

BH Galleries Are At LA Art Show

By Amanda Peabody

Now in its 14th year, the Los Angeles Art Show will be commencing Jan. 21-25 at the LA Convention Center. Featured will be several prominent Beverly Hills galleries.

"The most exciting thing about this year's show is that we are moving to LA Convention Center," LA Art Show Director Kim Martindale said. Previous events had been held at Santa Monica's Barker Hangar.

This year's event will nearly double the square footage of the show to 150,000 square feet of venue space with more than 150 galleries exhibiting, several of which are local, and feature a full spectrum of art from contemporary to works by 19th century masters.

"The fair was at a point where we had really outgrown Barker Hangar," said Kevin Anderson, owner of Anderson Galleries, Inc. (354 N. Bedford Dr.), a participant for over a decade and a specialty dealer in American and European masters. "The concern among many of the dealers is there will be a portion of people from the Westside and Beverly Hills that will be hesitant to come. But those that are serious about art, will."

Anderson will have remarkable pieces on hand such as a 1921 Picasso drawing, a 1952 Chagall, a 1895 Renoir pastel and a collection of five 1925 original Batiste Madalena hand painted posters.

"It's a very tough time in the art market, but shows like LA Art Show are very a very important way to meet new col-



Henri Le Sidaner's oil on canvas will be exhibited by Anderson Galleries, Inc. at LA Art Show.

lectors and connect. We do exhibitions like this in hopes of selling but also to build relationships and plant the seed for sales in the future," said Anderson.

The show will also include a lecture series, Supersonic 2009 which features the works of M.F.A. candidates from Southland graduate programs, a film festival in conjunction with the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences, will also inaugurate the first L.A. Arts Month (January).

"I am so excited by what Kim Martindale has done," Gail Feingarten Oppenheimer, owner of Beverly Hills' Feingarten Galleries exclaimed.

"Establishing L.A. Art Month and expanding to the Convention Center which I think L.A. is due for. This is the right time to do [the art show] in downtown L.A."

Feingarten Oppenheimer, who operates an appointment-only gallery, will feature works by Albert Gleizes, Edouard Vuillard interior paintings and Joseph

Csaky bronze sculptures.

Both Anderson and Feingarten Oppenheimer will be showcasing in the "A" aisle just off the Convention Center's main entrance.

Other Beverly Hills' galleries to exhibiting are Galerie Michael, Spencer Jon Helfen Fine Arts, Timothy Yarger Fine Art and William A. Karges Fine Art.