



News Release

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By Hand: Celebrating 7 years of American-Made Fine Art & Craft with FREE Admission!

(Cleveland, OH) The **By Hand Fine Art & Craft Fair**, now in its 7th year, brings nearly 175 local and national artists to the I-X Center in Cleveland, Ohio, **November 11-13, 2011**. The event features a wide variety of fine art and decorative products, from fine paintings and sculptures to leather purses, ceramic platters, one-of-a-kind precious metal bracelets, heirloom quality wooden boxes and much more.

The show, which runs concurrently with the Fabulous Food Show, serves a special niche drawing in thousands of people to admire and purchase high-quality works of art. By Hand offers a great American-made alternative to the commercialized imports available in retail stores, with items that are vastly more meaningful and can be cherished for a lifetime.

If you have ever wondered what makes a pot “raku,” or how to tan leather, or if you have been curious about woodcarving, painting, or metalsmithing, the By Hand Fine Art & Craft Fair will have experts on hand to answer your questions. Artists from virtually every medium and perspective will be exhibiting, discussing their process and in some cases performing demonstrations.

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Custom wood carver **Joe Leonard**, who is well known for his one-day and five-day workshops, is an accomplished wood carver who will conduct daily demonstrations in his booth. Leonard will share tips of the trade as well as information about his wood carving classes. Art Fair enthusiasts continue to show strong interest in on-site demonstrations. "One of the main things I achieve at the show is exposure," said Leonard. "I receive great leads from the event, a lot of people wanting to know more about wood carving." When asked about his workshops, Leonard said "Most people, if they're really into it, do very nice work."

Attendees will be equally captivated by watching **Joe Martino** paint his next work during the run of the show. The abstract expressionist artist describes his paintings as "characterized by a sense of mystery," and those who stay and observe may be able to unravel some of those secrets!

Other demonstrating artists include **Cheryl Summers**, an accomplished acrylic paint artist working in abstract realism, and leather artist **Jim Roth**.

The By Hand Fine Art & Craft Fair will run **November 11-13, 2011**, at the I-X Center in Cleveland, Ohio. The I-X Center is located at One I-X Center Drive on Route 237, adjacent to Cleveland Hopkins Airport. It is easily accessible from I-480, I-71 and the Ohio Turnpike. **Admission to the festival is FREE.** For more information, visit us online at www.byhandevents.com.

By Hand Fine Art & Craft Fair Hours

Friday, November 11, 10 a.m.-7p.m.

Saturday, November 12, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Sunday, November 13, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

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