

**SAFE TO PRESENT 2010 BEACON AWARD TO FOUR OF THE MOST PROMINENT CRUSADERS AGAINST ART & ANTIQUITIES CRIME**

New York, N.Y., (September 29, 2010)--SAFE/Saving Antiquities for Everyone will present the 2010 SAFE Beacon Award to former U.S. Department of Justice prosecutor **Robert E.**

**Goldman**, Special Prosecutor for the FBI's Art Crime Team **David L. Hall**, Department of Homeland Security Senior Special Agent **James E. McAndrew**, and retired FBI agent and president of an international art security firm **Robert K. Wittman** in recognition of their outstanding work combating the illicit antiquities trade and protecting cultural heritage. The panel will be moderated by Marion Forsyth Werkheiser, Cultural Heritage Partners, LLC.

Goldman, Hall, McAndrew, and Wittman will be honored at the **Gerald W. Lynch Theater, John Jay College (899 10th Avenue New York, NY) on Friday, October 29, 2010 from 6:30 – 9:30 pm.** The event will feature an award ceremony, a reception, and a book signing of Robert K. Wittman's New York Times' bestseller, *Priceless: How I Went Undercover to Rescue the World's Stolen Treasures*. The highlight of the evening will be a panel dialogue, **"A Fight for the Future: four law enforcement insiders discuss their efforts to stop art and antiquities crimes."**

Through groundbreaking prosecutions, grueling investigations, and risky seizures and arrests, these four unsung heroes have collectively rescued millions of dollars worth of stolen or smuggled art and cultural property. They have restored hundreds of objects to their rightful owner or country of origin, including the Peruvian Lord of Sipan's golden ceremonial armor, a 9th century statue of Lord Vishnu, Egyptian antiquities from the Ma'adi Museum, a crystal ball from the Imperial Palace in Beijing, Rembrandt's 1630 Self Portrait as well as works by Picasso, Norman Rockwell and many others.

SAFE's founder and president, Cindy Ho: "With the 2010 SAFE Beacon Awards, we acknowledge the selfless commitment of four individuals who have dedicated themselves to upholding the laws that protect cultural property. By honoring them we promote respect for, as well as stimulate interest, in our shared stewardship of the world's cultural heritage."

Event tickets are available online ([www.savingantiquities.org/beacon.php](http://www.savingantiquities.org/beacon.php)). Tickets are \$35 for SAFE members and DHS, DOJ and FBI employees; \$20 for students; \$45 for non-members.

**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.

To find out more about the 2010 Beacon Awards, the Beacon Award Winners, or SAFE, visit <http://www.savingantiquities.org/event.php?eventID=235>