

## **COLIN RENFREW TO RECEIVE THE 2009 SAFE BEACON AWARD**

Jersey City---November 1, 2008---Archaeologist Colin Renfrew, Lord Renfrew of Kaimsthorn, will deliver the Beacon Award Lecture and receive the 2009 SAFE Beacon Award in recognition of his outstanding service to archaeology and his efforts to raise public awareness about the looting of the world's ancient heritage and the trade in illicit antiquities. The 2009 SAFE Beacon Award Lecture and Reception, co-sponsored by the non-profit organization SAFE/Saving Antiquities for Everyone and the Penn Cultural Heritage Center, will be presented on Saturday, January 10, 2009 at the 110th Joint Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America and the American Philological Association at the Marriot Downtown Hotel in Philadelphia. Professor Renfrew will also lead a SAFE Tour of the collection at the University of Pennsylvania Museum on January 11.

Professor Renfrew received his doctorate in 1965 from Cambridge University, and after professorships at the University of Sheffield and the University of Southampton, he returned to Cambridge in 1981, as Disney Professor of Archaeology and Director of the McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, where he formed the Illicit Antiquities Research Centre in 1996. Having directed excavations at Sitagroi and Phylakopi in Greece and Quanterness in Orkney, Professor Renfrew has made invaluable contributions to our knowledge of language, pre-history, archaeogenetics and the radiocarbon revolution and has authored numerous books, among them, *Loot, Legitimacy and Ownership: The Ethical Crisis in Archaeology* (2000). He has served on the Ancient Monuments Board for England and the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments. "Professor Renfrew's many achievements have made him a star in the archaeological profession and a leader in the fight against the illicit antiquities trade and the looting of the world's cultural heritage," says SAFE president Cindy Ho.

Professor Renfrew's SAFE Tour of the University of Pennsylvania Museum, titled "Collecting the Right Way," will examine finds from the Royal Graves at Ur in Iraq, from the Mayan site Tikal, from the excavations of the mummies of Pachacamac in Peru and Memphis in Egypt. Professor Renfrew will use these artifacts to discuss the ethics of excavation and collecting and the merits of the once-popular, but now rare, "partage" system.

Professor Renfrew's Beacon Award Lecture, "Combating the Illicit Antiquities Trade: the 1970 Rule as a Turning Point (or How the Metropolitan Museum Lags Behind the Getty)," will contrast the responses of the J. Paul Getty Museum and the Metropolitan Museum of Art to Italian and Greek efforts to secure the return of looted antiquities. He will also outline the ethical, intellectual and strategic framework for countering the traffic in illicit antiquities. This gala event will take place at the 110th Joint Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America and the American Philological Association, the most comprehensive and prestigious conference devoted to the study of the archaeological and written record of the ancient world.

### **Event Details:**

#### *Beacon Award Lecture and Reception:*

Saturday January 10, 2009—6:30 to 9:00pm  
Grand Ballroom, Marriott Downtown Hotel,  
1201 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA  
Tickets: Before Dec. 15: \$40 for non-students;  
\$20 for students. After Dec. 15: \$45 for non-students;  
\$25 for students SAFE members: \$35

#### *SAFE Tour with Professor Colin Renfrew:*

Sunday, January 11, 2009—2:30pm  
University of Pennsylvania Museum,  
3260 South Street, Philadelphia, PA  
Tickets: Before Dec. 15: \$35 for non-students;  
After Dec. 15: \$40 for non-students;  
\$15 for students

### **About SAFE**

SAFE/Saving Antiquities for Everyone, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, creates educational programs and media campaigns to raise public awareness regarding the importance of preserving cultural heritage worldwide. SAFE is a coalition of professionals in communications, media, and advertising working alongside experts in the academic, legal and law enforcement communities. SAFE has no political affiliations.