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BOISE ART MUSEUM

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BAM awarded national re-accreditation by American Association of Museums

BOISE – In December 2007 Boise Art Museum (BAM) received an award of re-accreditation from the American Association of Museums (AAM). A letter to BAM from Dr. Ford W. Bell, President, AAM, states, “Through your participation in the accreditation process, you demonstrate that you, your staff, and trustees are publicly committed to upholding and sustaining the highest standards and practices in the museum community. You are a leader in the field in providing the best possible museum services and experiences, reminding both your peers and the public exactly how much museums really matter to communities.”

BAM’s re-accreditation coordinator Melanie Fales, then Interim Executive Director and Curator of Education, assisted by Erin Kennedy, Development Director, administered and led the demanding multi-year process and completed the AAM self-study in 2007, followed by a peer site review in June 2007. “We worked for more than a year alongside staff and board to ensure and document that BAM met or exceeded all of the professional requirements set forth by AAM for re-accreditation for another ten-year term,” said Fales.

BAM was awarded its initial AAM accreditation in 1988 with subsequent re-accreditation in 1996. Continued accreditation with the American Association of Museums assures that BAM adheres to national professional standards. Boise Art Museum is the only AAM accredited collecting art museum in the state of Idaho, and one of only 325 accredited art museums in the nation.

Boise Art Museum is located downtown in Julia Davis Park. **HOURS** Mondays, June - August, 2007, 10 – 5 PM. Tuesday - Saturday, 10 AM - 5 PM and Sunday, Noon - 5 PM. Thursdays: 10 AM - 8 PM. Open 10 AM - 9 PM the first Thursday of each month, featuring free or ½ price admission all day. **ADMISSION** \$5 General, \$3 Seniors (62+) and full time college students, \$1 kids grades 1-12. Kids under 6 and Museum members are always free. Boise State University students gain free admission with their valid student ID card, thru 8/21/08.

Boise Art Museum is supported, in part, by its members, the Beaux Arts Société, the City of Boise, the Idaho Commission on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. BAM is accredited by the American Association of Museums.