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## Newark Museum's Collection Spotlighted in 61st Annual Winter Antiques Show *106 Years Ahead of the Curve at the Newark Museum* January 23-February 1, 2015 Park Avenue Armory in New York City

**NEWARK:** Did you know that the modern American museum was invented in Newark in 1909? The Newark Museum's vast and diverse collections will be highlighted at the 61st annual Winter Antiques Show, which will take place at the Park Avenue Armory in New York City from January 23-February 1, 2015.

From traditional to contemporary, from ancient to modern, the Museum's collections showcase a broad range of works that explore the past, inspire the present and provide a glimpse into the future. Selected as the Winter Antiques Show's annual loan exhibition, *Ahead of the Curve: The Newark Museum, 1909-2015*, will feature pieces from the Museum's American, as well as Asian, African, Ancient Mediterranean, and Native American objects. The 2015 loan exhibition sponsor is Bessemer Trust.

Celebrating its 106th year, the Newark Museum has been at the forefront of collecting and exhibiting since the opening of its inaugural exhibition of The Eight (Robert Henri, Everett Shinn, John Sloan, Arthur B. Davies, Ernest Lawson, Maurice Prendergast, George Luks, and William J. Glackens) that was organized by the Macbeth Gallery in New York that mounted the first "Eight" show.

"The Newark Museum was one of the first to acquire an oil painting by Ernest Lawson (1910), the first to exhibit folk art (1930), and the first to give a one-man show to a living American artist--Max Weber--in 1913," said Ulysses Grant Dietz, the Museum's Chief Curator and Curator of Decorative Arts. "Additionally, the Museum possesses the first abstract painting ever completed by an American artist, a work done by Arthur Dove in 1910. The Museum has continued to build on this solid American foundation, while looking outward towards the world. It was the first to seriously explore the art of Tibet, and the only museum whose holdings represent the Arts of Africa from the Mediterranean to the Cape of Good Hope."

The Winter Antiques Show is America's most distinguished antiques show, featuring exceptional objects exhibited by 73 specialists in American, English, European, and Asian fine and decorative arts from antiquity through the 1960s, all

vettted for authenticity. The Show's 2015 Presenting Sponsor is Chubb Personal Insurance.

All net proceeds from the Show benefit East Side House Settlement (ESHS), which provides access to quality education and technology training as gateways out of poverty to students in the South Bronx, one of the nation's poorest congressional districts. ESHS's goal is to help motivated students graduate from high school, enroll in college, and build the skills necessary to secure good jobs.

### **Loan Exhibition Highlights**

*(High-resolution images available upon request)*



Bridal Ensemble. South Africa, c. 1960. Plastic beads, leather, cotton, thread, cloth, wire and tin buttons. Worn by Ntombiyise Mandwandwe Shiza.



Pomegranate shaped vessel. Egypt, 12<sup>th</sup> century BCE. Core-formed glass. 3 ¾ in. x 3 ¾ in.



Lamba Akotofahan (Shawl). Malagasy artist. Madagascar, late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Silk and linen. 84 in. x 62 in.

Gau Zur-gyad (Necklace). Tibet, 1875-1950. Gold, pearls, turquoise, coral precious and semi-precious stones. 13 ½ in.





*Angel.* William Edmondson (1874-1951). American, 1932-1938. Carved stone. 25 in. x 13 4/5 in. x 16 3/5 in.

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### **ABOUT THE NEWARK MUSEUM**

The Newark Museum is located at 49 Washington Street in the heart of the Downtown/Arts District of Newark, New Jersey, between the Rutgers Newark Campus and NJPAC. The Newark Museum is 10 miles west of New York City and easily accessible by NJ Transit and PATH. The Museum is open all year round: Wednesdays through Sundays, from Noon – 5:00 p.m. Suggested Museum admission: Adults, \$12.00; Children, Seniors and Students with valid I.D., \$7.00. Newark Residents and Members are admitted free. The Museum Café is open for lunches Wednesday through Sunday. Convenient parking is available for a fee. The Newark Museum campus, including its collections, facilities, and other resources, is accessible to accommodate the broadest audience possible, including individuals utilizing wheelchairs, with physical impairments, other disabilities, or special needs. For general information, call 973-596-6550 or visit our web site, <http://www.NewarkMuseum.org>.

Newark Museum, a not-for-profit museum of art, science and education, receives operating support from the City of Newark, the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Council on the Arts/Department of State — a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, the New Jersey Cultural Trust, the Prudential Foundation, the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, the Victoria Foundation, the Wallace Foundation and other corporations, foundations and individuals. Funds

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### **ABOUT THE WINTER ANTIQUES SHOW**

The [Winter Antiques Show](#) celebrates its 61st year as America's most prestigious antiques show, featuring 73 renowned experts in American, English, European, and Asian fine and decorative arts in a fully vetted Show. The Show was established in 1955 by East Side House Settlement, a social services institution located in the South Bronx. All net proceeds from the Show benefit East Side House Settlement. The Winter Antiques Show will run from January 23-February 1, 2015, at the Park Avenue Armory, 67th Street and Park Avenue, New York City. The Winter Antiques Show hours are 12 p.m.-8 p.m. daily except Sundays and Thursday, 12 p.m.-6 p.m. Daily admission to the Show is \$25, which includes the Show's award-winning catalogue. To purchase tickets for the Opening Night Party on January 22, 2015, or Young Collectors Night on January 29, 2015, call (718) 292-7392 or visit [this link](#) on the Show's website. For more information about the Winter Antiques Show, visit [www.winterantiquesshow.com](http://www.winterantiquesshow.com).

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