICKETS:** Adults: \$20 daily or \$25 multi-day pass
Seniors, Students or Groups: \$15 multi-day pass
Children 12 and under are free.
Ticket purchase provides entry into all shows.

WEBSITE: www.artropolischicago.com