

RIJKSMUSEUM SCHOLAR DR. REINIER BAARSEN WILL HEADLINE WINTERTHUR'S 53RD ANNUAL DELAWARE ANTIQUES SHOW

2015 "European Museum of the Year" Expert Will Share Rich Insights November 11--13, 2016

WINTERTHUR, DELAWARE—Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library is pleased to announce Dr. Reinier Baarsen, renowned Senior Curator of Furniture at the acclaimed Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, is Keynote Speaker and Co-Chair of the 53rd Annual Delaware Antiques Show, November 11--13, 2016, at the Chase Center on the Riverfront in Wilmington, Delaware. Celebrated as one of the most highly acclaimed antiques shows in the nation, this three-day event features the finest offerings from more than 60 distinguished dealers representing the best of American antiques and decorative arts.

"It is a privilege to welcome the distinguished scholar Dr. Reinier Baarsen, Senior Curator of Furniture at the world-renowned Rijksmuseum, as Keynote Lecturer and Co-Chair of the 53rd Annual Delaware Antiques Show," said J. Thomas Savage, Winterthur Director of Museum Affairs. "Dr. Baarsen's insights will add rich dimension to our understanding of European decorative arts and offer immeasurable inspiration and guidance to everyone interested in antiques, from the experienced connoisseur to the budding novice."

Named the recipient of the prestigious European Museum of the Year Award in 2015 by the European Museum Forum, the Rijksmuseum houses one of the most important international collections of furniture in the world. Described by EMF as "a great museum, at the height of its powers, providing a rich experience to the public," the Rijksmuseum was founded in 1800. After undergoing nearly a decade of renovations, it reopened to the public in 2013 with a goal to "reach every child in the Netherlands by the age of 12" among its ambitions.

Dr. Baarsen will reveal the extraordinary collection of European decorative arts under his care in his Keynote Lecture "Amsterdam Splendor: European Decorative Arts in the New Rijksmuseum," Friday, November 11, at 10:00 am. He is the author of the scholarly and eminently readable *Paris, 1650--1900: Decorative Arts in the Rijksmuseum*. Dr. Baarsen studied art history at Leiden University, receiving his Ph.D., in 1993, and has worked at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London and as a consultant at the J. Paul Getty Museum in Malibu. Dr. Baarsen has served as Curator of Silver and Gold as well as head of the Department of Sculpture and Decorative Arts at the Rijksmuseum.

"We are delighted Dr. Baarsen will so magnificently open the Delaware Antiques Show, a widely anticipated, enthusiastically attended event. We have remarkable new additions to our dealers this year, including Lillian Nassau, who specializes in works from Tiffany Studios; Martyn Edgell, coming from England with stunning early English Ceramics; David Schorsch, with fabulous American folk art; plus James Lowery and Hilary and Paulette Nolan, with American furniture and quilts, to name a few," said Diana Bittel, Show Manager. "They join our venerated stable of loyal dealers such as James M. Kilvington, Inc., Sumpter Priddy, III, Inc., Leatherwood Antiques, The Philadelphia Print Shop, Barbara Israel Garden Antiques, and many others showcasing their antiques to the delight of treasure-hunting visitors."

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Dr. Reinier Baarsen is Keynote Lecturer and Co-Chair of Winterthur's 53rd Annual Delaware Antiques Show, Nov. 11--13, 2016. Courtesy of Winterthur.

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Winterthur—known worldwide for its preeminent collection of American decorative arts, naturalistic gardens, and research library for the study of American art and material culture—offers a variety of tours, exhibitions, programs, and activities throughout the year. General admission includes a tour of some of the most notable spaces in the 175-room house as well as access to the Winterthur Garden and Galleries, special exhibitions, a narrated tram tour (weather permitting), the Campbell Collection of Soup Tureens, and the Enchanted Woods children's garden. \$20 adults; \$18 for students and seniors; \$5 for ages 2–11.

Museum hours

10 am - 5 pm, Tuesday - Sunday.

Winterthur, located on Route 52, six miles northwest of Wilmington, Delaware, and five miles south of U.S. Route 1, is closed on Mondays (except during Yuletide), Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

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Celebrate the opening of the Delaware Antiques Show with friends, cocktails, and exclusive early shopping at the Opening Night Party, Thursday, November 10, 5:00 -- 9:00 pm, at the Chase Center. The show will be open all weekend with exceptional shopping and food and beverages available for purchase: Friday, November 11, 11:00 am -- 8:00 pm, with Dr. Baarsen's Keynote Lecture at 10:00 am (included with admission); Saturday, November 12, 11:00 am -- 6:00 pm; and Sunday, November 13, 11:00 am -- 5:00 pm. Additional show Co-Chairs are Delaware Governor Jack Markell and First Lady Carla Markell, and Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Deputy Chief Curator Margaret Beck Pritchard.

A full schedule of show features includes lectures during the weekend (listed below) and the special exhibit *Meanderings: A Photographic Exploration of Winterthur as Seen Through the Lens of Natale Caccamo*.

General Admission Tickets are on sale now and are valid for all three days. They include all special lectures Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Tickets to the Opening Night Party are sold separately and are not included in General Admission. For more information or to purchase tickets online, please email das@winterthur.org, visit winterthur.org/das, or call 800.448.3883.

The Delaware Antiques Show is presented by Wilmington Trust.

Lectures at the 53rd Annual Delaware Antiques Show and Additional Information

Friday, November 11 – KEYNOTE LECTURE

10:00 am – Dr. Reinier Baarsen, Senior Curator of Furniture, Rijksmuseum
“Amsterdam Splendor: European Decorative Arts in the New Rijksmuseum”

Saturday, November 12

2:00 pm– Winterthur Program in American Material Culture Presents Young Scholars:
Rosalie Hooper, Project Curatorial Assistant, Philadelphia Museum of Art and Lois F. McNeil Fellow, Winterthur
“The Complicated Lives of Inanimate Objects: A Case (Furniture) Study”

Emelie Gevalt, Lois F. McNeil Fellow, Winterthur
“Traces of Philadelphia in Early Silkwork Picture”

Sunday, November 13

2:00 pm–Margaret Beck Pritchard, Deputy Chief Curator, Colonial Williamsburg
“More Than Meets the Eye: What Maps of Early America Reveal”

Show Hours

Friday, November 11 -- 11:00 am – 8:00 pm (Keynote Lecture at 10:00 am)
Saturday, November 12 – 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sunday, November 13 – 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

General Admission

\$15 per person; \$13 Winterthur Members; children under 12 free. Tickets are valid for all three days of the show.

Opening Night Party

Thursday, November 10 -- 5:00--9:00 pm

Tickets to the Opening Night Party are sold separately and are not included in General Admission:

Sponsor

\$225 per person. Early entrance at 5:00 pm.

Patron

\$175 per person. Entrance at 6:00 pm.

Young Collector (guests age 35 and under)

\$125 per person. Entrance at 6:00 pm.

Group Rates

Special discounts to the three-day Delaware Antiques Show are available for groups of 10 or more. Please call 800.448.3883 or e-mail grouptours@winterthur.org for more information.

Location

The Chase Center on the Riverfront is located at 815 Justison Street, Wilmington, Delaware, 19801. For directions, click on Get Directions or contact the Wilmington Riverfront Corporation at riverfrontwilm.com, 302.425.4890.

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All tickets include unlimited daily admission to the show. For more information or to purchase tickets online, please email das@winterthur.org, visit winterthur.org/das, or call 800.448.3883.

The Delaware Antiques Show benefits educational programming at Winterthur.

“The Delaware Antiques Show...is the show for the true believers...in search of the finest Americana.”
-- *Maine Antique Digest*

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