

No. 156  
October 17, 2003  
Immediate Release

**Press Contact:**  
Karen Gysin  
612.375.7651

## **WALKER ART CENTER SHOP FEATURES UNIQUE HOLIDAY GIFTS**

### **MERCHANDISE INCLUDES ITEMS EXCLUSIVE TO MINNESOTA**

The Walker Art Center Shop is a must stop for discerning shoppers in search of unique holiday gifts this season. From hard-to-resist items priced at \$20 and under to more expensive gifts for that special someone, the selection of art and design books; handcrafted jewelry; accessories for home and office; and toys, art-making tools, and stocking stuffers is hard to beat.

The Shop features 11 items exclusive in Minnesota, including a playful rubber doorstop; handmade felt merino wool and silk scarves; one-of-a-kind bags made of recycled remnants from Italian textile factories; and jewelry from local, national, and international artists.

Shoppers also will discover Lollipuppets, Magnet Mighties, Sweet Sushi Q disposable paper plates, alphabet blocks, the world's first at-home DNA sampling and storage kit, and the latest items from Alessi. The Walker's unsurpassed selection of books includes such new titles as *Joseph Cornell: Secrets in a Box*, which explores this fascinating artist's career and includes instructions for creating your own Cornell box; *You Are Here*, a collection of inventive maps to unexpected places; Taschen's Icon series on entertaining and stylish topics; *Japanese Graphics Now*, a guide to Japan's contemporary aesthetic; and *Cinema Today*, a comprehensive survey of world cinema since 1970.

The Walker Shop, located at 725 Vineland Place, is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 am–8 pm; Thursday, 10 am–9 pm; Sunday, 11 am–5 pm (until 6 pm beginning November 30). From December 1–22, the Shop will be open Mondays from 10 am–8 pm. Hours on December 24 and 31 are 10 am–3 pm. Shop online at [www.walkerart.org/shop/](http://www.walkerart.org/shop/). All proceeds support the artistic and educational programs of the Walker Art Center in the visual, performing, and media arts.

(more)

## HOW CAN YOU RESIST—Gifts \$20 and Under

**Joseph Cornell: Secrets in a Box:** Illustrated throughout with photographs and color illustrations as well as fascinating biographical information, *Secrets in a Box* takes readers through Cornell's life (1903-1973) to discover how he transformed everyday objects into enchanted masterpieces. Where did he get his inspiration? What makes these boxes so intriguing? What kinds of feelings do they inspire? A detailed exploration of selected pieces, guidelines for recognizing and appreciating Cornell's art, and step-by-step instructions for creating a Cornell box of your own make this unique book an irresistible experience for the Joseph Cornell in all of us—children and adults alike. Prestel. Hardcover. \$14.95

**EXCLUSIVE** to the Walker in Minnesota and a stylish addition to any interior, **James the Doorman** doorstop is the perfect gentleman who holds the door open for you by wedging his foot under it. Made in England. Available in black natural rubber and assorted colors. \$19.95

Create a custom mobile with this stainless-steel wire **10-clip mobile**. Holds up to 20 photos, cards, or papers, which can be changed as desired. Approximately 16x22 inches. \$15

Introductory **Drawing and Sketching Set** from Faber-Castell is great for all ages and contains high-quality art materials in a portfolio bag. Contents include six graphite sketching pencils, three sticks of compressed soft charcoal, an eraser, a stainless steel sharpener, and a sketch pad. \$19.95

**Mikro Man** is a precision steel sculpture designed by Sam Buxton and made in London. Each sculpture is sold flat, to be carefully assembled by folding each cut piece from the steel sheet. Six different versions, each approximately 4 inches. \$9.95

**Magnet Mighties** are mini but powerful! One "Mighty" is strong enough to hold 10 sheets of 8 1/2x11" paper. Available in packs; assorted shapes and thicknesses. \$9.95

**Lollipopuppets** are a modern rendition of the classic pop-up toy. Choose from a variety of imaginative characters. Made from colorful, textured yet sturdy, fabrics with lots of detail. \$10

**EXCLUSIVE** to the Walker in the Twin Cities, the **Double Helix** bracelet is inspired by the structure of the DNA molecule discovered by Watson and Crick. Fashioned from spring steel and then plated, making it lightweight, comfortable, and durable. \$10

The **Icon Series** by Taschen, clever little books filled with illustrations and factual information, is the perfect gift for everyone you know. The books range from bizarre drawings and photography, kitschy advertisements and products, modern furniture and object design, eccentric and urban interiors, as well as contemporary art and photography. Over a dozen entertaining and stylish topics for the right price. Taschen, softcover. \$9.99 each

**Sweet Sushi Q** is a set of 12 unique disposable paper plates for sophisticated yet informal dining. Designed by Per Suntum, Denmark. Great for sushi, hors d'oeuvres, or even popcorn. \$12

**Magnetic Color Cubes** contains 100 cubes carefully crafted from solid hardwood and stained in 10 bright colors. Make patterns directly on the travel tin, or any other metal surface, including the refrigerator. Some assembly required. \$20

**You Are Here** features a wide-ranging collection of superbly inventive maps charting places you're not expected to find, but voyages you take in your mind. Explore an ideal country estate from a dog's perspective, find buried treasure on Skeleton Island, or travel down the road to success. With over 100 maps from artists, cartographers, and explorers, *You Are Here* gives the reader a breath-taking view of worlds, both real and imaginary. Princeton Architectural Press, paperback. \$19.95

### **JUST THE RIGHT THING—Gifts under \$50**

**Cindy Sherman: The Complete Untitled Film Stills** features the artist's legendary series of 69 black-and-white photographs created between 1977 and 1980, widely recognized as one of the most original and influential achievements in recent art. Witty, provocative, and searching, this lively catalogue of female roles inspired by the movies crystallizes widespread concerns in our culture, examining the ways we shape our personal identities and the role of the mass media in our lives. Museum of Modern Art, New York, hardcover. \$39.95

**EXCLUSIVE** to the Walker in Minnesota, this stainless-steel **spiral link necklace** from Chicago-based jewelry artist Melissa Banks combines the traditional patterns of chain mail with contemporary decorative elements. Each piece is handmade link by link. 18 inches; unisex. \$40

Modern yet classic **black-and-white wooden alphabet blocks** set. Each block features the letter in uppercase, lowercase, a word, and picture. Clear plastic drawstring storage pouch included. \$28

Sleek, translucent grey, mini-size PC **Handy Mouse** features a USB plug. PVC pouch included. Designed by Theo Williams for Lexon, France. \$36

**EXCLUSIVE** to the Walker in Minnesota: Allan McCollum's **THANKS** are 3 1/2"x1" tablets bearing the word "THANKS" and sold in a boxed set of five. They are inspired by McCollum's renowned *Visible Markers Series*, in which he explored the notion of the art object as something that obtains its significance through the process of exchange, rather than merely through its making and its presentation. THANKS lends a physical form to a very common verbal gesture. \$25

**CATGee** is the world's first at-home **DNA** sampling and storage kit for the person who has everything. This easy, affordable way to capture and store one's own unique DNA code, includes a DNA storage kit, DNA profile request pack, instructions, introduction to CATGee, and One-of-a-Kind DNA booklet. \$34

**Japanese Graphics Now** explodes with eye-popping originality and freshness. Today's best Japanese graphics have been assembled in this must-have guide to contemporary aesthetics in Japan. With their unique perspective, the Japanese have a way of looking at the world that has long been a source of great interest for the Western mind. Here, Japan's most talented creative professionals strut their stuff in the form of posters, advertisements, print media, visual identity, and print design. Taschen, softcover. \$39.95

**Art 21: Art in the Twenty-First Century 2** accompanies the second season of PBS's acclaimed television series. This richly illustrated book offers a unique glimpse into the life stories, sources of inspiration, and creative processes of some of the most interesting artists now working in America. The first season of Art 21 was recognized with an Emmy nomination and the prestigious Golden Hugo Award for "the best in international television." Abrams, hardcover. \$45

### **WORTH THE PRICE—Gifts over \$50**

**Cinema Today** is a 512-page comprehensive survey of world cinema and films that have dominated our screens over the past 30 years. Written by Edward Buscombe, academic and leading authority on western films, this reference guide marks the key turning points in the industry, identifies important trends, and assesses the work of filmmakers who have made a significant contribution to the medium since 1970. Fully illustrated, *Cinema Today* is informative and provides a unique resource for academics, students, and anyone with an interest in the moving image and the film industry. Phaidon, hardcover. \$69.95

**James Rosenquist: A Retrospective.** This momentous catalogue, published to accompany the first in-depth survey of the artist's work since 1972, gives long overdue attention to Rosenquist's singular achievement in American art. Extensive illustrations cover major works in diverse media, including works on paper that reveal the artist's process as well as extensive new and archival photography. Essays focus on areas that have only been superficially addressed in the literature to date, bringing the level of Rosenquist scholarship up to that of his Pop Art contemporaries. Guggenheim Museum, hardcover. \$65

**EXCLUSIVE** to the Walker in the Twin Cities, **Spice Boy** by Oliver Hemming is an award-winning design offering a new approach to spice grinding. Use the built-in mixing bowl to create your own unique combinations of freshly ground spices, pepper, and sea salt. Made in Italy of beech wood. Contains a Danish CrushGrind ceramic part mechanism for corrosion-free use. Light or dark wood stain. \$68

**"Pescher,"** an expandable stainless-steel fish-patterned trivet from Alessi, Italy, was designed by the duo D'Urbino and Lomazzi, known for their three cornerstone themes of pop, humor, and smart design. \$68

A new version of the **Anna G corkscrew** from Alessi: now chrome plated. Designed by Alessandro Mendini; made in Italy. \$76

New **herb pins**—Parsley, Sage, Rosemary, and Thyme—in bronze from jewelry artist Michael Michaud. Choose your favorite, or collect all four. \$60 each

**EXCLUSIVE** to the Walker in Minnesota, **handmade felt merino wool and silk scarves** from New York-based artist Hope Newman. Lightweight, yet incredibly warm; available in skinny or regular widths and in a variety of colors. \$68 and \$128

**EXCLUSIVE** to the Walker in Minnesota, Seattle-based jewelry artist **Lulu Smith** works with epoxy resins, whose forms are shaped by delicate lines of sterling silver. Each piece has rolling mill pattern details on the back, making it unique off the body as well as on. The subtle color

variations are created through her careful layering of pigments. Featured earrings, \$118; small bracelet, \$298; large bracelet, \$428

A special, limited-edition, hand-painted set of **corkscrews from Alessi**, Italy. Features "Anna G" along with a new character, "Sandro M," a self-portrait of the designer Alessandro Mendini. Both in "Proust" pattern. \$185

A **polished stainless-steel tray** with removable wooden board is perfect for serving cheese. Featuring "Cactus" openwork. Designed by Marta Sansoni for Alessi, Italy. \$155

**EXCLUSIVE** to the Walker in Minnesota, this line of **bags by Italian textile designer and researcher Luisa Cevese** is created by recycling remnants from textile factories and coating them in plastic. Each one a work of art and unique! Tote bag. \$150

**EXCLUSIVE** to the Walker in Minnesota, **TeNo jewelry** is made of the finest nickel-free stainless steel. In terms of allergic safety and high durability, this material is superior to most precious metals. Experienced German master goldsmiths combine steel with diamonds, ceramic inlays, or rubber. Featured: Hinged 5mm bangle with .02 ct diamond, available in small, medium, and large sizes. \$250

**EXCLUSIVE** to the Walker in Minnesota: **Minneapolis-based jewelry and textile artist Sandy Swirnoff** crafts necklaces from fiber cords made of silk, nylon, cotton, or blends, and adds handmade flame-torched glass beads, shells, or sterling beads as a finishing detail, on a sterling silver cable. Knotting came naturally to Swirnoff, like learning to tie her shoes when she was five years old. She feels a strong connection to female weavers from ancient cultures who used fiber. \$215

**EXCLUSIVE** to the Walker, **Northfield, Minnesota-based artist Elizabeth Schott's** jewelry takes the craft of beading to a new level. She finds the intricate process of sewing tiny glass beads onto wooden spheres a calming process. Each ball takes more than three hours to complete. Each necklace is one-of-a-kind. \$398

**Walker Art Center Shop**  
**725 Vineland Place, Minneapolis**  
**612.375.7633**  
**[www.walkerart.org/shop/](http://www.walkerart.org/shop/)**

### **Holiday Hours**

December 1–22

Open Mondays, 10 am–8 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 10 am–8 pm

Thursdays, 10 am–9 pm

Sundays, 11 am–5 pm (until 6 pm beginning November 30)

December 24 and 31, 10 am–3 pm

**The Walker Art Center is located at 725 Vineland Place, Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis.**  
**For public information, call 612.375.7622; <http://www.walkerart.org>**

(more)