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Letter from the Executive Director

Although we continued to be challenged by the negative impacts of the pandemic, we were committed to making sure we served our community with exceptional visual arts experiences of the highest quality. With your generosity and participation, we were able to meet and exceed our goals for the benefit of our community. The following were among our many accomplishments:

• Receiving the award of National Reaccreditation from the American Alliance of Museums;
• Winning the award of a national IMLS grant to reorganize our Permanent Collection areas;
• Winning the award of a national NEH grant to rehouse objects in our Permanent Collection;
• Piloting Accessibility and Inclusion strategies across all areas of the Museum with a national IMLS grant;
• Beginning a new Art and Healing program, Mindfulness Moments at the Museum, with chair yoga, guided breathing, and meditation within the installation Felix Gonzalez-Torres: “Untitled” (L.A.);
• Holding Art in the Park in person again after a year’s hiatus due to the pandemic;
• Creating a series of Virtual Artist Talks related to The World Stage exhibition;
• Conducting national Scholastic Jurying for high school students;
• Launching the Let’s Arty campaign with our colleague arts organizations in the month of March;
• Initiating our new, statewide Remote Learning Program, serving more than 20,000 students;
• Organizing and installing multiple ambitious, timely, poignant, and diverse new exhibitions, notably Many Wests: Artists Shape an American Idea, which was the culmination of a three-year collaboration with the Smithsonian American Art Museum and three other nationally accredited art museums in the West and presented a multitude of artistic voices from our Permanent Collections.

One of the highlights of the year was a collaboration with the Boise Phil on February 5, 2022. It was a special evening of music and art in which we paid tribute to composers and artists whose lives and music were profoundly impacted by World War II. The performance featured works by composers Paul Hindemith and Bernhard Heiden, who immigrated to America to flee Nazi Germany; Polish composer Grazyna Bacewicz, who spent the war years displaced from her home, performing music and art in which we paid tribute to composers and artists whose lives and music were profoundly impacted by World War II. The performance featured works by composers Paul Hindemith and Bernhard Heiden, who immigrated to America to flee Nazi Germany; Polish composer Grazyna Bacewicz, who spent the war years displaced from her home, performing

As you can see, our achievements span exhibitions, collections, and educational opportunities, in fulfillment of our mission. While we are doing more with less, we are moving the Museum forward in every possible way, with our community always at the top of our minds. Thank you to the board, staff, and to all of you for your loyal support.

Melanie Fales
BAM Executive Director/CEO

Letter from the Board President

Boise Art Museum is the heart of our artistic and cultural community, and I was pleased to lead its governance this year. This annual report highlights the Museum’s accomplishments and acknowledges those who have generously contributed to make it possible for BAM to continue to serve the community during our prolonged challenging times.

For nearly a century, the Boise Art Museum has been a fixture in our community. As the President of the Board of Trustees, I felt the weight, and the power, of those deep roots. Boise Art Museum’s mission “is to create visual arts experiences that engage people and inspire learning through exceptional exhibitions, collections, and educational opportunities.” The museum’s vision is “to be a vital partner in the educational, creative, and cultural life of our communities as an innovative leader in local, regional, and national visual arts.”

Last spring I was hiking in the foothills when I met a woman visiting from New Jersey. She was a psychology professor, in Boise for the first time, for the health crisis of a family member. I commended her for getting out onto the trails in such circumstances. She spoke about her trip and then said “Have you been to the Boise Art Museum? Have you seen their current exhibition?” I was the newly appointed president of the Board of Trustees of the Art Museum, so of course I had seen the fantastic new exhibition, The World Stage. Unaware of my involvement with the Museum, the woman praised it and the exhibition, which featured 90 works by some of the most influential American artists from the past 50 years, all from the collection of renowned art collector and philanthropist Jordan D. Schnitzer. Indeed, it was a bold, exuberant, far-reaching display, featuring artists of widely diverse backgrounds, worldviews, and approaches to art.

Eventually the woman favorably compared the Boise Art Museum to a number of quality east coast art museums. By this time I had told her of my role on the board, and how heartening it was to hear such a thoughtful and positive endorsement of our institution. At the end of our conversation, as we headed off in opposite directions, the woman reiterated that she couldn’t stop thinking about The World Stage exhibition, and that her visit to the Boise Art Museum had changed her perception of Boise, and of Idaho.

We are fortunate to have an exceptionally competent art museum director at the helm who has successfully led this institution through the prior great recession and the challenges of the global pandemic. We also look forward to the future of the Museum. It was here before us, and we intend to position it, healthy, vibrant, and relevant, to far outlive us. What an opportunity!

Amy Rustad
Board President, 2021-22
BAM Receives AAM Reaccreditation

The American Alliance of Museums (AAM), the only organization representing the entire scope of the national museum community, awarded reaccreditation to the Boise Art Museum (BAM). Only 3% (1,095 out of 33,000) of our nation’s museums are currently accredited, and this is a high honor awarded to the Boise Art Museum based upon its professional and community practices.

National AAM reaccreditation demonstrates that the Boise Art Museum is publicly committed to upholding the museum field’s high professional standards for education, public service, and collections care. By achieving this mark of distinction, BAM exemplifies the best that museums have to offer and serves as a reminder of the importance of museums to our communities.

Through a rigorous process of self-assessment and review by its peers, Boise Art Museum has demonstrated itself to be a good steward of its resources and collections and is committed to a philosophy of continual institutional growth. AAM noted that most impressive among BAM’s achievements is the Museum’s sense of its civic responsibility in the Boise area, such as its leadership in welcoming immigrant populations and implementing innovative strategies for inviting underserved visitors. They commended BAM as a model for its overall education program and for integrating diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion (DEAI), throughout the organization as evidenced in exhibitions, programs, and in commitment to on-going dialogue with the community.

Recognized as the field’s gold standard for museum excellence for 50 years, AAM accreditation signifies a museum’s quality and credibility to the entire museum community, to governments and outside agencies, and to the museum-going public. The program helps to ensure the integrity and accessibility of museum collections, reinforce the educational and public service roles of museums, and promote good governance practices and ethical behavior.

Art and Inclusion at BAM

Boise Art Museum is committed to accessibility and inclusion. We believe that exhibitions, designed with the needs of a range of people of varying abilities, enrich the experiences of all visitors. New learning and engagement affordances to welcome people with low or no vision, no or low hearing, and other differences of ability were piloted within the exhibition, Many Wests: Artists Shape an American Idea, which opened on July 31, 2021 and was on display through February 13, 2022, at BAM.

Throughout the exhibition, visitors saw icons indicating new ways to learn about and engage with the artwork – such as Tactile Representation Models (touchable, three-dimensional reproductions of select artworks); Large-Print Labels; and an Audio Guide with Label Text, Visual Descriptions, and Artist Comments that were read aloud. BAM’s website includes audio and text transcripts that are accessible to those using assistive technologies such as a screen reader and zoom.

Over the past year, BAM had been collaborating with inclusive design experts Corey Timpson and Sina Bahram. Through staff training, protocol development, and adopting an inclusive design methodology, the Museum facilitated access for the widest possible audience. In partnership with community members, especially those identifying as having disabilities, BAM created an Inclusive Design Advisory Group (IDAG). This group meets regularly to explore and discuss further opportunities for enhancing access at BAM. “Working with BAM has been incredibly rewarding. The commitment and dedication to inclusivity has been truly outstanding, and we can’t wait for what is yet to come,” said Sina Bahram and Corey Timpson.

After implementing the affordances piloted in Many Wests, BAM continued its accessibility and inclusion efforts with the following:

• an accessible webpage was created for Felix Gonzalez-Torres: “Untitled” (L.A.);
• Spanish labels for Contemporary Cuban Art: History, Identity, and Materiality, from the collection of the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, and Felix Gonzalez-Torres: “Untitled” (L.A.); and
• ASL interpretation for Felix Gonzalez-Torres: “Untitled” (L.A.).

It is the Museum’s goal to welcome the widest possible audience. Welcoming everyone to the Boise Art Museum as a place to come together and learn requires a continuous focus on inclusivity as integral to everything we do. We are grateful to the funders who are helping us to meet this goal.

Io Palmer: Desired Interruptions
August 22, 2020 – July 4, 2021

Artist Io Palmer’s desire to address social concerns drives her art. The exhibition Desired Interruptions was comprised of artwork inspired by material culture and systems of control. Palmer explores the arbitrary and abstract construct of borders that are connected to a general sense of personal and cultural boundaries, in both physical and metaphoric ways.

The slow, methodical pace of her work is meant to emphasize the importance of pensive reflection as a form of internal labor. Thick watercolor paper is painted with layers of pearlescent paint, cut into lacy forms, and sewn together into collapsed, hanging panels. Silk-organza fabric is obsessively sewn with thousands of decorative, shiny objects. Her work borrows from two distinct worlds—opulence and humbleness—in order to better understand class tensions and connections.

Io Palmer lives in Pullman, Washington, where she is an associate professor of fine arts at Washington State University. She holds an MFA from the University of Arizona, Tucson and a BFA from Tyler School of Art (Temple University), Philadelphia, PA. In 2019, she received a Fulbright Nehru Grant to India.

Organized by the Boise Art Museum

Outside the Lines
August 24, 2019 – ongoing

Outside the Lines is the fourth and final exhibition inspired by Boise Art Museum’s Art Cards, a project designed to encourage engagement with artworks in BAM’s Permanent Collection. This exhibition explored the ways in which artists employ the elements of art and principles of design to convey mood, provoke emotional responses, and communicate with viewers. While the artworks were organized in themes of Line; Shape and Form; Space; Color and Value; and Texture, these categories often overlap. With the principles of design (such as balance, rhythm, emphasis, pattern, contrast, unity, and movement), artists use the elements of art to create their expressions in a vast number of ways.

Organized by the Boise Art Museum

BAM UNPACKED for Kids: Mixed-Media Masterpieces
October 18, 2020 – ongoing

Displayed in BAM’s ARTexperience Gallery, a space designed for children and families, the exhibition highlights a selection of artworks, featuring the use of non-traditional media in surprising and creative ways.

One of the most important and personal decisions an artist makes when creating an artwork is the choice of medium. The medium is crucial to the final work of art, the information it communicates, the emotion it conveys, and its impact on the viewer. Traditional art media include paint, graphite, paper, and canvas. Artists also choose to create works of art with non-traditional media, such as television parts, bird skeletons, or bicycle reflectors. Comprised of 14 artworks selected based on their non-traditional media, this exhibition showcases Idaho, regional, national and international artists, such as Claire Falkenstein, James Castle, and Takashi Murakami.

Organized by the Boise Art Museum


The World Stage: Contemporary Art from the Collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer and His Family Foundation
March 6 – July 11, 2021

featuring 90 contemporary artworks by 37 American artists of diverse backgrounds, The World Stage showcased prominent names from the 20th-century art canon alongside today’s global influencers. The exhibition title was borrowed from the name of a series of paintings by Kehinde Wiley, an artist best known for his presidential portrait of Barack Obama, which hangs in the National Portrait Gallery. The selected works comprised a variety of media, from painting to installation, with a special focus on original prints made in a wide range of techniques. The World Stage included works by some of the most influential American artists from the past 50 years, including Jean-Michel Basquiat, Romare Bearden, Vija Celmins, Willie Cole, Helen Frankenthaler, Joe Feddersen, Mildred Howard, Jeff Koons, Jacob Lawrence, Hung Liu, Wendy Red Star, Robert Rauschenberg, Andy Warhol, and Kehinde Wiley. The artwork in this exhibition has particular relevance to the current conditions of our world, the major cultural shift in our nation prompted by the Black Lives Matter movement, and the roles of museums and collectors in society during times like this. Each artwork represents the individual experience and perspective of its maker to engage with larger global issues.

Organized by the Nevada Museum of Art

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Ideas about the American West, both in the popular imagination and in commonly accepted historical narratives, are often based on a past that never was, and fail to take into account important events that actually occurred. “The West” can conjure images of rugged colonial settlers, gun-toting cowboys, or vacant expanses of natural beauty. Many Wests: Artists Shape an American Idea offered multiple views of “The West” through the perspectives of forty-eight modern and contemporary artists. Their artworks questioned old and racist clichés, examined tragic and marginalized histories, and illuminated the many communities and events that continue to form this region of the United States. The exhibition explored the specific ways artists actively shape our understanding of the life, history and myths of the American West.

Many Wests featured artwork from the permanent collections of the Smithsonian American Art Museum and four partner museums located in some of the fastest-growing cities and states in the western region of the United States. The collaborating partner museums were the Boise Art Museum in Idaho; the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art in Eugene, Oregon; the Utah Museum of Fine Arts in Salt Lake City; and the Whatcom Museum in Bellingham, Washington. It was the culmination of a multi-year, joint curatorial initiative made possible by the Art Bridges Foundation.

This is one in a series of American art exhibitions created through a multi-year, multi-institutional partnership formed by the Smithsonian American Art Museum as part of the Art Bridges Initiative.

**Re-Framed: American Life, Legacy, and Ideals**

April 24, 2021 - ongoing

Re-Framed examines the notion of a shared American identity while recognizing the complexity of factors that determine each person’s cultural and social viewpoints. Featuring artworks from the Permanent Collection that have not recently been shown, Re-Framed presents a multiplicity of artists who offer meaningful insights into both a personal and collective American experience. Exploring a range of ideas and perspectives that define us as a nation, this exhibition encourages a deeper reflection on the similarities and differences that comprise our diverse culture.

Organized by the Boise Art Museum

**Suchitra Mattai: Breathing Room**

July 24, 2021 – January 30, 2022

Using materials often associated with the domestic sphere, such as embroidery, weaving, and fiber elements, Suchitra Mattai creates large-scale installations, sculptures and two-dimensional artworks that navigate her family heritage while also unraveling historical narratives. She reclaims vintage and found materials, such as hand-made saris and other historically rich objects as a way of making sense of the world around her and the multiple cultures she inhabits as an Indo-Caribbean American. By recalling both her own family’s ocean migrations and research on the period of colonial indentured labor during the 19th century, the artist re-writes this colonial history and contributes to contemporary dialogue by giving voice to people whose voices were once quieted and making visible the struggles and perseverance of those who lived through it.

Born in Guyana, Denver-based artist Suchitra Mattai received an MFA in painting and drawing and an MA in South Asian Art, from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Mattai also received fellowships to study at the Royal College of Art, London, and at the American Institute of Indian Studies, Udaipur, India. She has exhibited her work in Philadelphia, New York City, Washington, D.C., Denver, Austin, as well as in London, Wales, and Sharjah, United Arab Emirates.

Organized by the Boise Art Museum

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**Many Wests: Individual Artwork Sponsors**

BAM gratefully acknowledges the following donors who supported this exhibition by sponsoring individual works of art.

- Rick and Rosemary Arndinger
- Thomas and Marilyn Beck
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- Jan Bole and Sylvia Tag
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- Sally Caister
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- Jennifer Dickey and Andrew Hoang
- Patricia Hazard
- Cheve Hennessy
- Ariis Hewitt
- Peter and Susan Hood
- Brooke Kaplan
- Terry Kriem and Skip Renschler
- Lois Lenz
- The Rev. and Trudy Littman
- The Idaho Community Foundation Gift

**Many Wests: Artists Shape an American Idea**

July 31, 2021 – February 13, 2022

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**Angel Rodríguez-Díaz**


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Felix Gonzalez-Torres: “Untitled” (L.A.)
February 5 – December 18, 2022

Felix Gonzalez-Torres was known for his minimalist, often conceptual, installations and sculptures that assembled quantities of a common object, such as a string of lights, stack of paper, or individually wrapped candy, to convey complex meaning and encourage audience participation. Through the manner of displaying the artwork, along with the process of the viewer's participation, each work became a metaphor for loss and healing, as seen in light bulbs that expire and are replaced, or as papers or candies are taken by visitors and replenished by the art museum. This cycle of depletion and renewal over time is key to the visitor's experience with, and understanding of, Gonzalez-Torres's creative practice. The artist sought to transform the spectator from a passive receiver to an active, reflective participant motivated by thought, feeling, and social action.

One of our goals in presenting "Untitled" (L.A.) was to restore public engagement with BAM after its long absence, due to the pandemic, which has caused us a tremendous sense of loss. It is our hope that by interacting with the installation and participating in the associated educational programs we have developed in collaboration with community partners, visitors experienced a greater connection with us as we collectively healed during a time of grief, isolation, anxiety, and depression, and as we sought solace and meaning together. By taking a candy from "Untitled" (L.A.), visitors' participation created the work’s ultimate meaning and shared sense of community.

Organized by the Boise Art Museum
Support provided by Art Bridges

Everyday Objects: The Enduring Appeal of Still Life
March 5, 2022 – October 9, 2022

Often considered the art of imitation, the depiction of the still life has been practiced by artists for centuries. From the ancient Greeks to 17th century Dutch painters, from Cubists to today's contemporary artists, still life endures as a significant form of artistic expression—one that is contemplative and transformative—yet frequently overlooked.

Everyday Objects focused on tradition and innovation within the still-life genre. The exhibition featured works from the Museum’s Permanent Collection complemented by inventive interpretations of the subject on loan by contemporary artists. Examining still life from three distinct perspectives—skillful observation, popular culture, and the unconventional—Everyday Objects revealed why still life remains a current and essential form of art in our daily lives.

Organized by the Boise Art Museum

Contemporary Cuban Art: History, Identity, and Materiality from the collection of the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art
March 5, 2022 – May 22, 2022

Cuba has a diverse culture and complex history that is both fascinating and often misunderstood. Paradox, dark humor, beauty, sadness, and vulnerability connected the works on view in the exhibition Contemporary Cuban Art. Guest Curator Jill Hartz conceptualized this exhibition through the lenses of history, identity, and materiality as a structure to draw visitors into their own paths of discovery of contemporary Cuban art. Most of the Cuban artists whose artworks were featured in the exhibition, have benefited from a free education and meticulous training from a young age. Their extensive knowledge of Western art history and their honing of practice and technique have provided strong foundations for their individual visions and expression. Artists who are still living in Cuba reflected the daily challenges of survival in their art, while those now living in the U.S. and elsewhere conveyed the tensions of their hybrid citizenship. Regardless of their current physical location, however, all of them were fully engaged in expressing their personal relationship with their homes and the world with honesty, intelligence, and determination.

Jill Hartz was the Executive Director of the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art from 2008 to 2019. During her career, she had the good fortune to visit Cuba nine times over twenty years. She met many artists, curators, art historians, gallerists, and collectors on the island who have helped her to learn more about Cuban history and contemporary art.

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EDUCATION

When determining the strategic priorities for educational programming during the prolonged pandemic conditions, BAM made a renewed commitment to older adults, a population particularly vulnerable to isolation and mental health challenges. We continued virtual programs, including videos with artist talks, as well as hands-on project ideas to complete at home. For our in-person Especially for Seniors program, we offered 30-minute sessions with skilled practitioners in chair yoga, gentle movement, guided rest, breathing exercises, and mindfulness techniques to impart a sense of well-being for older adults. This new aspect of the program was developed in direct response to the expressed needs and interests of our community of older adults and out of an imperative to serve this important audience, now considered underserved by national standards. BAM also focused significant resources on our remote learning program for students and teachers and launched our Online ArtReach Program, serving more than 20,000 students in schools throughout Idaho. In addition, Teacher Institutes, Summer Camps for children and a Workshop for adults provided a wide range of visual arts learning and fun for adults and children.

In fiscal year 2021-2022, BAM’s education programs were supported in part through grants and sponsorships from:

- Art Bridges
- Eggertsen Family Fund of the Bank of America Charitable Gift Fund
- Gladys E. Langroise Advised Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation
- Idaho Commission on the Arts / National Endowment for the Arts
- Idaho Humanities Council / National Endowment for the Humanities
- Idaho Power Company
- Institute of Museum and Library Services
- J.R. Simplot Company Foundation
- Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation

Teacher Institutes

BAM has offered week-long Teacher Institutes each summer for the past twenty-one years. The programs are designed to help educators integrate art experiences into their daily classroom curricula and learn more about educational resources, while earning continuing education credits. In summer 2021, the Teacher Institute was planned in conjunction with the following exhibitions: The World Stage and Io Palmer: Desired Interruptions.

ArtReach Remote Learning Application

Boise Art Museum launched its new remote learning program for students in October 2021—the FREE Online ArtReach Program. BAM developed this digital application to meet the current and future needs of Idaho’s teachers and students, with curriculum-aligned, cross-disciplinary educational content that meets state and national visual arts standards. BAM’s new online platform includes themed lessons with images and information about artworks, discussion questions, and art-making videos. K-12 teachers making reservations for the program receive free art supplies for a related hands-on art project for students, and free admission passes to encourage students to visit BAM with their families.

In its first year, this program reached more than 20,000 Idaho students in classrooms throughout the state, which was more than three times the number we anticipated. The new digital platform allowed the Museum to expand BAM’s valued school programs to reach classrooms across the state, creating equitable access to visual arts education opportunities for all, especially students in Title 1 schools, designated as such because they are in high-poverty school districts or serving neglected youth and educationally disadvantaged students.

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, in-person children’s camps focused on sculpting, painting, drawing, and printmaking, while a virtual printmaking workshop for adult students focused on printmaking techniques that could be done at home.

THANK YOU

- Teachers learn how to integrate art into their classroom curricula during BAM’s summer Teacher Institutes.
- Summer Art Camp participants create watercolor landscapes.
- Students create art in their classroom using BAM’s new ArtReach Remote Learning application.
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Art + Healing: Mindfulness Moments at the Museum

Inspired by the installation of Felix Gonzalez-Torres: "Untitled" (L.A.), BAM introduced in-gallery mindfulness activities and programming.

Buddha Board Wall & Mindfulness Prompts

In a space adjacent to the installation, visitors were encouraged to use water and a brush to paint on the Buddha Board wall to make a mindful creation. As the water slowly evaporated, the art magically disappears, leaving a clean slate and a clear mind. The memory of this experience is all that remains.

Chair Yoga at BAM

Alongside the installation Felix Gonzalez-Torres: "Untitled" (L.A.), instructor Jenelle Carberry led visitors in chair yoga to help release tension from the body, along with breathing and mindfulness practices to calm the mind. This series launched on February 23, 2022, and continued on the third Wednesday of each month, in conjunction with BAM’s Especially for Seniors day.

Program and exhibition support provided by Art Bridges

Art Delivered to Your Inbox

In consideration of the ongoing health and safety concerns of our members and visitors, and the positive comments about this initiative, we continued to provide Art Delivered to Your Inbox, making art resources available in a digital format. BAM’s e-mail series Art Delivered to Your Inbox was distributed to BAM’s e-newsletter subscribers each month. In these e-mails, readers could enjoy images, videos, links to artist biographies and other art resources, along with suggested hands-on art activities. On BAM’s website, visitors could find videos of artist interviews, art demonstrations, and family activity guides. The development and distribution of these art resources demonstrates BAM’s enduring commitment to be here to support our community with visual art during challenging times.

Support provided by Art Bridges

Partnerships and Special Opportunities

During fiscal year 2021-2022, BAM partnered with a range of institutions from area schools, universities, and state organizations, to arts groups, and local businesses to create meaningful programs. Partners included: Agency for New Americans, Ballet Idaho, Boise Contemporary Theater, Boise Phil, Boise State University, BOSCO, The Cabin, Jenelle Carberry/align with ease, College of Idaho, College of Western Idaho, Foothills School of Arts and Science, Idaho Botanical Gardens, Interfaith Sanctuary, Learning Lab, Lauren Lee, Nampa School District, Opera Idaho, Scholastic, Velma V. Morrison Center for the Performing Arts, Whittier School, and the Women’s and Children’s Alliance.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Monthly Programs

BAM’s Especially for Seniors program offered free admission once a month for Seniors age 62+, and BAM also offered admission by donation the first Thursday of each month to ensure full community access to our exhibitions.

Especially for Seniors sponsored by Idaho Power

First Thursday at BAM sponsored by Union Pacific Foundation

The World Stage Virtual Artist Talks, Parts 2 and 3

In conjunction with the current exhibition The World Stage: Contemporary Art from the Collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer and His Family Foundation, BAM produced three virtual talks. The programs made space for expanded community reflection and dialogue, about history, art history, equity, and our diverse heritage and traditions, during this critical time in our global society. The first talk, on the topic of Women Transcending Boundaries, was released in the previous fiscal year, on April 12, 2021. The second talk, on the topic of Museums as Public Squares, was released on May 8, 2021. It was moderated by BAM Executive Director Melanie Fales and featured internationally known artists Hung Liu and Mildred Howard, as well as the Nevada Museum of Art’s Curator JoAnne Northrup and art collector Jordan D. Schnitzer. The third and final talk in this series, on the topic of The Role of Art Collectors, was released on May 29, 2021. It was moderated by BAM Executive Director Melanie Fales and featured the Nevada Museum of Art’s Curator JoAnne Northrup and philanthropist and art collector Jordan D. Schnitzer.

*We are saddened by Hung Liu’s death on August 7, 2021, and are eternally grateful for her generosity of spirit and artistry.

This program is funded in part by a grant from the Idaho Humanities Council, a state-based program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The views and opinions expressed by the speakers do not necessarily reflect those of the Idaho Humanities Council or the National Endowment for the Humanities.
Scholastic Awards Art Adjudication Partner

BAM is proud to support secondary students as a national Scholastic Awards Art Adjudication Partner to help identify and celebrate the next generation of young artists! BAM has served as awards partner for the past six years.

In January 2022, the Museum organized and facilitated local adjudication by panels of jurors who reviewed 6,000 art entries for the 99th Annual Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Volunteer jurors made decisions based upon the awards’ core values of originality, technical skill, and the emergence of personal voice or vision. Their selections were elevated to national panels of judges comprised of renowned artists, authors, educators and industry experts. An Award signifies to parents, teachers, the community and colleges that the student is an accomplished artist or writer.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Free Admission for BSU Students

BAM renewed 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 26, 2021 through August 23, 2022, all full-time BSU students, faculty and staff with valid BSU identification cards received free admission to the Boise Art Museum. This year marked the 17th anniversary of this partnership which began as a pilot program initiated in 2005. This partnership continues to serve as a successful model of educational institutions working together to better serve students and the community.

New U.S. Citizens Membership Program

Boise Art Museum was pleased to continue BAM’s New U.S. Citizens Membership Program. Introduced in 2019, this initiative provides free, one-year, family-level memberships to newly naturalized U.S. citizens living in Idaho within one year of naturalization. By inviting new U.S. citizens to become members of the Museum and welcoming participation, we diversify our society and create a space to gather, to make connections to people with similar interests and values, to develop a deeper sense of self and community, and to bridge perceived divides across cultures. Through this program, Boise Art Museum demonstrates its commitment to global inclusion as well as human rights and its concern for establishing a safe place in which art heals, expands minds, builds tolerance, and transcends boundaries.

BAM Online Auction

BAM launched a new limited-time, online auction. Each week, from May 19 - July 26, 2021, BAM released a new selection of items for bidding, including art, antiques, and collectibles.* Proceeds benefited the Boise Art Museum, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, educational, and charitable organization.

*BM does not sell artworks from its Permanent Collection.

Music of Remembrance

On February 5, 2022, the Boise Art Museum collaborated with the Boise Phil to present a special evening of music and art at BAM. The performance paid tribute to composers and artists whose lives and music were profoundly impacted by World War II.

The performance featured works by composers Paul Hindemith and Bernhard Heiden, who immigrated to America to flee Nazi Germany; Polish composer Grazyna Bacewicz, who spent the war years displaced from her home, performing clandestine concerts; and Paul Chihara, who was one of thousands of Japanese Americans incarcerated at Camp Minidoka in Idaho, as a result of Executive Order 9066. On display in the exhibition Many Wests: Artists Shape an American Idea at BAM were two large-scale works, by artists Roger Shimomura and Wendy Maruyama, that helped tell the relatively unknown story of the perspectives of Japanese Americans who were incarcerated at Camp Minidoka.

Let’s Arty!

In March 2022, BAM participated in an exciting new event to celebrate the arts in Boise: let’s arty! This was a collective endeavor by a group of Boise nonprofits to raise the visibility of our world-class performing and cultural arts—and to invite more people to participate in the arts. The eight participating organizations included: Ballet Idaho, Boise Art Museum, Boise Contemporary Theater, Boise Phil, The Cabin, Idaho Botanical Gardens, Velma V. Morrison Center for the Performing Arts, and Opera Idaho. Through a shared social media campaign, radio and print ads, and a branded beer collaboration, let’s arty! helped bring awareness to Boise’s wide range of arts nonprofits.

Let’s Arty! collaboration with the Boise Phil at the Boise Art Museum.
Photos: Brooke Burton

Boise State University students interact with the installation Felix Gonzalez-Torres: “Untitled” (L.A.).
BAM | COLLECTORS FORUM

Collectors Forum (CF) is a BAM membership group made up of dedicated art enthusiasts, patrons, and collectors who have been crucial to advancing the Museum’s collecting mission for 30 years. Since 1990, this group has assisted the Boise Art Museum in the acquisition and preservation of art and participated in exciting, art-centered events, with like-minded members. To date, 73 works of art have been purchased for BAM’s Permanent Collection with donations and assistance from CF members.

Four works of art purchased with Collectors Forum funds were selected for inclusion in Many Wests: Artists Shape an American Idea. This exhibition debuted at the Boise Art Museum and is now traveling to the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art in Eugene, Oregon; the Utah Museum of Fine Arts in Salt Lake City; the Whatcom Museum in Bellingham, Washington; and the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C.

- Wendy Maruyama, Minidoka, from the Tag Project
- Michael Brophy, Beaver Trade
- Roger Shimomura, American Infamy #2
- Wendy Red Star, Four Seasons: Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer

67th Annual Art in the Park
September 6-8, 2021

Boise Art Museum’s Art in the Park is widely recognized as one of the premiere cultural events in the Northwest. Beautiful Julia Davis Park serves as the natural backdrop for Art in the Park, presented the weekend after Labor Day in September each year. This annual open-air festival provides visitors of all ages and interests with the opportunity to meet more than 250 artists and purchase their works. During the three-day event, Boise Art Museum presents a variety of contemporary arts and crafts along with wonderful food and hands-on activities for children. More than 250,000 people are drawn to experience Art in the Park each year to shop outdoors in downtown Boise, the “city of trees.”

We appreciate the support of our partners for helping to make Art in the Park 2021 a success. They included: participating artists, food vendors, performers, Boise City Parks and Recreation Department, Boise City Public Works Department, Boise Cold Storage, Boise State University Campus Sustainability, Cascade Student Transportation, Dawson Taylor Coffee Roasters, Erstad Architects, Event Rent Idaho, Injury Care EMS, Republic Services.

We are also grateful to the hundreds of volunteers who assist with Art in the Park each year, making it possible for the Boise Art Museum to present a successful event of this scale for our community.

2021 EVENT SPONSORS

Works purchased with Collectors Forum funds on display in Many Wests: Artists Shape an American Idea at the Boise Art Museum.

BAM COLLECTORS FORUM

Collectors Forum Members 2021-22
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- David Whitaker

Winner Many Wests: Artists Shape an American Idea was honored by the Western Museums Association, winning the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies Award for Exhibition Excellence, 2022
### FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

**Statement of Financial Position**
April 30, 2022

**ASSETS**
- Cash and Cash Equivalents $878,464
- Operating investment in certificates of deposit $959,215
- Endowment Investments 2,859,984
- Prepaid Expenses 11,534
- Merchandise Inventory 34,251
- Furniture and Fixtures, net of accumulated depreciation of $417,200
  Note: Art Collection not capitalized

**TOTAL ASSETS** $4,916,476

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

**LIABILITIES**
- Accounts Payable and accrued expenses $33,037
- Deferred revenue

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** $85,177

**NET ASSETS**
- Without donor restrictions
- With donor restrictions

**TOTAL NET ASSETS** $4,831,299

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS** $4,916,476

**Condensed Statement of Activities**
Year ended April 30, 2022

**TOTAL SUPPORT and REVENUES** $2,735,359

**EXPENSES**
- Supporting Services $590,817
- Program Services 1,449,435

**TOTAL EXPENSES** $2,040,252

**CHANGE in NET ASSETS - Operating** 695,107

**CHANGE in NET ASSETS - Non-operating** (192,831)

**Collection items purchased, not capitalized** (1,500)

**CHANGE in NET ASSETS** 500,776

**NET ASSETS, BEGINNING of YEAR** $4,339,523

**NET ASSETS, END of YEAR** $4,831,299

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

### SELECT ACQUISITIONS: GIFTS

**Gift of Gail Goodrich & Toni C. Goodrich**
- Richard Diebenkorn
  - Untitled, c. 1960-66
  - ink on paper
  - 17” x 14”

**Gift of Kay Hardy e Gregory Kaslo**
- Robert Turner
  - Ashanti, 1974
  - Glazed stoneware
  - 15 ½” x 13”

**Gift of Pat Nelson**
- Italo Scanga
  - Red Field, 1989
  - charcoal and acrylic on paper
  - 45 1/2” x 37”

**Gift of Kohler Foundation, Inc.**
- Barbara Rossi
  - Footprint Picture, 1975
  - screenprint
  - 10” x 13”

**Barbara Rossi**
- Z-Zone, 1975
  - screenprint
  - 10” x 13”

**Barbara Rossi**
- Eye Deal, 1973
  - print
  - 16” x 12”

**Barbara Rossi**
- Moon Meet May, 1993
  - etching
  - 22 ½” x 29 ¾”

**Barbara Rossi**
- Poor Self Trait #1: Dog Girl, n.d
  - etching
  - 10 ½” x 7 ¼”

**Barbara Rossi**
- Sovereign, 1970
  - etching
  - 11 ¾” x 8 ½”

**Barbara Rossi**
- 5hep, n.d
  - etching
  - 8 ½” x 6 ½”

**Barbara Rossi**
- Footnote on Portraiture, 1970
  - black and white print on satin
  - 14” x 10”

### ACQUISITIONS: PURCHASES

**Museum purchase**
- John Feodorov
  - Vanitas #4, 2011
  - lithograph, edition 1/12
  - 30” x 22 1/4”

**Museum purchase**
- with funds donated by Yvonne McCoy
  - in honor of the BAM Docent Program

- Ramon Murillo
  - Blazing Sun and Protector Salmon Spirit, 2005
  - lithograph, edition 5/10
  - 32’’ x 18’’

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- Portrait #2, n.d
  - photo etching
  - 7” x 9”
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