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n only 12 years, gaming product manufacturer Spielo has grown from a small Maritime company to an industry leader in the competitive, high-stakes gaming industry. Spielo designs, manufactures and operates high-technology gaming products that are setting the standard for innovation. Spielo's award-winning line of video lottery terminals is capturing major contracts worldwide, most recently in the Netherlands and the U.S.

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innovation and technology are the fuel that drives today's global export business. For over a century we have provided trade finance services, working alongside industry leaders and those companies that push beyond their boundaries and challenge convention RBC Global Services is honoured to support the Canada Export Awards with the Innovation and Technology Achievement Award

#### NATIONAL POST National Post is

committed to providing stories and information Canadians need in order to compete and win "across the street and around the world." It is understood that every Canadian business that succeeds in the global marketplace not only inspires other Canadians but enhances our collective prosperity. National Post is proud to sponsor the Job Creation Achievement Award.



#### Sun Life Financial is a leading international financial

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For more information about the 2002 Canada Export Award Winners and an application form for the 20th anniversary, 2003 Canada Export Awards, visit:

www.infoexport.gc.ca/awards-prix

# Trade secrets

# Marketing guide for artists exporting to the U.S.

craft industry.

his publication, commissioned by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade's (DFAIT) Arts and Cultural Industries Promotion Division, is meant to assist Canadian makers of high-end, oneof-a-kind contemporary crafts who wish to sell at the wholesale level in the U.S. whether they are seasoned exporters or are looking at the American market for the first time.

The Canadian Craft Federation, the provincial craft councils and various trade and economic development-oriented organizations who assist Canadian artists of fine contemporary craft, make up a secondary audience.

# **Getting connected** This hands-on guide,

authored largely by glass artist and educator Lou

Lynn of British Columbia, provides practical marketing advice. Included are tips on how to promote oneself as a professional artist abroad and advice on working with American galleries. A separate chapter deals with additional marketing channels such as shows, museums, the Internet and professional associations-all

# **Export USA Calendar**

For information about:

Trade missions to the U.S.

 Seminars on the U.S. Market Visit the Export USA Calendar at: www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/nebs/ menu-en.asp



Garland coffee table by Peter Fleming, courtesy of the Ontario Crafts Council

Perhaps most valuable of all are the detailed profiles of over 140 commercial galleries in the U.S., representing the top venues in the nation for selling fine contemporary craft. This information is useful for the export-oriented Canadian maker of high-end, one-of-a-kind contemporary crafts and cannot be found elsewhere. Not only are all of the galleries profiled willing to carry work from Canada, over 25% of them currently represent Canadians. Many of these galleries expressed an interest in carrying the work of additional Canadian fine contemporary artists. Each profile includes the name of the gallery director, a Web address so that artists can take a virtual tour, information on the gallery's focus, a sense of who they currently represent,

submission procedures, terms and

# specific to the fine contemporary

The chapters on exporting provide guidance to artists on such topics as how to convert prices for the U.S. market, how to classify goods and fill out U.S. Customs paperwork, and how to get artists' work back into Canada. Also included are U.S. immigration issues Canadian artists must consider, as well as relevant Web sites and other references. A list of Canadian government officers at the Embassy and consulates in the U.S. offers Canadian artists key points of contact for additional market intelligence and individual assistance.

## Know who's who

additional comments. Armed with this information, artists can do the homework needed to identify the right galleries and professionally pursue these leads.

This guide is available to Canadians only. Copies can be ordered by contacting DFAIT's Enquiries Service, tel.: 1-800-267-8376 or (613) 944-4000

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