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HANDMADE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

On view at Museum of Contemporary Craft November 17, 2007 – January 6, 2008

Because your love is not mass-produced!

The Gallery at Museum of Contemporary Craft is excited to present its most anticipated annual event - *Handmade for the Holidays*. This one-of-a-kind selection of exceptional handmade gifts is a true oasis for the thoughtful holiday shopper. The expanded inventory will not only turn your shopping excursion into an aesthetic adventure, but you can feel good about the politics behind your purchases here. Every dollar spent in The Gallery has a positive impact on the arts economy, with 50% going directly to the artist or artists who crafted the work you purchase and the other 50% offsetting the costs of Museum's exhibition and education programs. By choosing to shop at The Gallery, you bring well-crafted objects into the everyday lives of your loved ones while helping the Museum maintain its commitment to free admission and access for all.

In addition to the artists currently represented by The Gallery, thirty more were especially invited from across North America to be part of this year's showcase. At The Gallery, shoppers will find Portland's largest selection of handmade ornaments, cards and Judaica; a stunning assortment of jewelry and accessories; enticing home décor and tableware; contemporary quilts and linens; handmade toys and games; hats, ties and other wearable textiles; and an eclectic assortment of books and magazines. Given The Gallery's vast selection – spanning a wide array of media, price points and styles - shoppers are likely to find the perfect gifts for everyone on their list!

Handmade for the Holidays opens November 17, 2007 and continues through January 6, 2008. The Gallery is open Tuesday - Sunday 11AM - 6PM, with extended hours every Thursday until 8PM. Members of the Museum receive 10% off all purchases. Notably, from December 26, 2007 through January 6, 2008, members of the Museum will receive 20% off all new purchases (does not apply to returns).

Committed to the advancement of craft since 1937, Museum of Contemporary Craft is one of Portland's oldest cultural institutions. Centrally located at an expansive new site on the city's North Park Blocks, the Museum is a vibrant center for investigation and dialogue, expanding the definition of craft and the way audiences experience it. Here, craft is engaged as a verb as well as a noun, pondering what it means to "craft" something. Questions are posed, conversations ignited by curated exhibitions and thoughtful publications. Educational programs and special events create an additional layer of engagement, and The Gallery - Portland's retail destination for the very best in contemporary craft - provides visitors with the opportunity to extend the museum experience into everyday life.

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1. Kim Winkle; ornaments; painted, turned wood
2. Greg Wilbur; raised vessel with cups; sterling and madrone
3. Gerit Grimm; candlestick; porcelain
4. Susan Fleming; bracelet; silver, resin and paper
5. Baharal Gnida; necklace; fabricated oxidized sterling
6. Wilma Butts; bubble scarves; Shibori-dyed silk
7. Barbara Cohen; necklace; mixed media
8. Schafermeyer-Kelly Glass; vase; blown glass
9. Lori Mason; quilt; hand-pieced recycled fibers
10. Scheer Silver; earrings; fabricated sterling
11. Paula Deer; hats; reclaimed fibers
12. Dale Larson; bowl; beaded turned madrone
13. Two Tone Studios; oil lamp menorah; blown glass
14. Elaine Coleman; teapot; incised porcelain



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