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Debut Novel *Pictures at an Exhibition* Explores Looted Jewish Art
Book Launch to be Held at the Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust

New York, NY—On **Wednesday, February 24 at 12:30 p.m.**, join author **Sara Houghteling** in conversation with stolen art expert **Marilyn Henry** for the New York launch of her mesmerizing debut novel ***Pictures at an Exhibition*** (Alfred A. Knopf, 2009) at the **Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust**. This program will take place in the Salon reading room in the special exhibition *Woman of Letters: Irène Némirovsky and Suite Française*. At 11:30 a.m., a highlights tour of *Woman of Letters* will be offered to registered guests.

Tickets are \$5 non-members, free for members and are available online at www.mjhnyc.org or by calling the Museum box office at 646.437.4202. **Space is limited and pre-registration is required for tours.**

Set in a Paris darkened by World War II, this sweeping novel tells the story of a son's quest to recover his family's lost masterpieces, looted by the Nazis during the occupation. Drawn on the real-life stories of France's preeminent art-dealing families and the forgotten biography of the only French woman to work as a double agent inside the Nazis' looted art stronghold, *Pictures at an Exhibition* conjures the vanished collections, the lives of the artists and their dealers, and an era of shattering loss.

Sara Houghteling is a graduate of Harvard College and received her master's in fine arts from the University of Michigan. She is the recipient of a Fulbright scholarship to Paris, first place in the Avery and Jules Hopwood Awards, and a John Steinbeck Fellowship.

Marilyn Henry is a contributing editor at *ARTnews Magazine*, prior to that she reported for *the Jerusalem Post* from Israel, New York, and Europe. She is a recognized authority on the recovery of properties confiscated in Europe during the Nazi and Communist eras. Her work also has appeared in the *Washington Post*, *Die Welt* and other media outlets.

- WHAT:** New York Book Launch
Pictures at an Exhibition
Salon conversation with author Sara Houghteling
- WHERE:** Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust
Edmond J. Safra Plaza, 36 Battery Place, Lower Manhattan
- WHEN:** Wednesday, February 24 at 12:30 p.m.
- COST:** \$5 non-members, free members

About the Museum of Jewish Heritage

The Museum's three-floor Core Exhibition educates people of all ages and backgrounds about the rich tapestry of Jewish life over the past century—before, during, and after the Holocaust. Special exhibitions include *Woman of Letters: Irène Némirovsky and Suite Française*, on view through March 22 and *The Shooting of Jews in Ukraine: Holocaust by Bullets*, on view through March 15. The Museum offers visitors a vibrant public program schedule in its Edmond J. Safra Hall. It is also home to Andy Goldsworthy's memorial *Garden of Stones*, as well as James Carpenter's *Reflection Passage*, Gift of The Gruss Lipper Foundation. The Museum receives general operating support from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, and is a founding member of the *Museums of Lower Manhattan*.

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