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## PRESS RELEASE

### Exhibition of works by Raoul DUFY

#### Close collaboration between the Musée national d'histoire et d'art and BGL BNP Paribas

In close collaboration, BGL BNP Paribas and the Musée national d'histoire et d'art will stage on two sites from 8 October 2010 to 9 January 2011 an exceptional exhibition dedicated to the French artist Raoul Dufy (1877-1953) and his far-reaching influence as a painter, textile designer and printmaker.

The exhibition, which was already on display in Japan and in the United States, includes more than 100 paintings, watercolours, gouaches, drawings and engravings from European private collections and nearly 100 silk fabric designs from the archives of Bianchini-Férier in Lyon, offering an unprecedented view of the oeuvre of Dufy. Also included in the exhibition will be five dresses designed by Mongi Guibane and Christian Lacroix using Dufy fabric designs.

Dufy's art shows a profound sensibility. Dufy discovered an infinite richness in daily life and his creative imagination, power of fantasy and mental energy all combined to produce a visual poetry that glorifies life in all its manifestations.

Raoul Dufy was also one of the innovators of 20th century textile design, but this aspect of his work has remained relatively unknown. Between 1909 and 1930, Dufy transformed the face of fashion and fabric design. Even today, his vision influences the colour, design, texture and imagery of a wide range of products such as book covers, perfumes, posters, stage design and textiles for furniture.

Exhibition open from 8 October 2010 to 9 January 2011 on two sites:

**Musée national d'histoire et d'art, Marché-aux-Poissons, L-2345 Luxembourg**

Tuesday to Sunday 10 am to 6 pm, Thursday 10 am to 20 am, closed on Mondays.

Guided tours: Thursday 6 pm (L/G), Saturday 3 pm (F), Sunday 3 pm (L)

**BGL BNP PARIBAS, 10A Boulevard Royal, L-2093 Luxembourg**

Monday to Friday 9 am to 4 pm

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#### **About the National museum for history and fine arts (MNHA)**

Besides several temporary exhibitions organized every year, the National Museum for History and Fine Arts (MNHA [www.mnha.lu](http://www.mnha.lu)) displays the national archaeological, historical as well as art collections. The exhibitions are presented in chronological order, from the depths of Prehistory to the most recent artistic experiments. The visitor climbs from floor to floor as if walking through the corridors of time. The archaeological collections show the development of the human settlement in Luxembourg from Prehistory to the end of the Middle Ages. Among the highlights are to be mentioned a spectacular series of late iron age aristocratic graves and the sumptuous Roman Muses mosaic discovered in Vichten. The numismatic exhibits present a sample of Celtic, Roman, medieval and modern coinages. The Fine Art department displays a collection of old master paintings, among which the famous Bacchus, Venus and Amor (around 1530-31) by Rosso Fiorentino, as well as a collection of modern and contemporary art from both Luxembourg and abroad. The department of Decorative Arts and Popular Arts and Traditions is situated in well-preserved townhouses of the 17th and 18th century next to the new main museum building inaugurated in 2002.

MNHA also groups the Fortress Museum (3 Eechelen Museum) in Luxembourg, the Roman Villa in Echternach as well as the Gallo-Roman site in Dalheim.

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