

DATELINE: INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis issued the following news release:

During a forum on Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2008, a specialist from the "Antiques Roadshow" and an Indianapolis museum director will share their perspectives on the forces that influence the monetary value of artwork in the marketplace.

"Antiques Roadshow" specialist Debra Force and Eiteljorg Museum Director and CEO John Vanausdall will be the featured speakers during the fifth annual Jordan H. and Joan R. Leibman Forum.

The forum, titled "The Valuation of Art," will take place at 5:30 p.m., Nov. 11 in the Frank and Katrina Basile Auditorium at Eskenazi Hall (Herron School of Art & Design), 735 W. New York St.

The event is free of charge and open to the public.

Force, the president and founder of Debra Force Fine Art, Inc., New York, N.Y., is a specialist in American paintings, drawings, prints and sculpture of the 18th through 20th centuries. Since 1999, she has appeared as a specialist appraiser for "Antiques Roadshow," the PBS series produced by WGBH, Boston. She lectures about American art, collecting and the art market throughout the United States.

Force holds a bachelor's degree from Ohio Wesleyan University and a Master of Arts degree in American Civilization from the University of Pennsylvania.

Vanausdall, president and CEO of the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, will offer a local perspective on the topic of valuation. Vanausdall joined the Eiteljorg Museum in 1996, following an 18-year career with the Indianapolis Children's Museum.

Vanausdall is a 1989 graduate of the Museum Management Institute, a program of The American Federation of the Arts and The Getty Trust in Berkeley, California. He holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree from IU Kelley School of Business.

The Jordan H. and Joan R. Leibman Forum was established at IUPUI in 2004 to examine issues on the legal and business environment of the arts, and is a joint project of the IU Kelley School of Business Indianapolis, the IU School of Law-Indianapolis and the IU Herron School of Art and Design.

For additional information regarding this year's forum, contact Leslie Kidwell at (317) 278-7437 or lecarter@iupui.edu.