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106 AAMD MEMBER MUSEUMS CELEBRATE ART MUSEUM DAY ON MAY 18th 2011

FREE OR REDUCED ADMISSION AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS AT ART MUSEUMS ACROSS NORTH AMERICA

New York, NY, May 10, 2011—Over 100 art museums across North America will offer free or reduced admission, special programs, or other initiatives as part of their celebrations of Art Museum Day on May 18, 2011. These museums—all members of the Association of Art Museum Directors (AAMD), and located across the United States, Canada, and Mexico—include smaller regional museums as well as leading international institutions. AAMD's Art Museum Day coincides with International Museum Day, organized annually around the world by the International Council of Museums (ICOM). Participation by AAMD member museums emphasizes the lasting impact art museums have on their communities, highlights the value of the visual arts in society, and provides a range of opportunities for audiences to engage with the diverse programs that art museums offer.

“Art museums provide a unique and irreplaceable public service, offering some of the best expressions of human creativity in ways that engage the mind and stimulate the senses,” said Kaywin Feldman, President of AAMD and Director and President of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. “With Art Museum Day, AAMD and its members again join this global celebration of the incredible collections and programs at museums around the world, and their commitment to public service and audience engagement.”

AAMD members participating in International Museum Day in 2011 include:

Amon Carter Museum	Crocker Art Museum
Art Gallery of Ontario	Currier Museum of Art
Art Institute of Chicago	David and Alfred Smart Museum of Art
Aspen Art Museum	Dayton Art Institute
Birmingham Museum of Art	Delaware Art Museum
Brandywine River Museum	Des Moines Art Center
Brooklyn Museum of Art	Dixon Gallery and Gardens
Bronx Museum of Art	El Paso Museum of Art
Butler Museum of American Art	Flint Institute of Arts
Carnegie Museum of Art	Fred Jones, Jr. Museum of Art
Cleveland Museum of Art	Frist Center for the Visual Arts
Columbus Museum	Georgia Museum of Art
Columbus Museum of Art	Guggenheim Museum

Hammer Museum	Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts
Harvard Art Museums	Phoenix Art Museum
Henry Art Gallery	Portland (Oregon) Art Museum
High Museum of Art	Princeton University Art Museum
Hudson River Museum	Saint Louis Art Museum
Indianapolis Museum of Art	Salvador Dali Museum
Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia	Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art
J. Paul Getty Museum	San Antonio Museum of Art
Japan Society Gallery	San Jose Museum of Art
Jewish Museum	Seattle Art Museum
Joslyn Museum of Art	Smith College Museum of Art
Kimbell Art Museum	Snite Museum of Art
Lowe Art Museum	Speed Art Museum
Madison Museum of Contemporary Art	Spelman College Museum of Fine Art
McNay Art Museum	Spencer Museum of Art
Meadows Museum, SMU	Sterling & Francine Clark Art Institute
Memorial Art Gallery of Rochester	Studio Museum in Harlem
Memphis Brooks Museum of Art	Tacoma Art Museum
Metropolitan Museum of Art	Taft Museum of Art
Miami Art Museum	Tampa Museum of Art
Michael C. Carlos Museum	Telfair Museum of Art
Minneapolis Institute of Arts	The Ackland Art Museum
Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth	The Menil Collection
Montclair Art Museum	The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts
Museo de Arte de Ponce	The Morgan Library and Museum
Museo Dolores Olmedo	The Noguchi Museum
Museum of Art, Fort Lauderdale	The Phillips Collection
Museum of Arts and Design	The Wolfsonian
Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego	Toledo Museum of Art
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston	Utah Museum of Fine Arts
Museum of Glass	Vero Beach Museum of Art
Museum of Modern Art	Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University	Wadsworth Atheneum
Nasher Sculpture Center	Walker Art Center
National Museum of Wildlife Art	Walters Art Museum
Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art	Westmoreland Museum of American Art
New Orleans Museum of Art	Whitney Museum of American Art
Norman Rockwell Museum	Wichita Art Museum
North Carolina Museum of Art	Worcester Art Museum
Peabody Essex Museum	Yale University Art Gallery

A comprehensive list of participating AAMD member art museums will be available in the newsroom of the AAMD website (<http://www.aamd.org/newsroom/>). Note that while ICOM's International Museum Day is formally held each year on May 18th, some institutions shift their celebrations to adjacent dates.

Art Museum Day is an opportunity to focus attention on the role of art museums in North America as part of a larger worldwide initiative. ICOM's International Museum Day (<http://icom.museum/imd.html>) has been celebrated all over the world since 1977, to encourage public focus on the museum as "an institution in the service of society and of its development." Typically, a theme is chosen for each year; ICOM's theme for 2011 is "museums and memory" with institutions around the world addressing how museums

preserve individual and collective memories. In 2010, over ninety AAMD member museums participated in International Museum Day.

The Association of Art Museum Directors, representing 193 art museum directors in the US, Canada, and Mexico, aids its members in establishing and maintaining the highest professional standards for themselves and the museums they represent. It serves as a forum for the exchange of information and the exploration of ideas, and as a voice with which museum directors may express their joint perspectives and those of their institutions. Further information about AAMD is available at www.aamd.org.

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