



## Press Release

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## **MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, BOSTON, ENTICES SHOPPERS WITH TWO NEW RETAIL VENUES—THE HUNTINGTON SHOP AND GALLERY SHOP**

BOSTON, MA (November 12, 2010)—The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA), is opening two new shops this month in conjunction with the debut of the MFA’s Art of the Americas Wing. The Huntington Shop, at the Museum’s Huntington Avenue Entrance on the Avenue of the Arts, is a boutique showcasing creative fashions, jewelry, and home décor and children’s items, many of which are by craftsmen and designers whose works are new to the MFA. The Gallery Shop, located next to the new Ann and Graham Gund Gallery on Level LG (Lower Ground) of the Shapiro Family Courtyard, features items related to the Gund Gallery exhibitions on view, such as *Fresh Ink: Ten Takes on Chinese Tradition*, the inaugural exhibition in the gallery. Included in this shop are fashions, jewelry, books, exhibition catalogues, and decorative items for the home. Both of these shops complement the Museum Bookstore & Shop on the first floor of the Linde Family Wing for Contemporary Art, which has the largest selection of art books in New England, as well as jewelry, decorative arts, and innovative children’s toys. Each shop offers a variety of unique items to allow for different shopping experiences at the Museum’s three retail venues, where mementos of special exhibitions, reproductions of treasured works of art, and a wide range of books are available.

### **HUNTINGTON SHOP—*New***

Located at the Huntington Avenue Entrance on the Avenue of the Arts, this brightly lit shop with colorful, eye-catching displays features jewelry, objects reflecting the art of the Americas and contemporary art, fashions, exhibition catalogues, books and toys for children, and MFA-related items. Highlights of the Huntington Shop include:

- **Fashions**—Fanciful jackets, soft accordion-pleated scarves, tapestry tote bags, silk nautical chart ties for men, handbags, and woven shawls.
- **Jewelry**—Alexis Bittar Lucite bracelets and earrings, Barbara Silverstein woven stainless steel necklaces and bracelets, and handcrafted earrings, bracelets, and necklaces—many in gold or silver, some with pearls and gems, as well as cuff links and watches for men.
- **Home Décor**—Native American pottery and woven rugs; a silverplate *Sons of Liberty Bowl*; recreations of Saturday Evening Girls pottery; decorative hand-blown glass; an intricately rigged ship model; marquetry boxes; and stained glass highlighting MFA works of art, such as *Parakeets and Goldfish*, *Morning Glories*, and *Eleanor*.
- **Books**—*Avedon Fashion 1944–2000* and *Scaasi: American Couturier*, as well as a variety of books featuring the MFA’s collection.
- **Toys for children**—Whimsical plush animals, imaginative toys, and books.

### **GALLERY SHOP**—*New*

Located on Level LG next to the new Gund Gallery, the Gallery Shop offers a variety of objects that reflect the themes of Gund Gallery special exhibitions, starting with *Fresh Ink: Ten Takes on Chinese Tradition*, the groundbreaking exhibition highlighting contemporary Chinese art. The shop evokes the striking blacks and whites seen throughout the exhibition, interspersed with bold strokes of red. Included are silk jackets and pajama sets; black and red shawls; handcrafted glass and steel sculptures; tea sets and custom *Fresh Ink* Lapsang Souchong tea; jewelry; lanterns; vases; calligraphy sets and practice books; and a wall of books devoted to the arts, culture, and cuisine of Asia.

### **MUSEUM BOOKSTORE & SHOP**

Located on Level One of the Linde Family Wing for Contemporary Art, the Bookstore & Shop is the Museum’s largest retail venue. It has a wide-ranging selection of art and history books, exhibition catalogues, cook books, and books for children, as well as framed and unframed prints of MFA images. The Bookstore & Shop also features the 2011 Art of the Americas Calendar, as well as the recently published book *A New World Imagined: Art of the Americas*, produced by MFA Publications, which offers a new look at the art of the Americas by viewing it through its intersections with the world at large. Other MFA-related books include *Invitation to Art: A History of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston*, and the *MFA Highlights* series, which explores American Painting, Native American Art, and American Decorative Arts and Sculpture. The Bookstore & Shop also has the largest selection of seasonal items of all the Museum shops, such as Advent calendars, holiday cards, menorahs, and fir-scented candles, in addition to an array of jewelry, silk scarves, and jackets.

All retail venues are open during regular MFA hours, and Members save 10 percent. Many of the items on view in the shops are available on line at [www.mfashop.com](http://www.mfashop.com), where shoppers can also purchase archival quality fine art prints offering meticulous reproductions of a diverse selection of more than 400 works of art from the MFA's collections, including masterpieces by John Singleton Copley, John Singer Sargent, Winslow Homer, Georgia O'Keeffe, and Mary Cassatt.

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