(Fiscal Year 5/1/07 – 4/30/08)

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Dear Members,

Seventy-one years ago, the women and men of the Boise Gallery Association, visionary and civic-minded individuals and art lovers all, opened the bronze doors to the Boise Gallery of Art. Those doors, part of the original WPA building, still welcome all visitors to the Boise Art Museum as they pass through them to reach the galleries.

Those of us involved in BAM today stand on the shoulders of those early community pioneers to celebrate what artists, art lovers, museum professionals, good citizens, members, trustees, volunteers, docents, exhibit sponsors, and museum visitors have brought to fruition over these 71 years. We are already thinking about how to celebrate BAM’s 75th anniversary! So many, many individuals have contributed to what BAM has become, and I am deeply grateful to all of them for this gift of the cultural jewel of our city, valley, state and region: our beloved Boise Art Museum.

The May 19, 2008, annual meeting was held as a “Celebration of the BAM Family,” with a report on the continuity and change that the 2007-2008 fiscal year has brought, even though the life of the Museum doesn’t stop and restart every May. BAM has embraced some big changes, but it has also preserved, continued and built upon the successes of the past. It has been an exciting time to be BAM’s President – challenging, interesting, and lots of fun.

During this past year we appointed a new director, implemented a newly developed strategic plan, and reshaped some of the groups within the Museum. The Board of Trustees continues a multi-year process of revitalization, streamlining some of its operations and by-laws to more closely reflect the trustees’ role and responsibility to the Museum and the progress of its long-term plan.

We invited a group of past BAM Presidents to meet at the Museum last fall. Twenty past presidents, whose service spanned from the 1960s to the present, were in attendance. Their collective memory and experience will be invaluable to BAM going forward.

This year BAM and the Beaux Arts Société began talks to integrate their two organizations under one umbrella to streamline BAM fundraising efforts. I am appreciative of the leadership of Beaux Arts Société Co-Presidents Tonia Ginkel and Heather Messenger-Schultz to accomplish the integration, which is complete at the time of this writing. This year the Beaux Arts Société raised $32,000 for general operating support of BAM, $16,000 to sponsor the Chuck Close exhibit, and $13,500 for the Museum’s ArtReach program. In 20-plus years this powerful group of volunteers has raised about one million dollars for the Boise Art Museum! We are indebted to them for their love of and dedication to BAM.

Exhibitions are at the core of all that the Museum does. A high point for the exhibitions program was the $150,000 grant from the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation in support of a series of 4 installations over a period of three years. This is a significant grant, one given to only a few museums in the nation. It recognizes the excellence we achieve in exhibitions, and the relationship of trust BAM has built with the Foundation over many years. It is confirmation that we are on the right track with our exhibition program.
The portion of the BAM family responsible for these exhibitions includes several outstanding and long-term staff members who deserve special recognition: Sandy Harthorn, Curator of Art (since 1980), Catherine Rakow, Curatorial Assistant (since 1988), Ron Walker, Chief Preparator (since 1989) and Kathy Bettis, Registrar (since 1990). Joined by Associate Curator of Art Amy Pence-Brown in 2006, the BAM curatorial staff is a formidable artistic team who consistently stages the outstanding exhibitions and installations we have come to anticipate with excitement, and enjoy at BAM.

The permanent collection of art at BAM continues to grow exponentially. This year I would like to give special recognition to Gary Bettis, who has assembled an historic collection of prints and photographs that he has been gifting in groups to BAM annually. A highlight this year is the stunningly beautiful photograph by Hiroshi Sugimoto, Ionian Sea—Santa Cesarea, one of the single most valuable works in BAM’s collection. Gary Bettis has built a focused and coherent collection which reflects his taste and the “eye” of an extraordinary collector. BAM is fortunate and honored to receive his collection. It will be a gift to our citizens for generations to come.

Education is BAM’s primary mission, under the direction of Curator of Education Melanie Fales, who also spent the first two and half months of this fiscal year serving as Interim Director. One of the highlights of this year at BAM is the ArtReach program, an example of how BAM builds on its strengths. Melanie started ArtReach several years ago by visiting the schools of Melba, Idaho, and serving 100 students. This year ArtReach served about 5,000 children in over 100 schools outside of Ada County and within a 50-mile radius of BAM. This program was funded in part by a national grant from IMLS (The Institute of Museum and Library Services), Albertsons Boise Open, the Idaho Commission on the Arts, and by the Fund-a-Need auction at the 2007 Beaux Arts Wine Festival.

The Boise Art Museum continues to deal with multiple challenges. Both admission and membership income are in decline, and we are making plans to address those issues. Because of a relatively small endowment, we are continually seeking funding for exhibitions and programs in a community whose traditional corporate sources of arts funding are shifting. Increased storage and preparation areas are a pressing need at BAM. Staff salaries and the Museum’s need for marketing services require urgent attention. All these will be challenging to resolve easily in the current economic climate.

Finally, I want to recognize those Trustees who are completing long and distinguished terms of service: Joel Hickman, Past President; Annette Elg, former Treasurer; and Bev Harad and Pam Parker. In addition, Kathy Carney, Docent representative; Tonia Ginkel and Heather Messenger-Schultz, 2007-08 Beaux Arts Société Co-Presidents; and Angela Wood, representing Friends of Art, completed one-year ex-officio terms on the BAM Board.

Amy McDevitt succeeds me as your next President. Your Museum is in excellent hands.

Driek Zirinsky

Board President 2007-08
The Gift of Art Fundraiser

On May 18, 2007, more than 150 guests gathered at BAM to celebrate the Museum’s 70th birthday and the opening of the Chuck Close exhibition. The program featured live entertainment and a presentation by Terrie Sultan, curator of the exhibition. Each guest was treated to a champagne dinner with birthday cake, and a limited edition print by Idaho artist Marje Weeks Wharry depicting BAM’s original 1937 exterior.

Guests honored BAM’s 70th year by generously contributing more than $7,000 in birthday gifts. It is only through the generosity and support of our donors, patrons, members, volunteers, sponsors, trustees and staff that BAM has been able to serve the community with the highest quality exhibitions and programs over the past 70 years.

We would like to thank the following guests for their birthday contributions to BAM:

Geoff Beard and Guy Plahn
Charmaine Brooks
Peter and Arlene Davidson
Frances and Roy Ellsworth
Melanie Fales
Vicki Gowler
Bev and George Harad
Kay Hardy and Gregory Kaslo
Charles Herrington and Ilenne Shell
David and Mary Jane Hill
Olivia Holly
Joy and Tom Kealy and Chicago Connection
Erin Kennedy

BAM also extends thanks to these donors who helped make our birthday event a truly memorable celebration:

3 Girls Catering
Balance Dance Company
Boise Cold Storage
Chef Bill Green’s Catering Company
Diamond Rental
Steve Eaton
Executive’s Gourmet Catering
Hana…by Kimi
Hayden Beverage Company
Ice Is Nice
Integrity Audio Visual
Jenkins Photography
Kanak Attack Catering
KeyBank
Rebecca’s Cakes and Catering
TableRock Catering

Brittany Powell: Mucho Más

June 16 – December 9, 2007

Portland-based artist Brittany Powell creates site-specific installations by covering entire rooms with contact paper and cutting away detailed designs with an X-Acto® knife to recreate rooms from her experiences and memories of her everyday life, such as her bedroom, a convenience store or the local donut shop. Her work looks for the place where the mass-produced meets the personalized through the methods of inventorying, making of products, intentional kitsch, and performance. Each piece also
artists, Pence-Brown spent the summer traveling across Idaho to conduct 71 studio visits, ultimately selecting the works of 25 artists for the exhibition. By revamping this traditional favorite, BAM was able to put forward a statewide community presence through direct outreach and provide one-on-one constructive criticism to artists by viewing entire bodies of work. The 2007 Idaho Triennial was documented with a color catalog and toured to the Prichard Art Gallery in Moscow, Idaho, and to the Sun Valley Center for the Arts. The following artists were honored with exhibition prizes which were awarded by Idaho First Lady Lori Otter at a September 2007 reception.

Juror’s Award (solo museum show at BAM and $1,000 cash): Gerri Sayler of Moscow, ID

2nd Place prize ($500): BOCOLAB - Francis Fox, Joseph Coffland, and Caleb Chung of Boise, ID

Honorable Mention ($250) Todd Volt of Moscow, ID

Honorable Mention ($250) Katarzyna Cepek of Boise, ID

The exhibition was sponsored in part by the Beaux Arts Société. The opening reception was sponsored in part by the Collectors Forum auxiliary of the Boise Art Museum.

LAS ARTES DE MEXICO
December 8, 2007 – February 24, 2008

Las Artes de Mexico, from the collection of the Gilcrease Museum, examined over 3,500 years of art and culture, from the ancient worlds of the Mayans and Aztecs to the 20th century works of Miguel Covarrubias and Diego Rivera. The exhibition included artifacts from over a dozen pre-Columbian cultures, art created after the European contact of the 1500s, traditional folk art, and the social commentary art that became a focus of Mexican art in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The exhibition engaged the viewer in an exploration of past and present, celebrating three millennia of human experience in Mexico.

Courtesy of the Gilcrease Museum, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Tour Development by Smith Kramer Fine Art Services, Kansas City, Missouri
Sponsored locally by URS Washington Division, OfficeMax Boise Community Fund, and Bev and George Harad
JOHN TAYLOR: SUBMERGE

Self-trained California artist John Taylor grew up near the ocean and from childhood was steeped in boating and shipping lore. After setting up practice as a landscape architect, Taylor returned to his childhood fascination with the sea and began to create sculptures of sunken and damaged ships. Made of weathered wood and metal, and a host of other components such as old earrings, computer motherboards, wire coat hangers and parts from worn out children's toys, each of Taylor's boats is his personal (albeit researched) version of an actual vessel long forgotten in American history. The title of the exhibition, Submerge, reflects on these ships' demise at sea, their past as wreckage, and their reclamation from history by the artist.

Submerge featured 21 ships created between 2000 and 2007, as well as sculptures examining other aspects of maritime lore and culture.

Sponsored in part by Arlene and Peter Davidson

MARSDEN HARTLEY
AMERICAN MODERN
March 15 – June 22, 2008

Marsden Hartley: American Modern examined this renowned artist through the largest collection of his work, the Hudson and Ione Walker Bequest at the University of Minnesota’s Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum. As Hartley’s last dealer and important patron, Hudson Walker amassed a rich collection that spans the artist’s career. Hartley (1877–1943) was an American avant-garde artist who was involved in pivotal art events of the 20th century. His work was shown by Alfred Stieglitz at the groundbreaking 291 Gallery in 1909, and then at the famed Armory show of 1913. In the 1920s, he painted in Taos and Santa Fe, depicting the American Southwest at a time when the great luminaries of Southwest painting were drawn to New Mexico. Today Hartley is recognized as a 20th-century American Master.

Marsden Hartley: American Modern was organized by the Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. This exhibition was made possible by the generous bequest of Hudson and Ione Walker, whose gift comprises the Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum’s collection of works by Marsden Hartley.

Sponsored locally in part by Wells Fargo, the J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation, and an anonymous donor, with media sponsorship by Idaho Media Corporation
Idaho artist Andrea Merrell has worked for two decades creating drawings, sculpture and mixed-media works based on geometry and mathematical formulas such as the Golden Mean and the Fibonacci sequence. More recently, her work has also incorporated a study of the paintings of 14th-century Italian Renaissance artist Giotto. In studies of color value, geometric form, abstraction, and art history, Merrell developed an installation of relationships and juxtapositions for Measure of Man, the artist’s first solo museum exhibition.

Supported in part by Charley and Jacque Crist, and by the Friends of Andrea Merrell.

The Friends of Andrea Merrell are: J Crist Gallery, Chris Binion, Catherine Brigden, Deborah Hardee, Kay Hardy, Mary Ann Martini, Neil Martini, Mat Slater, Andrea Sparrow, Ann Percy Stroud, Robert Vasquez, Joe Wheat, and Driek Zirinsky.

Elegance of Form presents works of art in a variety of media that share an emphasis on beauty and harmony. Examples of American ceramic studio art from the 20th century are on display along with American and Northwest paintings and works on paper. Included are fine examples of ceramic works by Rudy Autio, Paul Soldner, and Jun Kaneko, as well as two-dimensional works by James Lavadour, Robert Motherwell and Pat Steir. The work of John Takehara, Boise ceramist and former professor of ceramics at Boise State University, is represented, as are numerous works from his private collection, gifted to BAM during the 1990s.

This exhibition featured 15 paintings and photographs of locations in Boise. This selection of work was presented on the occasion of BAM’s 70th birthday and the 100th birthday of Julia Davis Park.

H₂O featured artworks from the permanent collection depicting water in various forms, from rain to ice and oceans to rivers. The show highlighted selected recent gifts to the permanent collection as well, and complemented the John Taylor exhibition on seafaring and maritime culture. A 2008 Collectors Forum purchase by photographer Todd Hido, Untitled #6097 (Palouse Series), as well as a wonderful gift from Gary Bettis, the Hiroshi Sugimoto photo Ionian Sea – Santa Cesarea, both suited the exhibition’s theme and were hung as soon as they were accessioned into the Museum’s permanent collection.

Collectors Forum is a BAM membership group whose mission is to assist in the acquisition of Northwest art for the Museum’s Permanent Collection. The artworks in Go Figure are drawn from Collectors Forum purchases as well as recent gifts of art from private collectors. The works purchased by Collectors Forum over the past 16 years have added comprehensiveness and depth to the Museum’s Northwest collection, stimulated interest in it, and have hence been catalysts for many other gifts of art. Go Figure features an eclectic collection of paintings, drawings, sculpture and photographs that focus on the variety of ways in which the figure can be interpreted. These artworks are contemporary in outlook and non-traditional in format, scale and approach.
During fiscal year 2007-08, more than 22,961 people from across the state participated in BAM-organized educational programs. In support of the Museum’s mission, BAM’s education programs provide visitors with opportunities for meaningful experiences with original works of art. Programs complement and extend the learning that takes place naturally in the galleries, advancing art as an integral component of personal expression and the human learning experience.

Boise Art Museum strives to make art accessible to the public through direct interaction with students both in and out of the Museum, through teacher training, tours, classes, lectures, online programs and publications. Innovative projects and partnerships are designed to encourage public participation and engagement in BAM’s educational activities and exhibitions.

In fiscal year 2007-08, BAM’s education programs were supported in part through grants and sponsorships from the Albertson’s Boise Open, Beaux Arts Société, Boise State University Department of Literacy, Boise State University Visual Arts Department, Da Vinci Art Guild, Charles and Victoria Feast, Docent Grant Fund, Hackborn Foundation, Greater Boise Rotary Foundation, Harry W. Morrison Foundation, Idaho Black History Museum, Idaho Commission on the Arts, Idaho Power, Idaho Women’s Charitable Foundation, Members’ Philanthropic Gift Fund, Institute of Museum and Library Services, Lee Pesky Learning Center, Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, National Art Education Foundation, Parks Royal Body Works, Sara Maas Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation, Target, and US Bancorp Foundation.

**EDUCATION INITIATIVES**

**ArtReach Program Expansion**

Boise Art Museum’s ArtReach program was the recipient of several grants to continue and significantly expand the program into the future. BAM received grants from Albertson’s Boise Open, the Beaux Arts Société and the Idaho Commission on the Arts for the project. In addition, Boise Art Museum received a three-year national grant award from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to support and expand the ArtReach program, which provides hands-on art education experiences to students in underserved rural schools. Museum-trained ArtReach educators travel to rural classrooms and engage students in a 45-minute discussion of artwork from BAM’s Permanent Collection, using a projector and laptop computer to present digital images of original works of art. The inquiry-based lesson is followed by a 45-minute hands-on project related to the artwork. At the end of the visit, each student receives a pass for the student and two guests to visit BAM for free. In addition to discussing and creating artwork, students learn about BAM and its purpose in the community. At the same time, teachers learn how to integrate the arts into their regular curricula. In a primarily rural state that does not provide art teachers in many public schools, ArtReach fulfills an important need by providing thousands of underserved Idaho students and teachers with hands-on art education experiences. Piloted in 2001 for 100 students in Melba, Idaho, the ArtReach program increased this year to serving 5,079 students, thanks to the grants mentioned. The grant from IMLS will enable BAM to create new ArtReach lessons, hire and train instructors, and purchase art materials, expanding the program to serve 7,800 students each year by the end of the three-year grant. The IMLS award is one of the largest grants BAM has received in support of an education program. ArtReach is provided free of charge for pre-K-12 classes within a 50-mile radius of BAM and outside of urban Ada County. More than 10,000 urban Ada County students annually visit BAM as part of the Museum’s successful Free School Tour Program.

**Faith Ringgold Partnership**

In conjunction with the exhibition Faith Ringgold: Mama Can Sing, Papa Can Blow, internationally known African-American artist, writer and educator Faith Ringgold presented a special program on March 6, 2008, entitled Faith Ringgold: Story Quilts and Children’s Books. The program, held at the Egyptian Theatre, was attended by 325 people, and was followed by a book signing at the Boise Art Museum. As an...
unexpected result of this educational program, artists Faith Ringgold and Curlee Holton facilitated a donation to BAM of a print portfolio with artwork by eleven important African-American artists.

This program was supported in part by a grant from the Sara Maas Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation and co-sponsors Boise State University Department of Literacy, Boise State University Visual Arts Department, Lee Pesky Learning Center and the Idaho Black History Museum.

Head Start Project

BAM’s Curator of Education consulted on a project for Head Start and Early Head Start in which four and five-year-old children at The Lolly Wyatt Center in Garden City worked with artist and educator Anne Cirillo to create large-scale banners for the Idaho Botanical Garden’s Children’s Adventure Garden. This project provided young children with the opportunity to voice their ideas and understanding through a visual means with a lasting impact in the community. The project was funded in part by a grant from the Idaho Commission on the Arts.

Free School Tour Program

During the fiscal year 2007-08, BAM implemented engaging, interactive school tours followed by hands-on workshops based on the following four themes and exhibitions:

Idaho Art
Las Artes de Mexico
Faith Ringgold and John Taylor: Rebuilding Memories
Marsden Hartley

BAM served more than 15,000 students and teachers through its free school tour program, teacher institutes, outreach and school-centered partnership programs.

Studio Art Program

Designed for children and adults, BAM’s Studio Art Program encourages the creative abilities of all participants by providing experiences in a variety of arts media. All directly relating to BAM’s exhibitions, classes ranged from children’s classes and camps focused on printmaking, paper making, painting, mixed media portraiture, clay, sculpture, and illustration to found object sculpture, illustrated stories and landscape painting workshops for adults. BAM offered 23 classes serving 238 students.

Public Programs

BAM provided an enriching array of public programs and tours for the community. The Museum offered the following programs with a cumulative attendance of more than 7,000 people. The regular monthly programs invite return visitation and build consistent audiences. They also encourage newcomers to the Museum each year.

Regular Monthly Programs

BAM hosted a full menu of regular monthly programs serving all age levels, including Art Breaks, ART TALK, Especially for Seniors, Family Art Saturday, First Sunday Art Tours, Toddler Wednesday, and Studio Art Exploration. The schedule was augmented with printmaking demonstrations during the Chuck Close exhibition.

Lectures

BAM featured the following Art Talks and lectures:

May 1, 2007
Boise Art Museum’s Associate Curator of Art, Amy Pence-Brown, led visitors on a walking tour of the Museum’s outdoor sculpture collection (see photo).

May 17, 2007
Artist Kendall Buster spoke about her installation in BAM’s Sculpture Court.

May 18, 2007
Terrie Sultan, Director of the Art Museum of the University of Houston, and curator of the exhibition Chuck Close Prints: Process and Collaboration, talked about the artist and the exhibition during The Gift of Art Celebration honoring BAM’s 70th birthday and the Chuck Close exhibition opening.

June 7, 2007
Artist Brittany Powell worked on her room-size installation using contact paper and answered visitors’ questions as she created her artwork.

August 2, 2007
Bill Hall, Master Printer and Studio Director for Pace Editions, New York, discussed the printmaking processes used in the exhibition Chuck Close Prints: Process and Collaboration.

August 29, 2007
Artist Laura McPhee addressed employees from the Simplot Company, sponsor of her exhibition River of No Return, during their event at BAM.
Balance Dance Company among the sculptures in the exhibition Kendall Buster: New Growth, as well as the Art Talk and Studio Art Exploration programs regularly offered by BAM on First Thursdays. Cultural Partners for ARTScene were Anser Charter School, Balance Dance Company, Ballet Idaho, Boise City Arts Commission, Boise Contemporary Theater, Boise Philharmonic, Boise Public Library, Boise Tour Train, Children’s Dance Institute, DROP Dance Collective, Foothills School of Arts and Sciences, Forte Pilates Studio, Idaho State Historical Museum, Shakespeare Festival Education Outreach, The Cabin, and Zoo Boise.

Free Admission for BSU Students

BAM expanded its partnership with Boise State University to provide local college students, faculty and staff with opportunities to experience world-class visual art exhibitions and educational programs free of charge for an entire year. From August 21, 2007, through August 21, 2008, all full-time BSU students, faculty and staff with valid identification cards received free admission to the Boise Art Museum. This partnership expanded on a pilot program initiated in 2005 which allowed BSU students to visit BAM for free during the 2005-06 academic year. The 2007-08 partnership was extended to include free admission for faculty and staff for an entire year. In addition, BAM participated in the University’s inaugural Family Day by offering half-price admission to families of BSU students on February 2, 2008, in conjunction with BSU’s student and family orientation weekend. This partnership serves as a successful model of two educational institutions working together to better serve students and the community.

Julia Davis Park Centennial Celebration

Boise Art Museum participated as a partner in the Julia Davis Park celebration by offering reduced admission and free copies of the BAM art catalog 100 Years of Idaho Art to visitors celebrating the park’s 100th anniversary on Saturday, June 23, 2007.
Docents

Docents are one of the cornerstones of BAM’s successful School Tour Program. During the 2007-08 academic year, BAM Docents provided more than 5,000 hours of service educating Idaho students and making connections between the artwork and the students’ lives. In addition to conducting exhibition tours and facilitating related hands-on studio activities for school classes, docents guided public tours for Art Breaks, First Sunday Art Tours, and Especially for Seniors. Docents also traveled to San Francisco to learn about Marsden Hartley, Diego Rivera and other artists. We welcomed nine new docents into the docent corps in January this year.

Internship Program

Education Department Interns complete a semester or year-long project designed to meet their education and career goals while sharing their educational and technical expertise to further the educational mission of the Museum.

2007-08 Education Interns
Kim Cochrane (Boise State University)
Karelia Dubowski (Boise State University)
Amanda Israel (University of North Carolina, Asheville, NC)
Jan Nichols (College of Idaho)
Leslie Peterson (North Park University, Chicago)
Casey Pound (Boise State University)

Teen Volunteers

Teen volunteers (14-19 years of age) assist the Education Department with preparation of materials for studio classes and serve as teaching assistants. Through our program, these students, who often aspire to careers in education and/or art, benefit from authentic classroom experiences and fulfill their community service requirements for school while learning more about art at BAM.

2007-08 Teen Education Volunteers
Sarah Bianchi
Jared Elliott
Chelsey Mandell
Katie McConnell
Kate McNearney
Casey Pound

Boise State University Student Volunteers

In partnership with the Boise State University Art Education Department, student volunteers assist BAM’s Education Department with regular monthly programs and studio classes to fulfill their observation requirements to become certified teachers.

2007-08 BSU Student Volunteers
Sarah Bianchi
Jamie Tock

Technology Intern

Jordan Kasper, a senior at Meridian Technical Charter High School, spent several months at BAM using his training to provide support to the Museum’s website. BAM’s ongoing partnership with Meridian Technical Charter High School has proven fruitful for both organizations, providing students with the workstyle experience important to their future success while offering BAM the skills and time required to maintain an engaging and effective website.
Financial Overview

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**STATEMENT of FINANCIAL POSITION**

April 30, 2008

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**CONDENSED STATEMENT of ACTIVITIES**

Year ended April 30, 2008

| TOTAL SUPPORT and REVENUES                | $2,251,216 |
| EXPENSES                                  |          |
| Supporting services                       | $878,353  |
| Program services                          | 1,501,771 |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES**                        | $2,380,124 |
| CHANGE in NET ASSETS before OTHER ITEMS   | $(128,908) |
| CHANGE in UNREALIZED GAIN on INVESTMENTS  | (32,072)  |
| COLLECTION ITEMS PURCHASED but NOT CAPITALIZED | (41,300) |
| **CHANGE in NET ASSETS**                  | (202,280) |
| **NET ASSETS at BEGINNING of YEAR**       | $2,527,040 |
| **NET ASSETS at END of YEAR**             | $2,324,760 |

The above condensed statement of activities reflects information taken from the Museum’s financial statements audited by Eide Bailly LLP, of Boise, Idaho.

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**THE PAUL G. ALLEN FAMILY FOUNDATION**

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Lead Pencil Studio, Annie Han + Daniel Mihalyo: After BAM Sculpture Garden installation, 2008, the initial exhibition project in the Threads of Perception series Photo courtesy of the artists
ART IN THE PARK

Boise Art Museum hosted the 53rd annual *ART in the PARK*, September 7–9, 2007, and, for the first time, offered FREE admission to the Museum for this weekend event. The largest event of its kind in the Northwest, *ART in the Park* featured over 250 artists offering various art media, from fused glass and metalwork, to pottery and textiles, to jewelry and toys.

Held outdoors in beautiful Julia Davis Park, *ART in the Park* also featured concessions, free live entertainment, and free children’s art activities hosted by the Beaux Arts Société. Raffles for items like a motorized “Buddy” scooter, roundtrip tickets on Southwest Airlines, and season passes at Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area added to the fun.

We thank our *ART in the Park* 2007 Sponsors:


*ART in the Park* is an annual event presented by Boise Art Museum. Proceeds benefit programming and operations and enable us to further our mission of championing excellence in the visual arts.

“ART”

In April 2008, the Museum hosted, in collaboration with Boise State’s Theater Arts Department, a successful run of ‘*ART,*’ a Tony Award-winning play by Yasmina Reza, translated by Christopher Hampton, and directed by Lynn Allison Hofflund. Ten performances took place over 2 weeks in a BAM gallery transformed into an intimate theatre setting. The play touches on the question “What is art?” while also examining the art of friendship. Local professionals Richard Klautsch, Phil Atlakson, and Gordon Reinhart portrayed three friends faced with a “white on white” abstract painting. Special thanks go to our generous anonymous underwriter; and to Driek Zirinsky, BAM Board President and art collector; and Karen Bubb, Interim Executive Director, Boise City Arts Commission, who lent their expertise by facilitating an engaging post-show discussion.
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Curatorial interns complete a three- to six-month program that trains them for a professional museum environment while providing staff with valuable assistance in the curatorial department. Two stellar students from Boise State University, visual art/business administration undergraduate Jennifer Iacoboni and MFA graduate student Nicole Herden, both dedicated many months to BAM during the 2007-08 year. Both interns received BSU credits for their internships at BAM, supervised by Associate Curator of Art Amy Pence-Brown. Jennifer and Nicole both helped archive historic BAM materials, maintain the BAM Art Research Library, and received invaluable hands-on experience in the organization, installation, and deinstallation of fifteen BAM exhibitions.
Collectors Forum is a Boise Art Museum membership group made up of dedicated art collectors and Museum patrons who generously support BAM acquisitions for the Northwest collection. At their 2008 Annual Meeting, Collectors Forum members voted to purchase, on behalf of Boise Art Museum, the following works of art:

Michael Brophy, Beaver Trade, 2002
oil on canvas, 78" x 84"

Todd Hido, Untitled #6097 (Palouse Series), 2006 chromogenic darkroom print, 2/3, 38" x 48"

Rudy Kovacs, Oaxaca Memories #5, 2007 cotton, linen and silk, 64" x 45

Katy Stone, Edge of a World (wind), 2007
etched and lacquered steel, 74" x 132" x 15"

Educational art excursions are another focus of Collectors Forum. In 2007, the destinations were Denver, Colorado, and Los Angeles and Palm Springs, California.

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ACCESSIONS FISCAL YEAR 2007 – 08

Gift of M. Gary Bettis

Hiroshi Sugimoto
Ionian Sea, Santa Cesarea, 1990
gelatin silver print, 13/25
16 1/4" x 20"
2008.001.001

Gift of Mr. and Mrs. William and Denise Cargo

Frank Okada
IOU II, 1982
oil on canvas
55" x 129"
2008.002.001

Frank Okada
M-II, 1991
oil on canvas
80" x 60"
2008.002.002

Gift of Ric Collier

James Castle
Garden Valley Landscape (Yard with tent and tall fence), 20th century
soot and saliva on found paper
6 1/4" x 12 3/4"
2008.003.001

Gift of Melanie Fales

Ruth Wright
Corner of the Dock, 1986
color photograph, 7/30
8 1/2" x 12 1/4"
2007.018.001

Ruth Wright
Dressing Up #16, 1990s
gelatin silver print
11 3/4" x 7 15/16"
2007.018.002

Gift of Wilfred Davis Fletcher

James Castle
Untitled two-sided drawing (abstract house/Challenge Butter), 20th century
saliva, pigment of unknown origin on found paper
7 7/8" x 6 7/16"
2007.019.001

Gift of Anita Kay Hardy

Fabienne Gioria
Blue Bowl, late 20th century
raku-fired porcelain
3 5/8" x 3 5/8" diameter
2007.016.001

Gift of Anita Kay Hardy and Gregory Kaslo

William Lewis
Woodpile, 2006
oil on canvas
80" x 72"
2008.004.001

Melvin Edwards, Premonitions, 2007, screen print
55/60, 24" x 18", Boise Art Museum Collection
Gift of Curlee Holton, Faith Ringgold, Thelma and David C. Driskell, and Dr. Robert and Jean Steele

Gift of David and Mary Jane Hill

Robert R. Auth, Twenty-six lithographs, editioned 185/250
Bunkhouse Saturday Night, 1974
24" x 18"
2008.010.001

"Buckskin Bill" (Last of the Mountain Men), 1973
24 1/2" x 18"
2008.010.002

Buckskin Bill Memorial, 1980/2006
original design April 29, 1980
redesign/reprint May 10, 2006
24 1/2" x 18"
2008.010.003

Old Shaggy, 1973
18" x 24 1/2"
2008.010.004

Buffalo Hunter, 1972
18" x 24 1/2"
2008.010.005

Buffalo Stand, 1979
24 1/2" x 18 1/2"
2008.010.006

Coffeebreak, 1973
24 1/2" x 18"
2008.010.007

The Cree Bride, 1979
24 1/2" x 18 1/2"
2008.010.008

Ft. Boise Free Trappers, 1976
23 1/2" x 17 1/2"
2008.010.009

"Grizz," 1979
24 1/2" x 18 1/2"
2008.010.010
Le Bois Wagon Master, 1981
24 5/8” x 18”
2008.010.011

Nez Perce Scalp Dancer, 1978
24 1/2” x 17 1/2”
2008.010.012

Port Neuf Mountain Man, 1973
24 1/2” x 18”
2008.010.013

Salmon River Trapper, 1975
24 1/2” x 18”
2008.010.014

Silver City, Idaho, 1983
19” x 25”
2008.010.015

Wasatch Mountain Man, 1972
24 1/2” x 18”
2008.010.016

Wasatch Rifleman, 1972
18” x 24 1/2”
2008.010.017

Waterhole at Threelforks, 1974
18” x 24 1/2”
2008.010.018

The “Boise Bee” Stings a F.W.-190, 1983
24 5/8” x 18”
2008.010.019

PT on Final, 1979
24 1/2” x 18 1/2”
2008.010.020

Raid on Gerbini, 1980s
17” x 22”
2008.010.021

Stearman Duster, 1980
24 1/2” x 18 1/2”
2008.010.022

US Air Mail Route CAM 5, 1976
18” x 24 1/2”
2008.010.023

Idaho Birds of Prey poster, 1986
14” x 11”
2008.010.024

Peregrine Falcon Above Snake River Canyon, 1986
14” x 20”
2008.010.025

Don Quixote, 1974
24 1/2” x 18”
2008.010.026

Gift of Curlee Holton, Faith Ringgold, Thelma and David C. Driskell, and Dr. Robert and Jean Steele
Portfolio of twelve prints by African-American artists
30” x 22” each

Gift of Ben and Aileen Krohn
Guy Anderson
Untitled, Male Reclining, 1987
charcoal on paper
22” x 29 3/4”
2007.022.001
Marsha Burns
Daniella & Graziella, Rome, 1987
gelatin silver print
24" x 18"
2007.022.002

Marita Dingus
Untitled Bowl, circa 2005
wire and found objects
7 1/2" x 8" x 8"
2007.022.003

Karen Ganz
Balance #3, 1997
ink and collaged paper
21 1/2" x 15 1/2"
2007.022.004

C. Blake Haygood
Staggerer, 1998
drypoint etching in color, A/P
15" x 12"
2007.022.005

Barbara Noah
Pioneer 6, 1996
unique etching collage on paper
13 1/4" x 9 1/2"
2007.022.006

Jeffrey Simmons
Janet’s Yellow, 1999
oil and alkyd on canvas
60" x 60"
2007.022.007

Francesca Sundsten
Bugaboos, 1998
graphite and insects on paper
25 1/2" x 20 1/2"
2007.022.008

Friese Undine
Liegst Mir in Herzen, 1998
mixed media construction
12 1/4" x 10 1/2"; 6" x 8" x 4 3/4"
2007.022.009a,b

Friese Undine
acrylic on canvas
19 1/2" x 15 5/8"
2007.022.010

Gift of Bill and Deb Lentz
Artist unknown, Western Mexico
Female Effigy Figure, circa 200 BCE
terra cotta
12" x 8" x 7 1/2"
2007.021.001

Gift of Terry Melton
Ken Shores
People Pot, 1950s
stoneware
9 3/4" x 5 1/2" x 3 1/2"
2008.006.001

Gift of René Rickabaugh and Gail Severn Gallery
René Rickabaugh
Huddle, 2007
watercolor on paper
6 1/16" x 7 15/16"
2008.007.001

Friese Undine, *Liegst Mir in Herzen*, 1998, mixed media construction
12 1/4" x 10 1/2"; 6" x 8" x 4 3/4"
Boise Art Museum Collection
Gift of Ben and Aileen Krohn
Terry Evans. On Having Been Along the Salmon for Twelve Days in August, 2002, 24 chromogenic prints, commissioned by the Sun Valley Center for the Arts for the exhibition The Whole Salmon, 2003
Salmon River Float Trip, August 14, 2002
29” x 29”
2008.011.001
Ralph Laurence: Jim Caples; Bill Swahlen; Ted Malestretti
10” x 40”
2008.011.002
Above Salmon River at Salmon, Idaho, August 11, 2002
10” x 29”
2008.011.003
Angelina McCrary, Stanley, Idaho, August 16, 2002
15” x 15”
2008.011.004
Salmon River at Salmon, Idaho, August 12, 2002
10” x 29”
2008.011.005
Salmon River, Lower Stanley, Idaho, August 7, 2002
10” x 29”
2008.011.006
Cliff Hansen, Rancher, Stanley, Idaho, August 8, 2002
15” x 15”
2008.011.007
Sawtooth Fish Hatchery, Stanley, Idaho, August 15, 2002
15” x 15”
2008.011.008
Kendal Osborn, Stanley, Idaho, August 7, 2002
15” x 15”
2008.011.009
Salmon River Hill Near Jack Ass Landing on the Middle Fork, August 15, 2002
19” x 19”
2008.011.010
Redfish Lake, Near Stanley, Idaho, August 15, 2002
10” x 29”
2008.011.011
Trailer, Stanley, Idaho, August 8, 2002
15” x 15”
2008.011.012
Douglas Bezaire, Sharkey Hot Springs, Salmon, Idaho
15” x 15”
2008.011.013
White Bird Library, White Bird, Idaho, August 14, 2002
29” x 29”
2008.011.014
Suzanne Cable, August 13, 2002
10” x 29”
2008.011.015
Jed Ellsberry and Brittany Woolley, Lower Stanley, Idaho, August 7, 2002
10” x 29”
2008.011.016
Dave Kimpton, Stanley, Idaho, August 15, 2002
19” x 19”
2008.011.017

Stephanie Wilde, *Death’s Harvest* (detail), 2006
mixed media, 13 panels: 12 panels, 64 1/4” x 10 1/4” each
One panel 64 1/2” x 8”, Boise Art Museum Collection
Gift of Driek and Michael Zirinsky in Honor of Ruth and Charles David Wight

William Lewis, *Woodpile*, 2006, oil on canvas, 80” x 72”
Boise Art Museum Collection
Gift of Arlita Kay Hardy and Gregory Kaslo
Kaitlynn McCrary of Boise, Idaho, August 16, 2002  
19" x 19"  
2008.011.018

Ruth Niece, Stanley, Idaho, August 16, 2002  
19" x 19"  
2008.011.019

Salmon River During Summer Fires, August 15, 2002  
19" x 19"  
2008.011.020

Untitled Aerial II, August 15, 2002 [Burn Recovery Area]  
19" x 19"  
2008.011.021

Untitled Aerial I, August 15, 2002  
19" x 19"  
2008.011.022

Jim Kilgore and Roselio Mendes, White Bird, Idaho, August 14, 2002  
17 1/2" x 36"  
2008.011.023

Salmon River Inn, Salmon, Idaho, August 12, 2002  
19" x 19"  
2008.011.024

Gift of Wesley Wehr

Drawing attributed to James Castle  
Fragment: Two Geese/Ducks, 20th century  
soot and saliva on found paper  
2 3/4" x 4 5/16"  
2007.020.001

Gift of Driek and Michael Zirinsky

Troy Passey  
The Seen World, The Unseen World, circa 2003  
in, graphite, acrylic, and gesso on alumalite  
36" x 36"  
2008.008.001

Brian Kershnik  
Flight Practice, 1998  
oil on paper  
18 5/8" x 14 1/4"  
2008.008.002

Laura Ragan  
Burning Tree, circa 1996  
oil on paper  
5 13/16" x 2 9/16"  
2008.008.003

David Airhart  
Untitled (Red Shirt, Yellow Face), 1998  
oil on board  
25 5/8" x 32 1/4"  
2008.008.004

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Twelve works by artists associated with Idaho

Deborah Barrett  
Woman in Green Cape, 2000  
gouache, pencil and collage on linen  
12 3/4" x 7 1/4"  
2007.023.001

Karen Bubb  
Untitled Spoon Portrait, 2000-2001  
mixed media  
6" x 5"  
2007.023.002

Michael Corney  
Face Cup, late 20th century  
glazed and unglazed porcelain  
4 7/8" x 3" diameter  
2007.023.003

David French  
Leaving the Past, 1996  
oil on carved wood  
2 elements: 22" x 1 1/2" diam.; 22 1/4" x 1 1/2" diam.  
2007.023.004a,b

Del Gish  
Shrubs in Snowy Landscape, late 20th century  
acrylic on canvas  
15 1/2" x 19 1/2"  
2007.023.005

Molly Hill  
Travelers, 2001  
oil and tar on canvas  
48" x 44 1/8"  
2007.017.001

Kenna Moser  
Idaho Apple, 2000  
beeswax, vintage text and oil paint on oak  
12" x 5 1/2"  
2007.023.006

John McMahon  
Untitled (Portrait of a Man), circa 2000  
oil on masonite  
6 1/8" x 6"  
2007.023.007

Brian Murphy  
Sleeping Self-Portrait, 1999  
oil on canvas  
72" x 96"  
2007.017.002

Megan Murphy  
Delilah, from the series Lineage, circa 2000  
oil on sandblasted mirror  
49" x 7"  
2007.023.008

Terry Turrell  
Escalator, 2001  
mixed media sculpture  
20 3/4" x 2" x 1 1/4"  
2007.023.009

Amy Westover  
Untitled (Figure of a Woman), circa 2006  
soap sculpture with lithographed drawing  
6 1/4" x 1 3/4" x 3/8"  
2007.023.010

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Stephanie Wilde  
Death’s Harvest, 2006  
mixed media  
13 panels: 12 panels, 64 1/4" x 10 1/4" each; one panel 64 1/2" x 8"  
2008.009.001
Collectors Forum Purchases

Imogen Cunningham
Phoenix Recumbent, 1968
gelatin silver print, printed after 1968 and before 1974
10 1/16" x 9 3/16"
2007.024.001

Scott Fife
Chief Joseph, 2006
archival cardboard, glue, screws
34" x 14" x 22"
2007.024.002

Susie J. Lee
Consummation, 2006
single channel video projection on wood, with audio
Prelude #5 by J. S. Bach
14" x 62" x 7"
2007.024.003a,b

Laura McPhee
Understory Flareups, Fourth of July Creek, Valley Road Wildfire, Custer County, Idaho, 2005
archival inkjet print
50" x 60"
2007.024.004

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Hildur Bjarnadóttir
Untitled (Skulls), 1999
crocheted cotton yarn
3" x 54" diameter
2008.012.001

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Marie Watt
Ledger: Tread Lightly, 2007
reclaimed wool blankets, satin binding
92" x 121"
2007.025.001

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