



Objects of Art Shows Presents

The 8th Annual Objects of Art Santa Fe Show

**A Global Array of Historic and Contemporary Art and Fashion with
One-Of-A-Kind Aesthetics, Style, and Design**

August 10–13, 2017 at El Museo Cultural de Santa Fe

Santa Fe, New Mexico—Objects of Art Santa Fe, the city’s favorite summer showcase for unique, one-of-a-kind historic and contemporary works from around the world, returns August 10–13 with more than 70 prestigious gallery owners and other exhibitors presenting thousands of choice art objects handmade by master artists and designers in a range of media. Prices range from \$25 to over \$100,000 and now in its eighth year, the show is widely known as an exhibition of exceptional aesthetics, style, and design.

The four-day event will take place Thursday through Sunday at El Museo Cultural de Santa Fe in the Santa Fe Railyard. The event will kick off on Thursday evening, August 10, with an opening gala from 6 to 9 p.m. benefiting New Mexico PBS. The show continues from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday, August 11–13. Admission includes a special viewing of *Homage to the Square*, a groundbreaking exhibit of twenty-five early Navajo rugs and blankets c.1870-1950, juxtaposed against a series of original modern artworks utilizing simple polygon design and complex color interaction.

Objects of Art Santa Fe offers a global melding of the world’s best historic materials and fine art—from ethnographic materials to modernist furniture to contemporary art and fashion. Exhibitors with expertise in global art, culture, and creativity display hand-picked objects intended to appeal to the sensibilities of modern-day collectors who are not afraid to mix the old and the new.

“This is not your grandmother’s antique show,” says Kim Martindale, the show’s co-producer. “The goal of the show is not about having a complete set of Chippendale furniture. People are no longer keeping strict boundaries in art, they are uniting and putting diverse pieces together. They want to have art and design they can live with, they can wear, and they can love.”

Art for Everyone

With an eye toward international design trends, the emerging interest in global ethnographic materials, and the eclectic tastes of young collectors, noted traders from throughout the United States have assembled extraordinary art treasures that span place and time, giving Objects of Art Santa Fe a unique niche in the art show world.

“People’s interests have become quite eclectic,” says co-producer John Morris. “That’s what we’re aiming for.”

At every turn, show visitors encounter masterful, original material from everywhere—all in one place. Examples include:

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- Navajo 19-20th century abstract rug
- Pre-Columbian and sculptural pottery
- African sculpture
- Wounaan baskets
- Contemporary Ikat textiles
- Persian rugs
- Jewelry from around the world
- Paintings by the Taos Masters and Korean Dansay Qua paintings
- And much more

The show's wide-ranging, high-quality selection translates to art for everyone—from first-time perusers looking for that one special piece to art connoisseurs seeking a distinctive item to set apart their global collections. Walking the show is at once a visually stimulating and soul-stirring experience as centuries of creativity connect in one-of-a-kind works of beauty and imagination.

Whether viewing fine art paintings and sculpture, folk and tribal art, rare books, ethnographic jewelry and textiles, historic American Indian, Asian and African art, mid-twentieth-century furniture, or modern fashion, visitors are sure to find something original and unexpected.

“Everybody has an artistic side,” Morris says. “No matter what the age or background of our visitors, we want to be sure you are turned on to new things. You’re supposed to be surprised.”

Beauty and Accessibility

Now in its eighth year, Objects of Art Santa Fe has earned a reputation for offering rare and eclectic works of beauty. The show's ultimate goal, organizers say, is to introduce viewers to authentic, accessible works of art that will help them fine-tune their own eye for beauty and inspire them to embrace new expressions in art to enhance their lives and their homes.

“Our participants must be selling something that is truly unique,” Martindale says. “It must give visitors a sense of the best things in these cultural groups, things that have been cherished, kept, venerated for many years. Ideally, it will motivate visitors to want to keep, cherish and admire these things as their own.”

Objects of Art Santa Fe takes place at El Museo Cultural de Santa Fe, 555 Camino de la Familia in the Santa Fe Railyard. The Opening Night Gala is Thursday, August 10 from 6-9pm; tickets are \$50 per person and all proceeds benefit KNME New Mexico PBS. The Objects of Art Santa Fe show runs August 10-13. Admission is \$15 per day, and includes entry to the special exhibition: *Homage to the Square*.

For a list of exhibitors, visit objectsofartsantafe.com. For more information, interview requests, and photos, please contact Clare Hertel at 505-474-6783 or clare@clarehertelcommunications.com.
