



EXHIBITION FACT SHEET

<i>Title:</i>	<i>ON A PEDESTAL: FROM RENAISSANCE CHOPINES TO BAROQUE HEELS</i>
<i>Dates:</i>	November 19, 2009 – September 20, 2010
<i>Organizer:</i>	Bata Shoe Museum
<i>Overview:</i>	<p>The Bata Shoe Museum is excited to announce this once-in-a lifetime opportunity for visitors to experience an international collection of exceptionally rare examples of fashionable footwear from 1500 – 1660.</p> <p>Focusing on two of the most extreme forms of footwear ever worn in Western dress, <i>On a Pedestal: From Renaissance Chopines to Baroque Heels</i> explores the outrageous height of the chopine (a type of woman's platform shoe that was popular in the 15 and 16th centuries) and its replacement by the high heel.</p> <p>Bringing together, for the first time, the best and rarest examples of European courtly shoes and footwear, the exhibition will feature loans from numerous museums in Europe and North America.</p>
<i>Lenders:</i>	The exhibition will include rare artefacts from the Bata Shoe Museum's private collection, as well as loans from several international prestigious museums in Europe and North America including: Victoria and Albert Museum, London; Museo Bardini, Florence; Castello Sforzesco, Milan; Livrustkammaren and Skoklosters Slott, both Stockholm; Museo Palazzo Mocenigo and Museo Correr, both Venice; Ambras Castle, Austria; Boston Museum of Fine Art, Boston and Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto.
<i>Exhibition Sponsors:</i>	Flare Magazine, Corriere Canadese, Tandem, Holman Exhibits Limited, PacArt, Instituto Italiano di Cultura, Intercontinental Toronto Yorkville,
<i>Hotel Package:</i>	The Bata Shoe Museum is pleased to be partnering with the Intercontinental Toronto Yorkville on a variety of packages. Details to follow shortly.
<i>Financial Assistance:</i>	Ontario Cultural Access Fund; Economic Development Sector Initiatives Program, Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership
<i>Educational Fund:</i>	Supported by the BMO Financial Group, McLean Budden Ltd. and RBC Foundation, the Bata Shoe Museum will begin a new initiative which will coincide with the launch of <i>On a Pedestal</i> . Intended to be a long-term project committed to removing financial barriers for school children in at-risk communities, <i>Step Ahead at the Bata Shoe Museum</i> will subsidize education programs in targeted areas. For the duration of the exhibition, the <i>Step Ahead</i> fund will completely subsidize 850 students, or approximately 35 classes. Elementary and intermediate students (JK – Grade 8) will participate in a curriculum-based program in the Museum's exhibitions and with the hands-on collection.

Location: The Bata Shoe Museum
327 Bloor Street West, Toronto
At the southwest corner of Bloor and St. George Streets. From St. George subway station, exit onto St. George Street and walk south to Bloor.

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm
Sunday: 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

*The Museum is open 363 days each year; closed December 25 and Good Friday.

Admission: Adults: \$12
Seniors: \$10
Students (with ID): \$6
Children (5 – 17 years): \$4 (Children under 5 years of age are free.)
Family Day Pass 1 (maximum of 1 adult and up to 4 children under 18): \$18
Family Day Pass 2 (maximum of 2 adults and up to 4 children under 18): \$30
Members of the Bata Shoe Museum: free
Admission is free every Thursday evening between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm.
*Different prices in effect during March Break.

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