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DECORATIVE FAIR CONTINUES TO GROW - AUTUMN '07 EVENT OFFERS GREATEST VARIETY OF EXHIBITORS AND BEST SELECTION OF STOCK EVER

With 135 exhibitors drawn from across the UK and Europe, The Autumn Decorative Antiques & Textiles Fair, 2-7 October 2007, will be the largest ever held at The Marquee, Battersea Park, London SW11. The Fair is renowned as the UK's best source of period original design, from traditional town and country antiques to modern masters such as Gio Ponti and Andre Arbus.

At the moment, 20th century design is a growing area of expertise at the Fair (about a fifth of exhibitors are specialists in this field), and one which offers a fantastic array of unique decorative items and furniture for this season's flavour of 'Hollywood Glamour'. Whether you want named designer items for a collector client, or are simply in need of well-made period pieces, there are dealers at the Fair who will have what you want, or can help source it for you. Parchment or vellum-covered furniture, elaborate wall lights, fantastic crystal chandeliers, elegant floor lamps, Venetian or starburst mirrors, silk-upholstered sofas, Murano glass vases, can all be found here.

Objects of a grand scale, such as a 20ft long library table, a 7ft tall mirror, a wall-filling glazed cabinet, bookcase or armoire, an extendable Georgian dining table to seat 24, are all items you might discover at the Decorative. The quirky and unusual is something you will always come across here. At the April 2007 Fair, one dealer offered a pair of enormous gilded picture frames – some 14ft long and 9ft tall – large enough to frame the opening of their stand.

New exhibitors to the Autumn 2007 event include:

- *Sarah Webb Upholstery* with small furniture
- *Stohtert & Trice* from London with tribal artefacts
- *No Brown Furniture* with 20th century design
- costume jewellery dealer *Monika Antiques*
- *Catharine Miller* with art from South America
- *Le Style 25* with art deco furniture & decorative items, 1920 to 1950
- *Irina Laski* with a mix of 19th & 20th century furniture, accessories & paintings
- *Hatchwell Antiques* of the Kings Road with 'art air', period aeronautical design and paraphernalia for use as furniture and decorative accessories
- *Gallery 1930* with mid-20th century accessories
- *Galerie Arabesque* from Stuttgart with European and Asian sculpture, ceramics and textiles
- *Fontaine* from France with 18th to 20th century informal decorative French furniture and objects



- *Architectural Heritage* of Cheltenham with garden statuary, furniture and architectural antiques

As ever, the range of stock offered by exhibitors will be enormously varied. Expect to find fine English furniture from town or country houses, paintings and sculpture, garden antiques, carpets and kilims, kitchenalia, antique linens and fine textiles, in fact everything from walking canes to wine glasses, and library ladders to commercial large-scale clocks.

In the foyer, long-term exhibitor, dealer and artist Robert Barley will be mounting his first ever solo show of sculptures, which use found objects and precious artefacts. Robert has always loved the idiosyncratic collectors and *Kunstkammers* of old, and after a youthful visit to the Pitti Palace in Florence he was inspired to create his own pieces using small precious and curious objects collected over the years, which he combines with found objects from beachcombing the world. The sculptures will all be for sale. Robert Barley's work is in private collections across the globe.

Visitors, including important trade buyers and celebrities, love the Decorative Fair for its informality, affordability and affable ambience. Friendly and well-behaved dogs are welcome. Packing and shipping can be provided on site by BBF Shipping. An informal café catered by Megan's Delicatessen of the Kings Road offers light lunches, refreshments and champagne.

A free MPV shuttle service runs every fifteen or so minutes from The Sloane Square Hotel (north side of the square) to The Marquee during Fair opening times. Located outside the Congestion Charge Zone, there is convenient car parking in Battersea Park and limited free parking outside the Marquee.

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Notes to Editors

Event: **Autumn Decorative Antiques & Textiles Fair**
Date: Tuesday 2nd to Sunday 7th October 2007
Venue: The Marquee, Battersea Park, London SW11
Entry: £8.00 including catalogue (for free return visits)
Transport: Sloane Square Tube – a complimentary shuttle service runs from the Sloane Square Hotel to the Marquee every 10-15mins during opening hours.
Open: Tuesday 12pm – 8pm
Wednesday & Thursday 11am – 8pm
Friday & Saturday 11am – 7pm
Sunday 11am – 6pm
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