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IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON A 17TH-CENTURY-INSPIRED WATCH NEWLY AVAILABLE AT THE FRICK COLLECTION

The Frick is beloved as much because it is a historic home reflecting the taste of a great collector as it is because it is a museum. In addition to masterpieces by Vermeer and Rembrandt, The Frick Collection features decorative arts treasures such as the desk and commode of Marie Antoinette, rare Sèvres ceramics, and Renaissance bronzes. One of the museum's newest treasures is a seventeenth-century French longcase clock decorated with a profusion of intricate and breathtaking Boulle marquetry. The clock has provided inspiration for a more portable version of itself in a modern, lightweight wristwatch now available through the museum's Shop. This fashionably elegant timepiece will offer visitors a first-hand appreciation of an extremely beautiful work of decorative art.



André-Charles Boulle (1642 - 1732)
Casemaker, 1677; Antoine Gaudron
(c.1640 - c.1714) Movement Maker,
1677; *Hour and Half-hour Striking
Seconds Pendulum Longcase Clock*,
1672-c.1677; Ebony and tortoiseshell
on oak; 223.52 cm x 40.16 cm x
20.02 cm; Bequest of Winthrop
Kellogg Edey; The Frick Collection

Boulle, who is widely regarded as the greatest cabinetmaker of his day in France and was appointed by Louis XIVth in 1672, made the case of the clock from oak with marquetry of ebony, tortoiseshell, brass stringing and engraved pewter. It was part of an extraordinary collection of timepieces given by bequest to The Frick Collection in 1999 by Winthrop Edey. Their ongoing presentation at the museum reminds us that clocks and watches are as representative of the history of the decorative arts as they are of the history of science and technology.

The watch is made by Sphere Time International, a company based in Luxembourg. It measures 9 inches in length and 1 ½ inches in face width. It is now available for \$29.95 and can be purchased at The Frick Collection's Museum Shop, online at www.frick.org, or by calling (212) 288-0700.



Newly available: The Frick Collection watch,
\$29.95; Based on the Boulle marquetry design
of a French 17th-century longcase clock; Watch
made by Sphere Time International; Photo:
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Basic Information

General Information Phone: (212) 288-0700

Website: www.frick.org

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Where: 1 East 70th Street, near Fifth Avenue.

Hours: open six days a week: 10 am to 6 pm on Tuesdays through Saturdays; 11 am to 5 pm on Sundays. Closed Mondays, New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day. Limited hours (11 am to 5 pm) on Lincoln's Birthday, Election Day, and Veterans Day.

Special Temporary Friday Hours: during the run of *Memling's Portraits*, through December 31, 2005, the special exhibition galleries remain open until 8pm on Friday evenings; does not apply to permanent collection galleries

Admission: \$15; senior citizens \$10; students \$5; "pay as you wish" on Sundays from 11 am to 1 pm

PLEASE NOTE TO YOUR READERS: Children under ten are not admitted to the Collection, and those under sixteen must be accompanied by an adult.

Subway: #6 local (on Lexington Avenue) to 68th Street station; **Bus:** M1, M2, M3, and M4 southbound on Fifth Avenue to 72nd Street and northbound on Madison Avenue to 70th Street

Tour Information: included in the price of admission is an Acoustiguide INFORM® Audio Tour of the permanent collection, provided by Acoustiguide. The tour is offered in six languages: English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish.

Museum Shop: the shop is open the same days as the Museum, closing fifteen minutes before the institution.

Group Visits: Please call (212) 288-0700 for details and to make reservations.

Public Programs: A calendar of events is published regularly and is available upon request.

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