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## ROPEX 2007 – May 18, 19, 20, *NEW MONTH and LOCATION*! at the ESL Sports Centre, 2700 Brighton Henrietta Town Line Road on the Monroe Community College Campus, Rochester (Henrietta), NY

Dear Stamp Dealer,

The Rochester Philatelic Association will host ROPEX 2007 on May 18, 19, 20, 2007 at the ESL Sports Centre at 2700 Brighton Henrietta Town Line Road. We cordially invite you to participate in this national "World Series of Philately" exhibition. All booths will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. If this is your first invitation to a ROPEX show, we hope you decide to participate in our event. If you have participated in past years, join us again.

ROPEX is being held in the southern suburb of Henrietta, only a 10 minute drive from the city center, the airport, or the New York State Thruway. The show is being held in Ice Rink #2 (sorry, we'll melt the ice beforehand!) and is air conditioned. The area is Rochester's most prolific for hotels, restaurants and shopping.

ROPEX features up to 40 dealers and 250 frames of competitive exhibits. Admission is free. Attendance over the three days approaches 1,000. We draw most collectors from a 250 mile radius around Rochester, which includes Buffalo, Syracuse, Albany, New York's southern tier, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Canada. We advertise in the major philatelic newspapers as well as non-philatelic regional publications covering a broad area of western/central New York.

ROPEX 2007 will feature an "Early Bird" bourse on Friday before the show opens to the public between 9:30-11 AM. Early entrance for non-ROPEX dealers, cachet makers' bourse participants and collectors is \$20. The building will be open for ROPEX dealers at 8:30 AM daily.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the contract for your future booth space. Please respond to this invitation as soon as possible with a \$100 table fee deposit and a signed contract. The balance will be due at the time of sign-in for the show.

Act now! An advertising rate list for the ROPEX show program is also enclosed. We encourage you to place an ad and/or notify your current clients of your attendance at ROPEX.

See our web site for additional details, or contact me directly. "SEE YOU AT ROPEX."

Dave Robinson ROPEX Bourse Co-Chairman Email: saferace@rochester.rr.com





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| When:            | May 18-20, 2007   |   | ROPEX 2007 will feature an "Early Bird"   |  |  |  |  |
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| Times:           | Friday, May 18<br>Saturday May 19<br>Sunday, May 20   | 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM<br>10:00 AM - 5:00 PM<br>10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  | bourse Friday morning, May 18 from<br>9:30-11 AM. No charge for ROPEX booth<br>holders, \$20 early admission for dealers<br>and collectors. |  |  |  |  |
| Where:           | ESL Sports Centre, 2700 Brighton Henrietta Town Line Road, just south of the I-390 and I-590 split. Take the Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road exit if traveling south on I-390; or the East Henrietta Road exit if traveling north on I-390, past the Jefferson Road intersection, taking a right at the next light where you'll see a sign to the Brighton Henrietta Town Line Road sign, making a left turn at the top of the ramp at the light and then a left onto the campus. The site offers easy street-level loading and free parking for 400+ cars. Numerous restaurants and hotels/motels are nearby. Refer to the ROPEX web site for a complete list. |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Exhibition Hall: | The hall is in an air-cor<br>back entrance  | nditioned ice rink, one of 4 on   | the site. Loading is through the facility's   |  |  |  |  |
| Booths:          | <u>Size</u> Price   | Consisting of:  |   |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Small \$ 250  | <ul> <li>1 – 8 ft front table</li> <li>1 – 8 ft back table</li> <li>2 – dealer chairs</li> <li>3 – customer chairs</li> </ul> | $\begin{array}{c} \bullet \bullet \bullet \\ \leftarrow & 8 \text{ ft } \rightarrow \end{array}$  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | <br>Regular\$ 400<br>(\$200 for \$1 dealers)  | 2 – 8 ft front tables<br>1 – 8 ft back table  |   |  |  |  |  |
|                  | (layout may be<br>modified but<br>have same   | 2 – dealer chairs<br>5 – customer chairs  |   |  |  |  |  |
|                  | components) ← 16 ft →   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
|                  |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
|                  | A Cachet Makers Bourse will take place between 1-6 PM on Saturday, May 19.<br>One front table will be provided for \$30. (min. 4 dealers must sign up by April 1)   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
|                  |   | per table. One free back table<br>n at \$50 each. Custom config   | e will be given for every 2 fronts ordered.<br>gurations may be requested.  |  |  |  |  |
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### Dealers must bring their own tablecloths to fit all front tables.

There is no smoking or alcohol allowed in the bourse/exhibit area.

A concession stand is on the premises and open throughout the show.

- Dealer Set Up: Thursday: 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Setup should be concluded by 2:00 PM, allowing for easy access to your booth. For dealers arriving on Friday, the doors open at 8:30 AM. <u>Please keep in mind that ROPEX opens to the public at 11:00 AM Friday</u>.
- Pre-Opening Mornings: Coffee and donuts will be provided Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 9:00-9:45 AM for dealers and RPA/ROPEX members only.

Take Down: ROPEX will close at 3:00 PM on Sunday. Please conclude any business with your customers in advance of this time.

Only dealers, exhibitors, RPA/ROPEX Committee members or authorized assistants will be allowed in the hall after 3:00 PM. Note that ROPEX show times are well advertised to the public. Dealers may not leave prior to the official closing time. Make your departure plans accordingly. Lack of adherence to these rules will jeopardize your participation in future ROPEX shows.

Loading assistance is expected to be available for an hour after 3:00 PM. Be aware that the exhibits and frames are also taken down and dismantled at this time.

Accommodations: A variety of area accommodations are available. Dealers are requested to make reservations as early as possible to avoid disappointment. There is no official show hotel, however this list is provided as a convenience for show-goers. Click the "\*" to go to the hotel's web site. All prices are for double beds per room per night at 2006 base prices and do not include the standard 14% tax. Most offer AAA and AARP discounts. Also check other Internet sites for possible discounts at these hotels. (SH)=free airport shuttle service (\*\*)=closest to the show

\* Best Western Marketplace Inn, 940 Jefferson Rd, Rochester, NY 14623 585-427-2700 \$113 (\*\*) (SH)

\* Comfort Suites, 2085 Hylan Dr, Rochester, NY 14623 585-334-6620 \$135

Courtyard Rochester, 30 Corporate Woods, Rochester, NY 14623 585-292-1000 \$149 (\*\*) (SH)

\* Days Inn, 4853 W Henrietta Rd, Rochester, NY 14467 585-334-9300 \$84

\* Doubletree Inn (was Holiday Inn Holidome), 1111 Jefferson Rd, Rochester, NY 14623 585-475-1510 \$119 (\*\*) (SH)

\* Hampton Inn, 717 East Henrietta Rd, Rochester, NY 14623 585-272-7800 \$125 (SH) (\*\*)

\* Homewood Suites, 2095 Hylan Dr, Rochester, NY 14623 585-334-9150 \$129-159

\* Microtel Inn, 905 Lehigh Station Rd, Rochester, NY 14467 585-334-3400 \$54-64

\* Radisson Hotel Airport, 175 Jefferson Rd, Rochester, NY 14623 585-475-1910 \$109 (SH)

\* Red Roof Inns, 4820 W Henrietta Rd, Rochester, NY 14467 585-359-1100 \$107

\* Residence Inn by Marriott, 1300 Jefferson Rd, Rochester, NY 14623 585-272-8850 \$129-159

ROPEX Banquet: Dealers are welcome to attend the ROPEX Awards Banquet. Tickets must be reserved in advance. Attending dealers will receive ticket details in a future mailing. Pricing has typically been around \$25 per person and details will be sent when available.

#### **Show Advertising Opportunities**

ROPEX offers dealers advertising opportunities to all participating dealers.

<u>ROPEX Show Program</u>: We are accepting ads to appear in the official ROPEX show program. A nominal charge of \$1 is asked for a program, which will also contain an entry form for special prize drawings throughout the show. Between 700-800 programs have been typically printed yearly. We encourage you to take out an ad offering a discount or special gift with a purchase from you, as these types of ads bring the greatest return to dealers.

Ad prices (for camera-ready copy):

Full page- \$100, Half page- \$55, Quarter page- \$35

Ad sizes: (these are maximum sizes- provide a small border of white around the ad)

#### Show Program:

Full page- 5.5x8.5 inches, Half page- 5.5x4.25 inches, Quarter page- 2.75x4.25 inches

We can assist you with designing your ad if you cannot provide us with camera-ready copy.



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ROPEX and the DEALER agree to the following:

1) The ROPEX Bourse Committee agrees to furnish the dealer with booth space at ROPEX to be held at the date, location, and times specified per the following schedule:

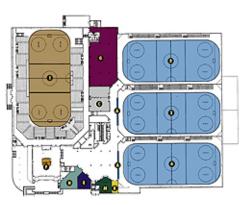
#### ROPEX 2007 – May 18-20 at the ESL Sports Centre

| □ Small Booth- \$250    | 1 - 8' front table, 1- 8' back table, 3 - public chairs, 2 - dealer chairs  |
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| □ Regular Booth- \$400  | 2 - 8' front tables, 1 - 8' back table, 5 - public chairs, 2 - dealer chairs  |
| □ Dollar Dealers- \$200 | 2 - 8' front tables, 1 - 8' back table, 5 - public chairs, 2 - dealer chairs<br>(Table locations completely at the discretion of ROPEX) |

□ Cachet Makers' Bourse- \$30 1 - 8' front table, 4 chairs (Table locations at the discretion of ROPEX) 1 day only, Saturday, May 19, from 1-6 PM (min. of 4 dealers must sign up by April 1 for this to take place)

Dealers must provide their own tablecloths for all front/side tables. Dealers are obliged to staff their booth throughout all show hours until 3 PM Sunday unless prior arrangements have been made with the bourse chairman in advance. Departure before this time is considered a breach of contract.

- 2) The ROPEX Committee will take all necessary and practical steps to insure the safety and careful treatment of materials during the exhibition. However, no responsibility shall be attached to the Rochester Philatelic Association, Inc., ROPEX, the Town, the ESL Sports Centre or its staff, the Executive Committee nor its employees or voluntary assistants, for anything whatsoever. The ROPEX Committee will provide security personnel for the duration of the exhibition. Dealers will be responsible for their own insurance coverage.
- 3) There will be no selling or sharing of booth space without ROPEX Bourse Chairman's permission. The Bourse Chairman will have absolute discretion in the location of booths. Every effort will be made to comply with requested booth position locations. ROPEX is predominantly a philatelic exhibition, however related ephemera, post cards, and numismatic items are allowed as well.
- 4) Payments shall be made in U.S. funds. <u>A \$100 deposit must accompany the application.</u>
- 5) If ROPEX does not take place, the ROPEX Committee will be responsible only for the return of the deposit submitted with the application.





# All conditions listed in this ROPEX 2007 CONTRACT are agreed to by the undersigned

(Please print and return this form with your \$100 deposit. All blanks must be filled in completely!)

|             | Name of Firm:  |   |  |   |                    |
|-------------|--|---|--|---|--------------------|
|             | Tax Resale Number:(Monroe Co   | unty Sales Tax R  | ate is 8,25%)  |   |                    |
|             | Address:   | -   |  |   |                    |
|             | (City)   | (S  | tate/Province)   | (Zip/Postal Code)   |                    |
|             | Phone:   |   |  |   |                    |
|             | Email Address:   |   |  |   |                    |
|             | Dealer Name  |   |  |   |                    |
|             | Table Assistant Name(s)  |   |  |   |                    |
|             | Dealer Signature   |   |  |   |                    |
|             | Describe your specialty(s) and the   | ne stock you expe   | ect to bring to RO   | PEX:  |                    |
|             | Booth size (choose one):  Sma<br>Optional: # extra front tabl # extra back tabl Deposit Enclosed: (\$1 Dealers must provide their own to<br>booth throughout all show hours<br>the bourse chairman in advance. | es @\$150 each<br>es on their own @<br>00 deposit due w<br>ablecloths for all<br>until 3 PM Sunda | <ul> <li>(1 free back table</li> <li>(2 free back table</li> <li>(3 free back table</li> <li>(4 with application, b</li> <li>(5 front/side tables, ay unless prior ar</li> </ul> | w/every 2 fronts ordered)<br>alance will be due at sign-in<br>Dealers are obliged to staf<br>rangements have been mad | f their<br>de with |
|             | <u>Advertising opportunities</u> : (submi<br>ROPEX show program ad:  |   |  |   | 35                 |
|             | Make check payable to "ROPEX"<br>and mail payment with this<br>signed contract to:   | Dave<br>PO Be   | EX BOURSE Cor<br>Robinson, ROPE<br>ox 90672<br>ester, NY 14609   | tract<br>EX Bourse Co-Chairman  |                    |
| Questions?  | Phone 585-225-6822 Email: safer  | ace@rochester.r   | r.com  |   |                    |
| Accepted co | ontracts will be acknowledged within s   | -   |  |   |                    |
|             | Date Received:   |   |  |   |                    |
|             | Amount Rec'd:  |   |  | nittee Member's Signature   |                    |
|             | Balance Due:   |   |  | otance of ROPEX contract  |                    |