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**FIRST LOOK:            PROTOTYPES OF THE JEB JONES COLLECTION**

OPENING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2010 (FIRST FRIDAY)

RECEPTION 5:30 TO 9:30 PM

More than 25 years ago, *Snyderman-Works Galleries* held the premier Philadelphia showings of *Ettore Sottsass'* furniture and objects for Memphis, as well as architect *Robert Venturi's* postmodern furniture designs for Knoll.

At that time, *John Eric Byers*, a cutting edge young furniture maker, was serving his apprenticeship with legendary furniture maker Wendell Castle, who was - then and now - a personal friend of Snyderman-Works gallery owners Rick and Ruth Snyderman. Visits to Castle's studio led to a relationship with Byers that has continued to the present day. During that time Snyderman-Works Galleries have mounted ten solo exhibits of his furniture and paintings.

In early 2010, Byers moved in a completely new direction: Forming a small company he called the ***JEB JONES COLLECTION***, he developed a line of a limited production tables, seating and storage pieces using vibrantly fresh and tasty pure color, the shapes reductive in their simplicity and directness, employing subtle carving to give direction and texture to the surfaces.

The thirty prototype pieces of the ***JEB JONES COLLECTION*** will have their first public showing ever at Snyderman-Works Galleries from October 1 through

November 20. The complete line will be presented next year at the International Contemporary Furniture Fair (ICFF) in New York, May 14-17, 2011.

This presentation is coordinated with **DESIGN PHILADELPHIA**, the convocation of more than 450 regional, national and international designers October 7-17, 2010. As part of that series of events, Mr. Byers will give a talk about this work at Snyderman-Works Galleries on Saturday, October 9, 2010, from 4PM to 6 PM

The talk and exhibition are free and open to the public.

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