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***ART MUSEUM ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2010-2011***

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., November 18, 2010** – The Grand Rapids Art Museum (GRAM) elected new board members during the Annual Meeting on October 8, 2010. Election to the Board of Trustees by the Museum Membership includes: **Tamara R. Bailey, Tracey W. Brame, Rick DeVos, Robert Koenen, Jane Boyles Meilner, and Roger Rehkopf.**

*Tamara R. Bailey* is a vice president at Northern Trust Bank in Grand Rapids and serves as a wealth strategist and certified financial planner. Tammy's current community involvement includes serving on various committees for the YMCA, the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation and the Saint Mary's Doran Foundation. Tammy resides on a farm in West Olive with her husband Howie, and enjoys riding and training horses, beekeeping and skeet shooting.

*Tracey W. Brame* is the Assistant Dean at the Grand Rapids campus of Thomas M. Cooley Law School. In addition to her work at Cooley, Tracey is the past president of the board of directors of Camp Blodgett, a member of the board of Campaign for Justice, a Grand Rapids Bar Trustee, and member of the board of Goodwill Industries, and a provider of pro bono legal services at Heartside area missions. The "joys of her life" are her husband and her two children, age 4 and 2.

*Rick DeVos* is an entrepreneur and founder of ArtPrize. Rick is also interested in investing in organizations and new business ventures aimed at supporting innovation and problem-solving in the marketplace. His ventures include: Boxed Water is Better, Momentum, Pomegranate Studios and TheCommon.org. Rick and his wife Melissa live in Grand Rapids with their dog, Dutch. Rick enjoys flying helicopters, driving motorcycles and taking pictures.

*Robert Koenen* is Vice President and General Manager for CAT Footwear at Wolverine World Wide, Inc. Robert led Wolverine's involvement in GRid70 (Grand Rapids Innovation and Design); a center located in downtown Grand Rapids which includes designers and innovators representing five leading local companies collaborating to concentrate creative resources for a new focus on design-led ideas. Robert lives in East Grand Rapids with his wife and three children and enjoys spending time outdoors.

*Jane Boyles Meilner* is the founder and owner of J. Meilner & Associates, a direct sales and wardrobe consulting company. Jane has been very active in leadership roles in a variety of community organizations including East Grand Rapids Schools, East Grand Rapids School Foundation, The Junior League of Grand Rapids, and the former Women's Committee of the Grand Rapids Art Museum. Jane lives in East Grand Rapids with her husband and their two children and enjoys playing golf and traveling.

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*Roger Rehkopf* is vice president of preconstruction services at Rockford Construction Company Inc., and partner at Rockford Berge, a partnership working alternative energy projects. Roger serves on the Board of Directors for Rockford Construction and Builders Exchange of Grand Rapids. Roger has two sons with his wife of 31 years and lives in Rockford. He enjoys hunting and fishing in his free time.

**About the Grand Rapids Art Museum**

The Grand Rapids Art Museum (GRAM) celebrates 100 years of art, legacy and vision with its Centennial Year in 2010. The mission of the Grand Rapids Art Museum 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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