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THIRD ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO 20th CENTURY MODERNISM SHOW AND SALE RETURNS TO FORT MASON IN SEPTEMBER

(San Francisco) The 3rd Annual **San Francisco 20th Century Modernism Show & Sale (SF20)**, will return on September 16-19 to Festival Pavilion, Fort Mason Center. **SF20** will open with a Preview Gala from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, September 16, benefiting the **San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA)**. Proceeds from the Preview Gala will help underwrite the museum's education and exhibition programs that engage residents of the Bay Area, including over 55,000 children, teachers, and families, each year.

Carla Emil and Rich Silverstein will serve as honorary chairs of the 2010 event, and Katie Schwab, Allison Speer, and Stanlee Gatti are co-chairs. Douglas Durkin will serve as the Designers Forum Chair. Elaine McKeon served as honorary chair last year, and Helen and Chuck Schwab were honorary co-chairs in 2008.

SF20 features 45 of the most prominent 20th-century decorative and fine arts dealers from across the United States and Europe, including **R 20th Century** and **Hostler-Burrows** from New York, **Hedge** from San Francisco, **The Silver Fund** and **Robert Bowman Gallery** from London, **Dragonette** and **Reform Gallery** from Los Angeles, among many others. Furniture, fine art, and objects, representing all design movements of the past century, will be presented in dramatic room settings creating the effect of a decorator show house tribute to classic 20th-century design. New to the show this year are several contemporary art and design dealers including **The Fraenkel Gallery**, **Altman Siegel Gallery**, and **Silverman Gallery** of San Francisco, and **Meier Ferrer** of West Hollywood.

The preview gala benefiting **SFMOMA** will offer supporters the opportunity to peruse and purchase objects in the show before it opens to the public on Friday. Gala tickets include catered hors d'oeuvres, open bar, music, complimentary valet parking, and a show catalog. The preview gala tickets will be tiered in price to allow a large number of guests to attend on opening night.

A panel discussion on 20th century design sponsored by **Bonhams & Butterfields** will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, September 17, inside the show. **"Preserving the Legacy: The Post-War Studio Craft Movement of Marin County"** will feature panelists Tripp Carpenter (son of Arthur Espenet Carpenter), Mariah Nielson (daughter of J.B. Blunk), Henry Urbach, the Helen Hilton Raiser Curator of Architecture and Design at **SFMOMA**, and co-moderators Katie Nartonis of **Bonhams & Butterfields** and Gerard O'Brien of **Reform Gallery**. The panel will discuss the life work of master Northern California woodworkers J.B. Blunk and Arthur Espenet Carpenter as well as the unique and pressing challenge of preserving their respective studios for future generations.

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