



SAM AND ALFREDA MALOOF
FOUNDATION FOR ARTS AND CRAFTS



The Wooden Latch

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Indonesian-style stick puppets by Rita Amacher.



Woodworker Brian Kopke at work on the Ark soon to land at The Maloof.

Craft at Play Exhibition celebrates arts and crafts whimsy from many cultures



Jacobs Education Center.

Visitors will see more than 50 colorful, imaginative craft artifacts representing a variety of cultures and traditions. Featured objects, including Indonesian-style stick puppets, a carved wooden carousel horse, nesting matryoshka dolls from Russia, extraordinary kites,

Join us for opening day!
Sunday, March 30
Hours Noon-4 pm
Reception 2-4 pm
See the Ark, Art & Animal Carving!

modern and antique hobby horses and many other hand-carved traditional and contemporary objects of play, are being brought together for the occasion from a variety of museums and private collections.

The Mingei International Museum of San Diego has generously loaned several prized objects from its

collection of world crafts, and pieces from the Maloof Foundation Collection will also be featured. Sam was an avid collector of playful crafts, including wooden trucks and brightly painted whirligigs for the garden.

"The works on display will range from the simplest of carved objects to far more elaborate works," said exhibition organizer John Scott. "What distinguishes the selection is each artisan's clear intention to create artistic works that surpass functionality. We want to celebrate extraordinary craftsmanship, rich in imagination, design and execution."

At the center of the exhibition will stand a remarkable model of Noah's Ark, created by woodworker Brian Kopke of Ottawa, Ontario. More than six feet long and nearly three feet wide, the ark is fashioned of wood, much of it hand-

Sam Maloof would have loved it: Craftsmen from around the world gathering their works in celebration of the human impulse to have fun. Such is the inspiration that sparked the Maloof Foundation's 2014 *Craft at Play* exhibition, opening March 30 in the

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