



27th Annual Marin Show: Art of the Americas

Sat Feb 26 - Sun Feb 27

The annual **Marin Show: Art of the Americas** celebrates its 27th year February 26-27, 2011 at the Marin Civic Center in San Rafael, CA, as the most substantive and extensive ongoing showcase focused on antique American Indian, Pre-Columbian, Spanish Colonial and contemporary American Indian art. The show, presented by veteran show producer KR Martindale Show Management, brings together top and passionate dealers, collectors, artists, and academia from across the world. Marin Show: Art of the Americas also returns with a series of lecture presentations. The Opening Night Preview on Friday, February 25th benefits the acclaimed local charity Homeward Bound of Marin for the second year in a row, this year featuring recipes from top Bay Area chef Scott Howard (FIVE, SCOTT HOWARD, Brick & Bottle), who will also be in attendance.

A staple of the Marin Center's annual programming, the show's main floor focuses on antique material, with the adjacent hotel ballroom showcasing contemporary Native and Latin art and artists. Exhibited art includes pottery, textiles, sculpture, jewelry, beadwork, baskets, paintings, and photography, ranging in price from low 100s to 100s of thousands of dollars, offering quality material for first time buyers and seasoned collectors.

The Opening Night Preview benefiting Homeward Bound of Marin will begin at 6:30pm on Friday. Chef Scott Howard will be in attendance to support Homeward Bound of Marin and will contribute his recipes to the non-profit's social enterprise project, Fresh Starts Catering, which is catering the Opening Night Preview. His restaurant Brick & Bottle "was conceived to be a true community restaurant and for us that means supporting organizations that are doing good work here in Marin," states Howard.

All proceeds from the opening night will benefit the charity, whose mission of "opening doors to safety, dignity, hope and independence" is coupled with a vision that "everyone deserves a place to call home". HBoFM is Marin County's chief provider of shelter and residential services for homeless families and individuals. Opening Night Preview tickets are \$25.00, advance purchase suggested www.marinshow.com.

LECTURE SCHEDULE:

On Saturday, February 26th at 9:00 a.m., Anthropologist Ralph Shanks, President of the Miwok Archeological Preserve of Marin, and author of *California Indian Baskets* and *Indian Baskets of Central California*, will present an illustrated talk titled "California Indian Baskets" on the history, identification, plant materials and cultural uses of California baskets. Rarely seen California baskets from European and American collections will be shown. Book signing will follow. Mr. Shanks is currently working on basketry projects at the Universities of California at Davis and Berkeley and has selected images of many of the finest baskets—which excel in beauty and have a variety of purposes—in these collections as well.

A panel discussion on collecting baskets moderated by Mr. Shanks will follow directly. Panel members include acknowledged basket experts and exhibitors Natalie Linn, Sandra Horn and Bryan Taylor. On Sunday, February 27th, at 10:00 a.m., the annual Friends of Ethnic Art lecture—titled "Navajo Blankets of the Classic Period"—will feature Tyrone Campbell, noted Southwest Native American textile scholar and author of several books on the subject such as, *Navajo Pictorial Weaving, 1880-1950*, *Timeless Textiles: Traditional Pueblo Arts 1840-1940*, and *Historic Navajo Weaving, 1800-1900: Three Cultures, One Loom*. Campbell's talk will be focused on chiefs' blankets, serapes, mantas, dress halves and children's blankets from the classic period of Navajo weaving c. 1800–1865.

The Marin Show: Art of the Americas is part of the 2nd annual Arte Du Monde San Francisco (SF), which runs the month of February 2011, and is a call to action and celebration of the Bay Area's influential cultural arts scene. Arte Du Monde SF is anchored by three major international art fairs in February which collectively showcase more than 400 of the world's most respected galleries, educational programming, local art exhibitions and cultural events. With San Francisco as an international destination for the arts, Arte Du Monde SF is an opportunity to participate in the vibrant arts environment, and visit art fairs, galleries, or museums. For additional information on Arte Du Monde SF, please visit www.artedumondesf.com.

The Marin Show: Art of the Americas works in association with the Antique Tribal Art Dealers Assoc., The Marin Museum of the American Indian, The Miwok Archeological Preserve of Marin, American Indian Art Magazine, and Western Art Collector Magazine.

SHOW: Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011, 10:00am – 6:00pm, and Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011, 11:00am – 5:00pm

WHERE: Marin Civic Center, 10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA 94903 and at the Embassy Suites - 101 McInnis Pkwy, San Rafael, CA 94903

TICKETS: \$15 admission INCLUDES admission to lectures. Discount coupon (\$5) available at <http://marinshow.com/discountcoupon2.html>

OPENING PREVIEW: Friday, Feb. 25, 6:30-9:00pm. Tickets: \$25. Information/Purchase: www.marinshow.com