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DELIGHTFUL DRAWINGS

THE ART OF GIVING



For over two decades, collectors, curators and art lovers have converged on Paris for the internationally-renowned **Salon du Dessin**, the drawing show, a place to discover and purchase unknown masterpieces and works by the likes of de Staël, Renoir,

Fragonard and Miro, among others. The show is regarded as the most important event in the world for viewing and acquiring old works, too. It is also the venue for the much-anticipated 2014 Contemporary Drawing Prize of the Daniel and Florence Guerlain Contemporary Art Foundation to be presented on Mar 27. Museums and foundations from Paris to Sèvres get into the drawing spirit, exhibiting some of their rarely shown works, for drawings are fragile and often conserved away from the public eye. - *P.V.*

For a selection of venues visit www.salondudessin.com. Mar 26-Mar 31, noon-8:30pm, until 10pm on the 27th, 8pm on the 31st. Palais Brongniart, Place de la Bourse (2nd)

The wealth and diversity of drawings is being played out at the Pompidou Centre where some 300 drawings emanating from the Florence and Daniel Guerlain Donation are being showcased. The show is conceived around the 15 artists



nominated for the first five annual drawing prizes awarded by the Guerlain's contemporary art foundation. Highlights include an exceptional ensemble of eight drawings by Nancy Spero and the intriguing works of Shirley Jaffe. The exhibition is held in a labyrinth-like setting enabling the visitor to enjoy a close look at the works. Two hundred and one artists hailing from 38 countries are represented in the ensemble, which reveals how colourful and creative the medium of drawing, regarded as an artist's first gesture, truly is. - *P.V.*

**Through to Mar 31
Place George Pompidou (4th), 01 44 78 12 33**

CHARLES DUPRESNE'S PROJECT FOR THE DECOR OF ACTE II OF THE OPERA ANTAR IS PRESENTED BY GALERIE CHANTAL KIENER (TOP PHOTO); ALEXANDER CALDER'S COMPOSITION, 1947 EXHIBITED BY GALERIE DE LA PRESIDENCE; FRÉDÉRIQUE LOUITZ HEIRAD, 2009 PHOTO © CENTRE POMPIDOU, MNAM-CGI ANDRÉ MORIN/DIST. RMN-GP 24.