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BELLEVUE ARTS MUSEUM

## Bellevue Arts Museum to present the work of celebrated furniture maker John Cederquist

**Master of Deception: The Furniture of John Cederquist**

January 25 - May 15, 2011

**Bellevue, WA** – Reality and illusion brilliantly merge in John Cederquist's fine art furniture. Free-standing cabinets in the shape of kimonos and other two- and three-dimensional works are infused with vivid imagery that constantly shifts viewpoints without warning or logic. Flat surfaces come to life and form no longer follows function. A master of deception, the artist's inspiration comes from diverse sources: Japanese *Ukiyo-e* woodblock prints, Popeye cartoons and popular iconography from the East and West; all adding to the dreamlike quality of Cederquist's ingeniously constructed pieces.

Bellevue Arts Museum is excited to be the first Northwest museum to present a solo exhibition of this celebrated artist and recent recipient of the Furniture Society of America Award of Distinction. **Master of Deception: The Furniture of John Cederquist** will be on view at BAM **January 25 through May 15, 2011**.

John Cederquist is widely recognized for masterful plays on dimensional illusion in his sculpture and furniture pieces. Born in 1946 in Altadena, CA, Cederquist received his B.A. in 1969 and M.A. in 1971 at California State University at Long Beach. He was granted two National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships in 1975 and 1986. In 2002, he was elected to the American Craft Council College of Fellows. His work can be found in numerous museum collections, including the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Mint Museum of Craft + Design, the Museum of the Art Institute of Chicago, Yale University Art Gallery, the M.H. de Young Memorial Museum and the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco. Presently, Cederquist serves on the faculty of Saddleback College in Mission Viejo, CA. His studio is located in Capistrano, CA.

**Master of Deception: The Furniture of John Cederquist** is organized by Bellevue Arts Museum, curated by Michael W. Monroe.

### About Bellevue Arts Museum

Bellevue Arts Museum is the Pacific Northwest's center for the exploration of art, craft and design. A leading arts center, BAM celebrates regional, national and international artists working in a broad range of craft media, including ceramics, fiber, metal, wood and glass. The Museum also offers a unique array of free or low-cost educational and community programs such as artist demonstrations, lectures and workshops as well as a variety of engaging and fun hands-on kids activities. The Bellevue Arts Museum *artsfair*, the largest and most prestigious arts event in the Pacific Northwest attracting an average of 320,000 visitors, is held annually in July. BAM is located in the heart of downtown Bellevue, provides free parking and is wheelchair accessible.

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