

Press Release



Nasher Sculpture Center Presents *NasherSalon* 2008 Lecture Series

Season debuts on **January 10** with Pulitzer Prize winning author **John Updike**
Yearlong speaker series program presented by **Museum Tower**

Dallas, Texas (December 13, 2007) -- The Nasher Sculpture Center's ***NasherSalon* 2008 Lecture Series** will kick off on **Thursday, January 10** with Pulitzer Prize-winning author John Updike. This year's Salon will feature internationally acclaimed writers, musicians, artists, architects and choreographers. The upcoming line up for the series will be announced in the coming weeks.

The yearlong series, presented by Museum Tower with media support by *The Dallas Morning News*, will occur on or around the third Thursday of the month at 8:00pm in the intimate surroundings of Nasher Hall. Each presentation will be moderated by noted journalists from WFAA-TV (ABC), Channel 8.

Tickets to the *NasherSalon* are \$45 for adults (\$40 for Members) per lecture and include the price of admission to the Nasher Sculpture Center. Tickets go on sale **December 16, 2007**. For details, visit **NasherSalonSeries.org**.

Thursday, January 10: John Updike, Pulitzer Prize-winning author

American writer John Hoyer Updike's most famous work is his Rabbit series (*Rabbit Run; Rabbit Redux; Rabbit Is Rich; Rabbit At Rest; and Rabbit Remembered*). *Rabbit is Rich* and *Rabbit at Rest* both won Pulitzer Prizes. Describing his subject as "the American small town, Protestant middle class," Updike is well known for his careful craftsmanship and prolific writing, having published 22 novels and more than a dozen short story collections as well as poetry, literary criticism and children's books. Hundreds of his stories, reviews, and poems have appeared in *The New Yorker* since the 1950s.

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About the *NasherSalon*:

The *NasherSalon* series began in 2005 as a monthly forum held at the Nasher Sculpture Center to engage in discussions on topics relating to art in its various forms – sculpture, painting, music, and the culinary arts. In 2006, *The Dallas Morning News* joined as the Salon’s primary media partner, providing generous media support for publicity of the series, as well as experts from the news staff to share their insider knowledge and lead the conversations. The series, which was titled *The Art of Urban Living*, examined a range of topics germane to urban life – from entertaining and finding the best wines to the architectural evolution of Dallas. The 2008 *NasherSalon* marks the third installment of the series and welcomes the addition of presenting sponsor Museum Tower. Featuring internationally renowned speakers, this year’s series will provide an unmatched forum for intimate, intellectual conversation amidst the finest collection of modern and contemporary sculpture in the world.

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Presenting Sponsor: Museum Tower

Museum Tower is a 42-story luxury residential high-rise located in the true heart of the Dallas Arts District between the Nasher Sculpture Center and the Meyerson Symphony Center, offering its owners the rare distinction of living among the works of four Pritzker Prize-winning architects. Designed by renowned architect Scott Johnson, the contemporary tower will offer a collection of 125 residences in nine floorplans, ranging from an intimate 1,450-square-foot pied-à-terre to a sprawling 8,700-square-foot penthouse with 14-foot-high ceilings. The dramatic two- and three-bedroom interiors—created by Dallas-based Bodron+Fruit and Booziotis & Company Architects—will feature floor-to-ceiling glass, direct-access elevators, outdoor terraces, and state-of-the-art kitchen appliances. Offering unobstructed views of Dallas and fronting the proposed Woodall Rodgers Park, Museum Tower will provide an exceptional array of services and amenities, including a spa and fitness center, outdoor pool, gallery, private gardens, as well as concierge and wellness services. Scheduled to break ground in early 2008 with completion in fall 2010, Museum Tower (www.museumtowerdallas.com) is being developed by Brook Partners, Inc. and Turtle Creek Holdings, Inc.

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About the Nasher Sculpture Center:

Open since October 2003, the Nasher Sculpture Center is dedicated to the display and study of modern and contemporary sculpture. The Center is located on a 2.4 acre site adjacent to the Dallas Museum of Art in the heart of the Dallas Arts District. Renzo Piano, a world-renowned architect and winner of the prestigious Pritzker Prize in 1998, is the architect of the Center's 55,000 square foot building. Piano worked in collaboration with landscape architect Peter Walker on the design of the two-acre sculpture garden.

The Nasher Sculpture Center was the longtime dream of the late Raymond and Patsy Nasher, who together formed one of the finest collections of modern and contemporary sculpture in the world. The Raymond and Patsy Nasher Collection includes masterpieces by Calder, de Kooning, di Suvero, Giacometti, Hepworth, Kelly, Matisse, Miró, Moore, Picasso, Rodin, and Serra, among others, and continues to grow and evolve.

The Nasher Sculpture Center presents rotating exhibitions of works from the Nasher Collection as well as special exhibitions drawn from other museums and private collections. In addition to indoor gallery space, the Center contains an auditorium, education and research facilities, a café, and a store.

The Nasher Sculpture Center is open Tuesday through Sunday from 11am to 5 pm and Thursday from 11am to 9 pm. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for students, and free for members and children 12 and under. For more information, visit www.NasherSculptureCenter.org.

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