VIGIL KIT FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY

Date: April 12 2007
Place: Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, California USA
Program: After a short ceremony, attendees went to the museum café, and talked about the looting of Iraq museum and the protection that should be provided to heritage in time of war.

Date: April 12 2007
Place: Onyx Studios, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
Program: After watching the video invitation and a candlelight ceremony, archaeologist Ian Thompson spoke to guests about the repercussions of looting and how this impacts us culturally and socially, and how we can garner further awareness to globally and locally protect our cultural heritage. Sponsored by The Mystic Masala, maker of aromatherapy products.

Date: April 12 2007
Place: Caffe Sapore, San Francisco, California USA
Program: Attendees met, enjoyed snacks while watching the video invitation. After lighting candles to observe a moment of silence, they talked about the looting of the Iraq Museum, and learned about the problem of plunder and discussed the protection that could be provided to heritage in time of war.

For more information contact
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Following are suggestions for holding a candlelight vigil with your friends and family. 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 friends and family. If you have any suggestions you would like to share, please contact us.

Whom to ask to host a vigil?
- Spouse, life partner, boyfriend, girlfriend
- Close friends
- Relatives
- Acquaintances who would be interested

Where to hold the vigil?
- At home or a family gathering
- In your backyard
- At a local cafe or restaurant
- At a public park, square, piazza or community garden

When to hold the vigil?
- Any day during April 10-12, preferably at a time of day when people gather
- Over a meal, such as a dinner party
- Over drinks or coffee

What does a vigil program consist of?
- Informal discussion and reflection
- Consider contacting your local archaeology or historic preservation society to invite someone to come and speak about issues. Contact SAFE for recommendations.
- Lighting a candle in a moment of silence
- Screenings of relevant videos available from the SAFE website

You may also choose to light a virtual candle and add your name to the list of other supporters.

You may also prefer to participate in the Global Vigil with a personal expression of remembrance. (See this tribute) or with a blog post.

How to hold the vigil?
- If this is a open event, schedule and post it on the SAFE website so that members of your community will learn of it and attend. We can then update you with any new information.
- Use e-cards to invite guests to 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.