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PRESENT

*CHARLES LANG FREER AND THE
ARTS & CRAFTS MOVEMENT IN DETROIT*

A LECTURE BY:

DR. THOMAS W. BRUNK

HISTORIAN AND AUTHORITY ON THE CHARLES LANG FREER HOUSE

Art School of the Society of Arts and Crafts,
at 47 Watson Street



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2006 marks the one hundred year anniversary of the founding of the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts. Many prominent Detroit institutions trace their early history to this unique organization including the College for Creative Studies, Cranbrook and Pewabic Pottery. Its early board members included some of Detroit's most important business and cultural leaders such as Albert Kahn, George Booth, Mary Chase Perry and Charles Lang Freer, as well as other creative Detroiters whose legacies have been forgotten over time. The Society's headquarters building on Watson Street off Woodward was sadly demolished earlier this year, but the significant impact the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts had on this city's art, architecture and culture remains vital to this day.

Come hear a special 100th anniversary lecture by Dr. Thomas Brunk on the rich history and legacy of the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts. Dr. Brunk's lecture will feature rare original photographs of the Society's unique Watson Street headquarters, its fascinating early founders and leaders, and will include highlights of the remarkable stamp this institution and its members left on Detroit history and architecture.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2006

3PM

**Tours of the Freer House
Lecture & Light Reception**

Complimentary Admission for Members
Suggested Donation for Non-Members \$5.00

Please RSVP (313) 872-1790

Dr. Thomas Brunk is a founding member of the "Friends of Freer House" and one of Detroit's leading architectural historians. He is currently teaching a course on the history of the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts at the College for Creative Studies from which his special lecture for the "Friends of Freer House" will be drawn.