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Exhibition

Maya Textiles from the Guatemalan Highlands

June 5 to September 17, 2005

Opening Reception: June 4, 2005, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Curator's Informal Remarks: 8:00 p.m.

Speaker: Richard Nelson, exhibition curator

Guatemala is one of the few places on earth where traditional textile arts from ancient cultures survive. *Maya Textiles from the Guatemalan Highlands*, June 5 through September 17 at The Goldstein, highlights the culture of Maya people who continue to wear their traditional dress, or *traje*, with pride. This engaging exhibition will feature clothing and textiles from the Guatemalan Highlands, all from the collection of Richard Nelson. Nelson, a Twin Cities photographer, has traveled to Guatemala and other Central American countries every year since 1973, building a large and comprehensive collection. The show will feature clothing and textiles from 1930 to the present that are indigenous to four Guatemalan regions. The exhibition will also include 50 of Nelson's photographs, traditional back-strap looms, and an informative catalogue. The intricate textile patterns featured in this collection communicate the history, religion, and philosophy of the Maya people, and often identify a particular village.

The June 4 opening will bring Guatemalan and Latino food and music to all who attend the festive evening. Fernando Silva, Mauricio Sanchez, Abraham Sanchez and Juaquin Sanchez will play Latin Folklore music. Food will be provided by Acapulco. Other outreach events planned include a daylong adventure at The Goldstein focusing on the exhibition and Guatemalan culture (day and time to be announced), and a photographic travelogue lecture by Nelson at the Minnesota Center for Photography in Minneapolis, on Thursday evening June 30th at 7:30.

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General Information

The Goldstein Museum of Design at the University of Minnesota is a museum that supports teaching and research while fulfilling a vital public outreach function through interpretive exhibitions, publications, off-site programs, and community partnerships. The Goldstein celebrates the diverse cultures of the people of Minnesota through its collections and programs by promoting the appreciation and interpretation of design within its social, cultural, aesthetic, and historic contexts.

The Goldstein Museum of Design is located at 241 McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108.

Gallery Hours:

Monday-Wednesday & Friday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday	1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Admission is free!

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