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***ART MUSEUM ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2009-2010***

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., October 19, 2009** – The Grand Rapids Art Museum (GRAM) elected new board members during the Annual Meeting on October 9, 2009. Election to the Board of Trustees by the Museum Membership includes Samuel Cummings, Anthony Lawrence, Mary Nelson and Lizbeth O'Shaughnessy. Election to the Foundation Board of Trustees includes Charles Anderson. Election of Honorary Life Trustees includes Pamela DeVos and Marilyn Quinn Drake. Recognition of service was given to outgoing Trustee James Stokes.

**Samuel Cummings** is principal and managing partner of CWD Real Estate Investment. He has completed two three-year terms on the Art Museum's Board of Trustees, including two years as President, and has served on the Art Museum Foundation Board. He served on the Architect Selection Committee for the new Museum, co-chaired the Capital Campaign, and co-chaired the Building Committee. He and his wife Janene were Distinguished Patrons to the Capital Campaign. Sam is also a trustee of Right Place Inc, Grand Valley University Foundation and the Economic Club of Grand Rapids.

**Anthony Lawrence** is senior manager at BDO Seidman, LLP. He is a member of the firm's internal audit committee, which implements best practices policies throughout the firm. This is Anthony's first term on the Art Museum Board.

**Mary Nelson** served her first term on the Art Museum Board in 2002. Mary and her husband James were Major Benefactors to the Art Museum Capital Campaign and have sponsored Museum exhibitions and art acquisitions to the permanent collection. Mary has served on the Museum Accessions Committee and will chair that Committee in the coming year. Mary is a past president of the Forest Hills Educational Foundation and past president of the Grand Rapids Ballet. She has served on the Boards of the Grand Rapids Opera and Grand Rapids Symphony. She currently serves on the Steelcase Foundation Board and Wege Foundation Board.

**Lizbeth O'Shaughnessy** is general counsel at Steelcase Inc. She has been with Steelcase for seventeen years and has chaired the company's United Way campaign. Her husband K.C. is Professor of Management at Western Michigan University. Beth is a past board president of the Women's Resource Center. This is Beth's first term on the Art Museum Board.

**Charles Anderson** is Managing Director of Investments for Wells Fargo Advisors. His career spans over twenty-five years managing assets for both retail and institutional accounts in West Michigan. His community involvement includes board positions for the Forest Hills Educational Foundation, Fountain Street Church Foundation, and Cascade Hills Country Club. He currently resides in Ada with his wife, Linda, and children, Samantha and Charlie.

**Pamela DeVos** has served as a trustee of the Grand Rapids Art Museum for over twenty years. As a trustee, she co-chaired the Capital Campaign for the new Art Museum and served on the Architect Selection Committee. She has also served on the Museum's Executive-Finance

Committee, Accessions Committee, and Development Committee. Pamela and her husband Daniel DeVos are Founder level donors of the new Art Museum. They co-chaired the Museum's Inaugural Ball and have provided lead sponsorship of numerous art exhibitions and events over the past decade. The Daniel and Pamela DeVos Family Gallery is located on Level III of the Museum's gallery wing.

Pamela DeVos is Vice-President of the Daniel and Pamela DeVos Family Foundation, and has served on the boards of Grand Rapids Symphony, Grand Rapids Griffins Youth Foundation, Make-a-Wish Foundation of Michigan, and Grand Valley University Foundation. Pamela DeVos is the President and Designer of Pamela Roland, a fashion label launched in New York in 2002. She and her husband own DP Fox Ventures, L.L.C., a highly diversified corporation with core businesses focused on the real estate, sports and entertainment and transportation industries.

**Marilyn Quinn Drake** has been a trustee of the Grand Rapids Art Museum since 1996, serving on the Executive-Finance Committee and as chair of the Accessions Committee. Marilyn and her husband John are Founder level donors of the new Art Museum. The Drake Quinn Family Foundation has sponsored art acquisitions to the Museum's permanent collection, education programs, and museum events. Marilyn and John provided the lead gift to the Museum Endowment for the Capital Campaign and served on the Campaign Honorary Committee. The Drake Quinn Family Park and Water Wall are located at the Museum entrance on Wege Plaza.

Marilyn has been active as a Museum volunteer for over fifteen years. She is a former president of the Grand Rapids Art Museum Volunteer Association. She is a graduate of Aquinas College with a Masters of Religious Studies and currently serves on the Aquinas College Board. Marilyn and John Drake have recently announced a \$1 million challenge grant for the Art Museum Centennial Year to expand Annual Fund support of the Art Museum.

### **About the Grand Rapids Art Museum**

The mission of the Grand Rapids Art Museum (GRAM) is to provide a gathering place where people of all ages and backgrounds can enrich their lives through interaction with works of art in a thought-provoking and creative way. Established in the heart of downtown Grand Rapids, the new art museum is internationally known for its distinguished design and LEED Gold certified status. Established in 1910 as the Grand Rapids Art Association, GRAM has grown to include more than 5,000 works of art, including American and European 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century painting and sculpture and over 3,000 works on paper. Embracing the city's legacy as a leading center of design and manufacturing, GRAM has a growing collection in the area of design and modern craft.

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