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**Public Museum Staff and Collections Help Lure Antiques Roadshow,  
PBS's Highest Rated Show, to Grand Rapids**

Grand Rapids, MI (June 28, 2008) – Antiques Roadshow will bring its hugely popular show to DeVos Place in Grand Rapids on Saturday, August 9, 2008, one stop in a summer tour schedule which also includes events in Palm Springs, Dallas, Wichita, Chattanooga and Hartford. Christian G. Carron, Director of Research and Interpretation for the Public Museum, was an instrumental part of the team that convinced the PBS show staff to select Grand Rapids over much larger markets.

While in West Michigan, Antiques Roadshow crews will tape a field trip segment at the Public Museum focusing on modern furniture made in West Michigan and highlighting some of the pieces in the Museum's preeminent collection much of which is displayed in *The Furniture City* exhibit. This permanent exhibit features pieces by Frank Lloyd Wright, Eames, Saarinen, Panton, Nelson, Rohde, Nakashima, Noguchi, Gehry, and other icons of 20<sup>th</sup> century modernism. The Museum's collection of Grand Rapids-made furniture is chronicled in Carron's book *Grand Rapids Furniture, The Story of America's Furniture City* (1998).

The segment taped at the Public Museum will be considered for inclusion in next year's Antiques Roadshow episodes from Grand Rapids which will air between January and June of 2009. For more information about the 2008 Antiques Roadshow summer tour, visit [pbs.org/antiques](http://pbs.org/antiques). The Roadshow shoot is closed to the public, but press are welcome to attend. Please contact Judy Matthews at Antiques Roadshow for credentials at: 617-300-5343 ([judy\\_matthews@wgbh.org](mailto:judy_matthews@wgbh.org)).

The Public Museum is a collections-based educational organization that explores and celebrates the world and our place in it. Hours are Monday – Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and Sunday 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. General admission is \$8 Adults, \$7 Seniors and \$3 Children. Members are free. For more information call 616/456-3977 or go to [grmuseum.org](http://grmuseum.org).

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