

BAM – Open to Interpretation

Boise, ID –Boise Art Museum [Open to Interpretation – 75th Anniversary Exhibition](#)
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The Boise Art Museum's 75th Anniversary exhibition, *Open to Interpretation*, is ushering in the 2012 celebration of the Boise Art Museum, highlighting over 100 important artworks from the Museum's Permanent Collection in a variety of mediums and from both historical and contemporary periods. The exhibition is being selected from over 3,200 artworks which have been donated to or purchased by the Museum from 1937 through 2012.

A special feature of the exhibition will be an innovative presentation in which artworks are displayed in unexpected visual relationships. Each artwork will cue the viewer to look for a related association with a corresponding object or series of objects. Entertaining groupings will be linked by correlations between compositions, elements of art or subject matter. In this unique curatorial approach, artworks are intended to be seen in a new way, with ironic, paradoxical, poignant or humorous connections.

The arrangement of artworks in the exhibition will ignite the viewers' imaginations and prompt the audience to become visually engaged in a game of discovery, searching for the ways in which artworks in one grouping relate to one another and seeking narrative connections between groupings. The diverse selection of Museum treasures – drawings, paintings, sculpture, pottery, textiles, photography and mixed media works – will reveal fascinating points of comparison between different art forms across cultures, continents and time.

Open to Interpretation kicks off a year-long celebration of the Boise Art Museum's 75th anniversary. An exhibition reception will take place on the evening of January 20, 2012 at BAM and will be free to all Museum members. More information about the reception and the Museum's exhibitions and educational programs can be found on BAM's website at www.boiseartmuseum.org.

Open to Interpretation is sponsored by *Holland and Hart, OfficeMax Boise Community Fund and the Fifth Floor Foundation*, with additional support provided by *Driek Zirinsky through the Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation, and Kay Hardy and Gregory Kaslo*.

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Boise Art Museum (BAM) is located downtown in Julia Davis Park. HOURS Tuesday - Saturday, 10 AM - 5 PM and Sunday, Noon - 5 PM. Open 10 AM - 9 PM the first Thursday of each month, featuring admission by donation all day. ADMISSION \$5 General, \$3 Seniors (62+) and full-time college students, \$1 students grades 1-12. Children under 6 and Museum members are always free. Boise State University students gain free admission with their valid student ID card, through 8/23/12.

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