

# GERALD <sup>GP</sup> PETERS GALLERY®

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### ALEXANDER CALDER

July 22 – October 2, 2010

Opening Reception Thursday, July 22, 2010,  
5 – 7pm

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Gallery Hours: Monday – Saturday,  
10am – 5pm

Santa Fe, NM, July 20, 2010: Gerald Peters Gallery in Santa Fe is pleased to announce an exhibition of small scale works by Alexander Calder including an impressive collection of 20 pieces of jewelry created in the 1940s and 1950s. The exhibition will open on Thursday, July 22, 2010 with a free reception open to the public from 5 – 7pm. The exhibition will be on view through October 2, 2010.

Alexander Calder (1898-1976) is widely considered one of the most important American sculptors of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. His large, colorful mobiles and stabiles are favorites in museums and public spaces across the country. In addition to the large-scale works he is best known for, Calder also often worked in a much smaller scale and in a variety of media, including small circus themed figurines and stabiles in both wood and metal. Even less widely known are his accomplishments as a jewelry maker. He was seldom without a piece of wire in his pocket to “doodle” with whenever the mood struck him. Many of these whimsical creations ended up becoming jewelry that the artist presented to friends.

Calder’s intimate work in silver, brass, and steel wire bears comparison with the drawings of Picasso. Like Picasso, who could make a drawing of a single line without lifting his pencil from the paper, Calder made many works that are constructed of a single, unbroken piece of metal, curved and looped over itself. These pieces of jewelry are truly an example of drawing in three dimensions. The pieces of jewelry range from a delicate brass flower pin, to a stunning silver “ruff” necklace to an amusing cigarette holder in the form of a duck.

All of the works come from private collections and most have never before been offered for sale. In particular, the jewelry has been in the same collection for a quarter century.

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"A" pin, Silver, 3 1/4 x 4 1/4 inches. Jew's Harp Pin, Silver, 5 1/8 x 4 1/4 inches. © 2010 Calder Foundation, New York / Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York.