

BAM and BSU Collaborate to Provide Free Admission for BSU Students

BOISE – For the seventh year, **Boise Art Museum** is partnering with **Boise State University** to provide college students with opportunities to experience exceptional visual art exhibitions and educational programs, free of charge. All current full-time BSU students with valid identification cards receive free admission to BAM through August 23, 2012.

The partnership was initiated in 2005, and has proven to be a popular benefit among BSU students, faculty and staff. “We’ve had professors and students from the English, art, philosophy, French, athletics, international exchange, kinesiology and bilingual education departments, as well as the student success program and BSU Children’s Center, take advantage of this program, which has grown in attendance each year” states Melanie Fales, BAM Executive Director. “This program opens the Museum’s doors for BSU students to experience original works of art at any time. Through this partnership, we are increasing educational opportunities for local college students, encouraging them to take advantage of an important cultural, educational and community resource.”

The collaboration also serves as a successful model of two educational institutions working together to better serve students and the community. “We are fortunate to be neighboring organizations that can collaborate to provide learning beyond the campus,” says Fales. “This program positions BAM as an extension of the classroom, fostering in students an appreciation of the arts and a passion for lifelong learning.”

Full-time students must present their current BSU Student ID Cards at the time of admittance to BAM to receive free admission. Benefit-eligible faculty and staff must present their ID cards for free admission. All class and group visits (30-student maximum) must be scheduled with BAM’s Education Department, 345-8330 ext. 36, at least two weeks in advance.

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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.