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Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art presents:

**What: MV AGUSTA: Art, Design and Function
Legendary Italian Automobile Photographs by Michael Furman
Italian Master Drawings from the Northwood University Tamassy
Collection**

When: January 15 – April 10, 2011

**Where: Galleries, Alden B. Dow Museum of Science & Art, Midland Center for the
Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., Midland, MI 48640**

Cost: \$8 Adults | \$5 Children | FREE to Museum members

Information: Call Ticket Office at (989) 631-8250 or (800) 523-7649 or www.mcfta.org

Find this on our website: <http://www.mcfta.org/ExhibitionsABDM.html#agusta>

MIDLAND - The essence of perfection! Italian company **MV AGUSTA** produces the world's finest motorcycles: Sleek in design, unparalleled in performance and artfully beautiful. The Alden B. Dow Museum of Science & Art at Midland Center for the Arts will be the epicenter for the largest, most comprehensive exhibition on these exquisite motorcycles January 15 through April 10, 2011. **MV AGUSTA: Art, Design and Function** traces the evolution of the motorcycle from wartime transportation to today's sporting machine, chronicling every year of production. On display will be **over 75** rare, vintage and contemporary MV Agusta motorcycles from the incomparable collection of Gary Kohs of Michigan, including the "**500 Triple**," arguably the most important motorcycle ever manufactured. MV Agusta has been on the leading edge of design and production for over 60 years, ever true to their underlying theme: *racing has always been, will always be, the most important part of their story*. Museum admission is \$8 Adults | \$5 Children | FREE to ABDM members. Museum hours are Monday, Tuesday: CLOSED | Wednesday - Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm | Thursday until 8 pm | Sunday: 1 pm to 5 pm | CLOSED on major holidays.

ALSO ON DISPLAY:

Legendary Italian Automobile Photographs by Michael Furman

For over 25 years Michael Furman's studio imagery has revealed the Italian passion for stylish performance in automobiles. This exhibit includes 30 photographs of legendary Italian vehicles. Furman's signature style brings to life the enchanting forms and awesome power of these superb machines: from pre-war Alfa Romeo to the iconic Ferrari and Lamborghini.

Italian Master Drawings from the Northwood University Tamassy Collection

Italian drawings specifically selected to complement our winter celebration of Italian art and design. Featured are works by Raphael, Bernini, Guardi, Tempesta, Carracci and others, from Venice, Florence and Rome. AB Dow Museum thanks Northwood University for the long-term loan of The Tamassy Collection of Master Drawings.

DISTINCTLY ITALIAN: AN EVENING CELEBRATING ITALIAN DESIGN AND STYLE

January 15 • 7 to 9:30 pm

An art-full evening for savoring Italian dishes from Bay City's *Tommy V's Cafe*, enjoying Italian music and appreciating refined Italian design. Cash bar. *Salute!!*

Reception Tickets: \$35 per person in advance | \$40 at the door. Includes one complimentary drink ticket.

Buy raffle tickets to help support the AB Dow Museum of Science and Art!

Grand prize: One-night stay at the elegant **Somerset Inn**, adjacent to the Somerset Collection in Troy, dinner for two at **Crumpets Restaurant** and dinner for two at **Picano's Italian Grille**, an authentic family-owned establishment known for its rich tradition and extensive wine list.
\$450 Value

Second Prize: A specially chosen selection of fine Italian wines and delectable gourmet chocolates from Eastman Party Store of Midland. \$160 Value

Raffle Tickets: \$10 | 3 tickets for \$25

The Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art (ABDM) provides a forum to engage the people of mid-Michigan in the constructive and creative expressions found in science and in art. Exhibitions in the Museum, classes at the Museum School, multiple outreach programs, a permanent collection and various special events are all components in the ABDM programming.

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