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Art Chicago

More than 180 of the world's foremost contemporary and modern art galleries will come together for Art Chicago 2008 April 25-28 at Chicago's Merchandise Mart. Three hundred and fifty galleries applied – up 17 percent from a year ago. In addition, 95 percent of the 132 exhibitors who participated in the 2007 fair re-applied for 2008.

“The quality of our 2008 exhibitor list defines Art Chicago as a prominent international contemporary and modern art fair,” Art Chicago sales director Tony Karman said in a press release. “Leading galleries – from Chicago to Seoul, from Paris to Los Angeles – will offer an extraordinary experience for art collectors, curators and art enthusiasts, showcasing works of more than 2,000 artists in a variety of media including painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, prints and video installations.”

Art Chicago is part of ARTropolis, a citywide celebration of arts, antiques and culture. It runs concurrently with the International Antiques Fair, featuring more than 120 of the world's top dealers. Tickets are \$20 for a day pass, \$25 for a multiple-day pass. It provides entry to both shows, as well as three satellite shows running concurrently in the Merchandise Mart:

– The Artist Project – An exhibition and sale featuring original work from independent, cutting-edge artists. Visit www.theartistproject.com.

– Intuit Show – Sponsored by and benefiting Intuit – The Center for Intuitive and Outsider Art – it features the sale of self-taught art, outsider art, art brut, ethnographic art, non-traditional folk art and visionary art. It brings together leading dealers and galleries from around the world. Visit www.art.org/intuitshow.

– NEXT – This curated, invitational show focuses on new and emerging artists with a focus on contemporary art. Visit www.nextartfair.com

Art Chicago runs 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 25-26; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 27; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 28. For information, call 312-527-4141 or visit www.merchandisemart.com/artropolis.