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MEDIA REMINDER: EXHIBITION OPENING SOON

Wendell Castle: About Time

September 20—December 21 // Central Court

Wendell Castle Artist's Talk // Thursday, October 2, 7 PM

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PROMOTIONAL IMAGES AVAILABLE

Lawrence, KS— American furniture artist and sculptor Wendell Castle, a KU alumnus, will install five of his exquisite clocks in the museum's Central Court as part of the Spencer's fall 2008 focus on concepts of time in visual art. *Wendell Castle: About Time* will be accompanied by a book featuring an interview with Castle and a major essay on Castle's art by Charles C. Eldredge, KU's Hall Distinguished Professor of American Art and Culture. As well, Castle will give an artist's talk Thursday, October 2, at 7 PM.

Wendell Castle: About Time is supported by [Emprise Bank](#) and [The World Company](#). The publication accompanying the exhibition is supported by the Price R. and Flora A. Reid Foundation.

In his essay entitled "Of Time and Materials: The Art of Wendell Castle," Dr. Eldredge writes, "More than by traditional clock- or cabinetmakers, Castle has...been inspired by scientists, especially Alan Lightman whose *Einstein's Dreams*, ruminations on the concept of time, is often cited by the artist in discussion. Unlike the traditional clockmaker's concern with accurate timekeeping, or the contemporary furniture maker's with artfully designed and constructed objects, Castle is intrigued by the scientific concept of time. „They (scientists) think about things like, time doesn't move in a consistent way," he explained. „Actually, it moves in fits and starts." Or at variable rates, depending on velocity, or altitude, etcetera. „If you're moving at the speed of light, time will stand still; if you're moving very fast, it slows down. If you live on top of a mountain, you'll live longer than if you live at sea level; time is different, it will move more slowly."

About Time was organized by Lara Kuykendall, the Spencer's 2007-2008 European and American Art Intern, and Susan Earle, Curator of European and American Art.

About Time marks the second of two exhibitions this fall at the Spencer that contemplate time and its representation in visual culture; the other, *Time/Frame*, opened in August and assembles works from the SMA collection from North and South America, Africa, Europe, Asia, and Australia, and across various media, to consider how time is manifested visually in art and material culture. Petah Coyne, Andy Warhol, Jan van de Velde II, Diane Arbus, Preston Singletary, Larry Schwarm, Marcantonio Raimondi, Watanabe Gentai, and Elliott Erwitt are among the artists whose work is featured in the exhibition. For more information on *Time/Frame* please visit: <http://www.spencerart.ku.edu/exhibitions/timeframe.shtml>

Public Programming for *Wendell Castle: About Time*

9.27

It Starts With Art!: Children's art appreciation classes for ages 5-14 / *It's About Time:* Wendell Castle considers the scientific concept of time with his art clocks, and students will do the same, using found objects to build their own clocks. / 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM / Central Court & Galleries / \$ / To enroll, contact Jessica Johnson, SMA Education Department, 785.864.0137 or smakids@ku.edu, or visit www.spencerart.ku.edu to enroll online.

10.2

Opening Reception: *Time/Frame* and *Wendell Castle: About Time* / 5:30-7 PM / Central Court & Galleries

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Artist Lecture: Wendell Castle on "An Idea in Transition" / 7 PM / SMA Auditorium / In conjunction with *Wendell Castle: About Time*. / Murphy Lecture Fund / Co-sponsored by the Kress Foundation Department of Art History.

10.10

Town & Gown Forum: "Time/Frame" / 10 AM / Central Court & Galleries / Co-sponsored with KU Hall Center for the Humanities. / Join KU faculty members for a series of gallery presentations about the exhibitions *Time/Frame* and *Wendell Castle: About Time*. Presenters are: Adrian Melott, cosmology, astrophysics, and astrobiology; Mark Landau, psychology; Larry Martin, ecology and evolutionary biology; and Susan Earle, SMA curator of European and American art. / Amanda Martin-Hamon, SMA docent & public programs coordinator, will moderate.

10.30

Student Night: 6-8 PM / Sponsored by the Spencer's Student Advisory Board / Enjoy free food, music, activities and art!

12.1

KU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute: *It's About Time!* 2 PM / Central Court & Galleries / Join KU faculty members and others for a series of gallery presentations about the exhibitions ***Time/Frame*** and ***Wendell Castle: About Time.*** / Amanda Martin-Hamon, moderator. / \$ / Class sponsored by KU Continuing Education. Enrollment required. Please contact Continuing Education, 785-864-KUCE(5823), www.kuce.org, or kuce@ku.edu.

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Thurs. 10 AM—9 PM

Sun. Noon—5 PM

Closed Monday

Museum Shop closes 30 minutes before the galleries close.

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- Parking garage adjacent to Kansas Union is \$1 per hour weekdays, free on Saturdays and Sundays (but unavailable on home football games).