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MUSCARELLE MUSEUM OF ART DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE
JOHN T. SPIKE TO SERVE ON PRESTIOUS JUDGING PANEL

Spike Only American Tapped to Serve on Sir Denis Mahon Essay Prize Panel

Williamsburg, Va. (November 8, 2011) – The Muscarelle Museum of Art is pleased to announce that John T. Spike, their Distinguished Scholar in Residence, has been chosen to serve as a judge for the Sir Denis Mahon Essay Prize.

The prize is managed by the Courtauld Institute of Art (London) and is being announced today by the Institute on what would have been Sir Denis' 101st birthday.

The Sir Denis Mahon Essay Prize was established by Sir Denis' friends and colleagues in 2010 in honor and celebration of his 100th birthday. Sir Denis was one of the most distinguished art historians and collectors of the 20th century, and a determined campaigner and philanthropist. Sir Denis died in April 2011. The Sir Denis Mahon Essay Prize comprises a cash award for an essay of distinction which reflects Sir Denis' life and interests.

John Spike is the only American who will serve on this esteemed panel of judges.

"It is really an honor to be asked to serve in this capacity," said Dr. Spike. "Sir Denis Mahon was one of the most distinguished art historians and collectors of the 20th century, and the essay created in his honor is important to the continued legacy of this amazing man."

Spike is the author of more than twenty culturally significant books on Renaissance, Baroque and contemporary art.

TO READ JOHN T. SPIKE'S FULL BIOGRAPHY, VISIT

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