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Connoisseurs and Collectors Set for NEC Antiques Fair

**ANTIQUES FOR EVERYONE
HALLS 17-19, NEC, BIRMINGHAM B40 1NT
28 – 31 October 2010**

Art and antiques collectors from across the world will be arriving at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham for Antiques for Everyone, the largest quality antiques fair of the year, which takes place from 28th – 31st October 2010.

With more than 300 specialist dealers, Antiques for Everyone is the most popular vetted antiques fair in the UK. More than 17,000 visitors are anticipated during the four open days, with everything for sale, from original works of art at £100,000 to Victorian silver spoons for less than £10. 'It's the biggest and most exciting marketplace for collectors in the country,' explained Tiffany Pritchard, the organiser of this uniquely popular national event.

The fair provides antiques from the most traditional, including Georgian and Victorian furniture, fine English silver, impressive Britain and European works of art, highly collectable pottery and porcelain, and jewellery from the past three hundred years, to the most unusual, bizarre and decorative items, such as Edwardian post boxes, original Cromwellian suits of armour, Japanese kimonos, colourful Persian tribal rugs and 1920s Steiff teddy bears. The fair enjoys a strong reputation for its broad range of Arts & Crafts, Art Nouveau and Art Deco pieces that are currently so popular with collectors and interior decorators.

The fair, now in its 25th year, is well known for its vast number of specialist dealers taking exhibition stands across two distinct sections, ensuring there really is something for everyone. High quality period furniture, ceramics, paintings, silver, jewellery and Decorative Arts feature in Section One, where exhibits mostly pre-date 1914, and an even wider display of antiques and collectables are on sale in Section Two, where exhibits pre-date 1950. An estimated 100,000 items go on sale and the value of exhibits exceeds £20 million.



With aisle after aisle of stands the fair is a showcase for many of the country's leading specialist dealers. Traditional and contemporary art feature from twenty galleries and more, English, Continental and European porcelain and pottery will be on sale from no less than fifty specialist dealers, silver and jewellery from more than thirty specialists, Art Nouveau and Art Deco from thirty stand-holders and period furniture from more than 20 dealers.

Who visits and makes purchases? American dealers looking to add pieces to their New England emporiums, Japanese collectors searching for exported Oriental pieces, London trade buyers from Bond Street searching for the finest rarities, interior designers and decorators sourcing period pieces from fire-surrounds to authentic period fabrics, garden statuary and folk art, well known celebrities and society figures (Jamie Oliver purchased a range of Victorian and Edwardian kitchen antiques while politician Ken Clarke was in search of political memorabilia) and, of course, thousands of connoisseurs and collectors from across the country. The fair is also a perfect introduction to the world of antiques for new collectors in need of the confidence provided by the diligence of the vetting committees who ensure that exhibits are correctly labelled. Antiques for Everyone is the most popular quality antiques marketplace in the country and this regular winter fair promises to be the largest and busiest fair of them all.

PUBLIC VISITOR INFORMATION Tel: UK (0)121-767 2947.

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

Admission: £12.00, including free car parking.

In Advance: £10.00 for Adults and Senior Citizens from the Box Office Tel: 0844 581 0827.

Public Open Times: Thurs 11am-7pm / Fri-Sat 11am-6pm / Sun 11am-5pm

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