

## **Antiques Valued at £20 Million on Sale at NEC Fair**

ANTIQUES FOR EVERYONE  
NEC, BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND B40 1NT  
30 October – 2 November 2008

**Antiques, works of art and decorative period furnishings valued at more than £20 million go on sale at the Antiques for Everyone fair at the NEC, Birmingham, UK from 30 October – 2 November 2008. Antiques for Everyone is Britain's largest vetted and datelined antiques fair featuring more than 350 exhibitors from across the UK, Europe and America. It is a major international event for all collectors, with prices from less than £10 to more than £100,000.**

Begun in 1986, Antiques for Everyone continues to be one of the world's most popular fairs. It is divided into two distinctive sections governed by dateline restrictions to ensure the fair provides a range of authentic antiques in all areas. Section One offers a number of superb displays from exhibitors specialising in fine furniture and decorative accessories. They are joined by more than thirty galleries and other specialists in silver, pottery, porcelain, jewellery, textiles, arms and armour and sculpture.

Section Two offers around three hundred dealers showing a vast choice of collectable items. Specialities include Roman and Chinese antiquities, Steiff teddy bears, French clocks, fine engravings, working barometers, tea caddies, early tin-plate toys, scientific instruments, English Civil War period pistols and helmets, garden statuary, kitchen antiques, decorative brass, copper, needlework samplers, sculpture, textiles, Arts & Crafts, Art Nouveau and Art Deco.

Among the many exceptional highlights will be a collection of fifty watercolours and drawings by the **Birmingham artist Henry Pope** (1843-1908). Pope was and still is a popular artist who painted many well-known local views. During his life, he exhibited a massive 290 works in Birmingham, where he also helped found the Birmingham Art Circle. This unique collection is to be exhibited by Phoenix Fine Art, the Cheshire gallery, and derive from Pope's three albums of

sketches and drawings found in his studio at the time of his death in 1908 and that remained in the family until they were sold in the 1960's. Mounted and framed, they depict views across the Midlands, including Dudley Castle, Kenilworth Castle and Tamworth high street, exactly as they were in the nineteenth century. With prices from £100 to £150 each, they provide an excellent opportunity for collectors to acquire a genuine work of art and piece of local history at a very affordable price.

Antiques for Everyone offers a huge variety of antiques of every kind. Furniture from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century features in abundance. **Peter Bunting** and **Mark Seabrook** specialise in early oak and country furniture; **Walter Moores & Sons, Compton House, Yellow Lantern Antiques** and **Yoxall Antiques** show fine 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century formal pieces, while classic Art Deco lounge and dining suites are the speciality of **Le Style 25** and **Gazelles**. Fine art is very popular, from the early English watercolours of **Phoenix Fine Art** and the Victorian and early 20<sup>th</sup> century landscapes belonging to **Baron Fine Art** to the larger European works of **Saunders Fine Art**. Among the contemporary specialists, look for the meditative interior scenes of artist Michael Hunt of **The Hunt Gallery** and the contemporary paintings and sculpture on the stand of **Rob Whittle Fine Art**.

Welshpool dealers **Rowles Fine Art** and Cotswolds dealers **Trinity House Fine Art** take large stands to display a range of artists widely considered to be at the top of most collectors' lists. Works by William Lee Hankey, the late Sir Kyffin Williams, Montague Dawson, Atkinson Grimshaw, Edward Seago, Edouard Cortes and Russell Flint always feature. **Books Illustrated**, who specialise in illustrative paintings - works originally commissioned for books, movies, comics and other media - both old and contemporary, show a number of striking works by Arthur Rackham, Louis Wain, Edmund Dulac and Kate Greenaway.

Among the specialists, **Hickmet Fine Art** promise a sumptuous collection of Art Nouveau and Art Deco bronze sculpture with works by Chiparus, Lorenzl, Preiss and Zach. **Catherine Hunt** shows a range of 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century Chinese earthenware and porcelain; **Cynthia Walmsley** has the rarest original miniature portraits and **David and Sally March, John Rogers** and **Mark Diamond** specialise in early English porcelain.

In other specialist areas, **Erna Hiscock** displays a range of the earliest and rarest needlework samplers; **F.J. & R.D. Story** specialise in grandfather clocks; **Art Nouveau Lighting** illuminate their stand with a range of early 20<sup>th</sup> century examples, **Andrew Muir** has a huge selection of Clarice Cliff, **M. & N. Oriental Rugs** show Persian and Chinese rugs and carpets, **James**

**Strang** specialises in Scottish 20<sup>th</sup> century arts and crafts and **Mary Cooke Antiques** has a fine range of English silver.

Most importantly, a committee comprising approximately 150 specialist experts inspect exhibits for quality and authenticity, ensuring that buyers can make their purchases with confidence.

More than 20 exhibitors belong to the BADA (British Antique Dealers Association) and another 100-plus are members of LAPADA (The Association of Art & Antiques Dealers).

Details of the special Feature Display will be announced shortly.

The Antiques for Everyone fairs are organised by Clarion Events Ltd and take place every spring, summer and winter.

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Fair Location:

Halls 17-19, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, UK, B40 1NT.

Admission: £10.00, including free car parking.

In Advance: £8.00 for Adults and Senior Citizens from the Box Office Tel: 0871 945 6000

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