



THE WORLD'S LEADING INTERNATIONAL TRIBAL ART FAIR
parcours 2009
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The eighth annual **Parcours des mondes**, *the world's leading international tribal art fair*, will be held in the Paris historic Saint-Germain-des-Prés from September 9 to 13, 2009. Following the great success of the 2008 event, this international show and sale of traditional African, Asian, Oceanic and American arts brings together thousands of collectors and professionals from around the world to share their common passion. The most important international galleries will join their Parisian counterparts in the beaux-arts neighborhood of Saint-Germain. They will present a wide variety of rare masterpieces, alongside more affordable pieces, and there will also be a host of thematic exhibitions. Non-Parisian dealers will set up in gallery spaces in the neighborhood for the duration of the **Parcours** in prestigious spaces that normally specialize in modern and contemporary art and design. The rigorous selection of participating dealers, together with their discerning expertise on the exhibited objects, will guarantee a top-quality experience for the visiting public.

Saint-Germain-des-Prés
PARIS 9 to 13 September 2009

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A unifying theme will characterize the 2009 **Parcours des mondes**, that being the figure of the dealer as a discoverer, educator, expert, and devotee. Dealers are the intermediaries who aid both the beginner and the longtime collector. They contribute both to private and public collections, not only by offering high-quality pieces, but also with their expertise. Most objects pass through their hands at one time or another, whether they end up in a private or public collection or at public auction. This seminal role in the process of collecting is worthy of recognition, so in conjunction with the fair, **Parcours des mondes** will present the exhibition *Regards de marchands. La passion des arts premiers* (The Dealer's Eye: A Passion for Tribal Art) at the Monnaie de Paris, the old Paris mint. This show, which will be full of surprises, will emphasize the key role of the dealer through a selection of the most beautiful pieces placed in collections by the participants of **Parcours des mondes** over the course of their careers. The exhibition will open its doors on September 9 at the same time as the **Parcours**, and will run through October 18.

Accompanied by a richly illustrated catalogue and an international symposium on the same theme, this new style of exhibition will complete the **Parcours**, which will once again open the eyes of the public to the exceptional arts of distant cultures.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Press preview:

Tuesday, September 8, 1 pm.

Preview opening:

Tuesday, September 8, 3 pm.

Public hours:

Wednesday, September 9, to Sunday, September 13,
 11 am to 7 pm.

Open late on Thursday, September 10, until 9 pm.
 Closing Sunday, September 13, at 5pm.

Exhibition:

Regards de marchands. La passion des arts premiers

Wednesday, September 9, to

Sunday, October 18, 2009.

Monnaie de Paris

11 quai de Conti, Paris.

Tuesday through Friday, 11 am to 5:30 pm,

Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5:30 pm.

Closed Monday.

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