

LAS ARTES DE MEXICO

FROM THE COLLECTION OF THE GILCREASE MUSEUM

at the Yale Peabody Museum
On view March 22 to July 19, 2008

The Yale Peabody Museum's latest exhibition celebrates the rich and diverse artistic traditions of Mexico. Developed by the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, Oklahoma, *Las Artes de México* examines over 3,500 years of art and culture and of tradition and change across the broad spectrum of Mexican life, from the ancient worlds of the Maya and Aztec to the 20th century works of Miguel Covarrubias and Diego Rivera.

Included are artifacts from over a dozen pre-Columbian cultures that reveal a world of ceremony and celebration, of ritual warfare and the veneration of the dead, along with a selection of material from the Peabody's own collections.

Moving forward in time, folk portraits and carvings of patron saints eloquently show the merging of Spanish culture, Catholic iconography, and native art after the founding of New Spain in the 1500s, while colorful costumes and glittering fabrics illustrate folk celebrations and other traditional practices that continued through the colonial period.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, social commentary became a hallmark of Mexican art, and this exhibition examines both paintings and works on paper during the development of the modern Mexican state.

Las Artes de México is shown courtesy of the Gilcrease Museum, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Tour development by Smith Kramer Fine Art Services, Kansas City, Missouri.

170 Whitney Avenue
New Haven, Connecticut

Teacher's Guide

Scheduling A Visit

We hope you'll be interested in visiting *Las Artes de México* during its stay at the Yale Peabody Museum. Although you are welcome to set up a "self-guided" visit to see this exhibition and the rest of the Museum on your own, we have developed a special 50-minute class about *Las Artes de México*, taught by our Museum docents, that we hope you will consider:

The History of Mexico through Artifacts and Art

Throughout pre-Columbian and historic times, Mesoamerican and Mexican artists have expressed their history, religion and national pride through their art. This visually stimulating exhibition provides your class with a window into a region important to the past, present and future of the United States. This 50-minute program explores the history of Mexico through visual images, including pre-Columbian artifacts, woodcut prints, religious art and fine art paintings. Limited to 25 students per group. To schedule call (203) 432-3775.

Accompanying Curriculum and Pre-visit Materials

With many thanks to Branford High School Spanish teacher Elise Weisenbach, we have put together a curriculum based on *Las Artes de México*, including pre- and post-visit classroom activities and lessons. Download your copy from our website at www.peabody.yale.edu/education/ed_curric.html. You may also request a kit of study materials to use to prepare for your visit to the exhibition. This kit includes the *Las Artes de México* curriculum, replicas of pre-Columbian artifacts, actual pre-Columbian pottery sherds, copies of woodcut prints, and materials that illustrate the crafts and artistic methods used in the exhibition. The pre-visit kit may only be borrowed by classes visiting the exhibition; it will be sent at the teacher's request and must be returned on the day of the visit. Be sure to request your kit when you schedule your visit.

Teachers' Workshop

In conjunction with *Las Artes de México*, the Yale Peabody Museum will offer a teacher's workshop on Saturday, April 19, 2008, from 9:00 am to Noon. The workshop features a presentation by Yale Anthropology Professor Marcello Canuto, curator of the exhibition, who was recently in the news for his work helping to find the long sought-after ancient Maya city known as Site Q. We will spend time in the exhibition and present and discuss key elements of the curriculum. Registration begins at 8:30 am with coffee and light breakfast. Cost is \$25. Teachers will receive 0.3 CEUs for attending this workshop. To register, please call (203) 432-3297.

And... Teachers, please tell your students about the following opportunity for families:

Las Artes de México Opening Celebration • Open to the public

Saturday, March 22 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

General admission \$7 adults, \$6 seniors, \$5 children 3–18, free for children under 3