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Internationally Acclaimed Book Artist to Visit Minnesota Center for Book Arts

Claire Van Vliet is honored guest at 25th anniversary celebration

(June 21, 2010) MINNEAPOLIS—Minnesota Center for Book Arts (MCBA) welcomes Claire Van Vliet, renowned book artist, printmaker and typographer. The internationally acclaimed artist and founder of The Janus Press will be joining MCBA in a celebration event for the center's 25th anniversary on Friday, June 25. Guests attending the event will have a chance to view a display of work from The Janus Press. A silent auction will also be held featuring three Van Vliet originals.

"Van Vliet has created some of America's most significant fine press pieces and is internationally recognized for innovations in printmaking and bookbinding, as well as for her astute literary sensibility and refined typography," said Betty Bright, author of *No Longer Innocent: Book Art in America*. "Her work has resulted in numerous awards, including two honorary doctorates of fine arts, election to the National Academy of Design and the prestigious MacArthur Foundation Fellowship."

An art sale is also part of Friday evening's celebration. For sale items will include print works by local and national artists. Guests will also witness the unveiling of the limited edition print portfolio, *"From Start To Here: 25 Years of Minnesota Center for Book Arts."*

The celebration will continue on Saturday, June 26 with an open house for the community with activities, artist demonstrations, studio tours and more. For more details on the anniversary celebration activities visit <http://www.mnbookarts.org/events/25.html>.

About Minnesota Center for Book Arts

MCBA opened doors to the public in 1985 and celebrates its 25th year in 2010. The largest and most comprehensive center of its kind in the nation, Minnesota Center for Book Arts celebrates the book as a vibrant contemporary art form that takes many shapes. From the traditional crafts of papermaking, letterpress printing and bookbinding to experimental artmaking and self-publishing techniques, MCBA supports the limitless creative evolution of book arts.

The mission of Minnesota Center for Book Arts is to advance the book as a vital contemporary art form, preserve the traditional crafts of bookmaking, inspire diverse artists and learners and engage audiences in educational, creative and interpretive experiences. Learn more at <http://www.mnbookarts.org>.

More About Claire Van Vliet

http://www.craftinamerica.org/artists_paper/story_532.php

<http://www.smith.edu/libraries/fyi/352.htm>

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