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**Tap into Innovators Past, Present and Future with
The Henry Ford's Inspired Design Series**
*Celebrated Design Experts Don Chadwick and John Berry among Highlights
of Unique Sessions for Henry Ford Museum Exhibit
Good Design: Stories from Herman Miller*

(Dearborn, Mich. – January 8, 2010) – Join The Henry Ford for a special event and lecture series to celebrate Henry Ford Museum's newest exhibit, *Good Design: Stories from Herman Miller*. Each of these unique, after-hours events is held the third Thursday of the month in February, March and April. Doors open at 7 p.m. inside Henry Ford Museum, just outside of the *Good Design* exhibit, with the programs beginning at 8 p.m. Cash bar is available at each event. Tickets for Inspired Design events are \$10, available in advance and at the door. For more information, call (313) 982-6001 or visit thehenryford.org.

On February 25, catch a glimpse into the future of design with PechaKucha Night. In collaboration with PKN Detroit and Detroit Synergy, local designers, artists and architects present slide shows of their newest, most innovative designs – but here's the catch: They only get 20 slides to do so, and only 20 seconds per slide to tell their story!

On March 25, John Berry – renowned design expert, director of professional design association Design West Michigan and curator for the *Good Design* exhibit – will discuss his book *Herman Miller: The Purpose of Design*. With more than 35 years of professional design involvement, including 16 years' experience with Herman Miller, Inc., Berry is widely regarded as a leading authority on the work of George Nelson and Ray and Charles Eames. Following the discussion, Berry will sign copies of his book, which will be available for purchase that night.

Finally, on April 22, join The Henry Ford's chief curator Marc Greuther for a discussion with Don Chadwick, industrial designer and creator of some of today's most innovative office seating, including the Aeron chair – one of the Herman Miller collection items featured in *Good Design*.

Henry Ford Museum is open seven days a week, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors and \$11 for youth; members and children under five are free. For more information please call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.TheHenryFord.org.

Good Design: Stories from Herman Miller was organized by the Muskegon Museum of Art, Michigan, in collaboration with The Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan, through the support of Herman Miller, Inc. The exhibition is curated by John Berry, Holland; coordinated by Timothy Chester, Grand Rapids; designed by Judy Hillman and Barb Loveland, Hillman Associates, Saugatuck; and fabricated by Vincent Faust, Kalamazoo.

About The Henry Ford

The Henry Ford, in Dearborn, Michigan, is the world's premiere history destination and a National Historic Landmark that celebrates American history and innovation. Its mission is to provide unique educational experiences based on authentic objects, stories and lives from America's traditions of ingenuity, resourcefulness and innovation. Its purpose is to inspire people to learn from these traditions to help shape a better future. Five distinct attractions at The Henry Ford captivate more than 1.5 million visitors annually: Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, The Ford Rouge Factory Tour, The Benson Ford Research Center and The Henry Ford IMAX Theatre. The Henry Ford is also home to Henry Ford Academy, a public charter high school which educates 485 students a year on the institution's campus and was founded in partnership

with The Henry Ford, Ford Motor Company and Wayne County Public Schools. For more information please visit our website thehenryford.org.

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