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## **AAM 2011 Craft Show Preview Party Features Silent Auction**

Now in its 14th year, the Academy Art Museum's annual juried Craft Show in Easton, MD, will be held the weekend of October 21 – 23, 2011. The show features unusual hand-made and unique decorative home accessories, furniture, toys and wearable art by some of the finest craftsmen from up and down the East Coast. This year's Craft Show will showcase more than 23 new exhibitors among its 65 national exhibitors, including three new clay artists and four new glass artists.

The Preview Party, a special evening of shopping and fine dining, will kick off the weekend on Friday, October 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. Guests will have the opportunity to meet the artists and bid on exceptional silent auction items, starting at a fraction of their retail price. Gourmet food and drink stations prepared by Oxford Greens, will feature such favorites as grilled filet of beef, lump crab tarts, grilled jumbo shrimp, NZ lamb lollipops and much more. Musical entertainment will round out the shopping experience as guests have the first opportunity to view and purchase many hand-crafted and unique items while also supporting the Museum's community-based art programs for participants of all ages.

The 2011 Craft Show hours will be Saturday, October 22, 2011, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, October 23, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the Preview Party on Friday, October 21, 2011, from 6 to 9 p.m. The show will be located both in the Academy Art Museum and the Waterfowl Building in Easton. Craft demonstrations, as well as a Gourmet Café offering lunch selections, will be available Saturday and Sunday. Admission to the Craft Show is \$10 a person and free for children under 12 years of

age. Tickets to the Craft Show Preview Party are \$75 a person.

Founded in 1958, The Academy Art Museum is considered one of the finest regional art museums in the country. The Museum presents rotating exhibitions of national significance, as well as the best from the region's artistic community. In addition, the organization offers a year-round schedule of programs including classes, lectures, outreach and concerts. The Museum, located at 106 South Street in Easton, MD, is open Monday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., with extended hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. The First Friday of each month, the Museum is open until 7 p.m. Admission is \$3 for non-members, children 12 admitted free.

For further information or to purchase tickets to the 2011 Craft Show, visit [www.academycraftshow.org](http://www.academycraftshow.org) or call the Museum at 410-822-2787.