Date: Wednesday, April 11 2007
Place: In front of Marsh Chapel, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, USA

Program: Informal faculty panel discussion on the Baghdad Museum, looting of archaeological sites in Iraq and elsewhere, and the antiquities trade; followed by lighting of candles outside in the Arts Quad.

For more information contact vigil@savingantiquities.org
Following are suggestions for holding a candlelight vigil at your university. Upcoming programs are listed here and may offer some ideas. Feel free to see what others have done around the world for more inspiration. In the end, the most successful event will be what works best for you and your institution. If you have any suggestions you would like to share, please contact us.

Who should host a vigil?
• Members of faculty, staff, or student body
• Students could speak with student organizations or clubs. You may want to check with your department head or a professor depending on vigil program size and scope.

Where to hold the vigil?
• In a classroom or lecture hall
• In an auditorium (particularly if media will be projected or panel discussion will take place)
• Cafeteria, coffee shop, or park
• University museum or art gallery
• Dormitory common room

When to hold the vigil?
• Any day during April 10-12, preferably at a time of day when people gather
• Before or after class
• At a club meeting or informal gathering (eg., a party or other social event)
• At the beginning or end of another event
• In conjunction with a relevant seminar or course
• Any time that suits the university’s schedule or calendar

What does a vigil program consist of?
Consider a simple remembrance or a more formal program, such as:
• a lecture or symposium (e.g., see 2007 Cornell University event)
• informal discussion and reflection
• screenings of relevant videos available from the SAFE website
You may also choose to light a virtual candle and add your museum’s name to the list of other supporters.

How to hold the vigil?
• Schedule your event and post it on the SAFE website so that members of your university and local community will learn of it and attend. We can then update you with any new information.
• Download and customize an announcement flyer to advertise your event
• Distribute the SAFE Candlelight Vigil brochure about the destruction of Iraq’s heritage (produced in cooperation with The Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago). It can be downloaded and printed at your location; professionally printed copies are also available (contact us for details).
• Visit the SAFE website for additional tools

And please don’t forget…
Document your vigil with digital photographs or video and send them to SAFE so they can be shared with others around the world.