Rijksmuseum curator to headline this weekend’s Delaware Antiques Show

The 53rd Annual Delaware Antiques Show returns Friday, Saturday and Sunday with Reinier Baarsen, the senior curator of furniture at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, as keynote speaker and co-chair. The opening night party is Thursday, and tickets are available.

The antiques show, a fundraiser for Winterthur Museum, Library and Gardens, features 60 dealers of American antiques and decorative arts and takes place at the Chase Center on the Riverfront.

The special exhibit will be “Meanderings: A Photographic Exploration of Winterthur as Seen Through the Lens of Natalie Caccamo.”

The Rijksmuseum, named European Museum of the Year Award in 2015, houses one of the most important international collections of furniture in the world. Described by EMP as "a great museum, at the height of its powers, providing a rich experience to the public," the Rijksmuseum was founded in 1800. After undergoing nearly a decade of renovations, it reopened to the public in 2013 with a goal to "reach every child in the Netherlands by the age of 12" among its ambitions.

Baarsen will talk about the museum’s collection of European decorative arts in the lecture "Amsterdam Splendor: European Decorative Arts in the New Rijksmuseum," Friday at 10 am.

The Opening Night Party is from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The show is open Friday from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Food and beverages are available for purchase. General admission is $15 per person; $13 Winterthur members; children under 12 free. Tickets are valid for all three days of the show. Opening Night tickets are $122 to $225.

For more information, go to winterthur.org.