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Grand Rapids Art Museum Board of Trustees Announce Interim Director

Randy Van Antwerp will serve as Interim Director as Celeste Adams transitions to Consulting Director on March 17, 2010

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 10, 2010 – The Grand Rapids Art Museum (GRAM) announced today that Randy Van Antwerp will serve as Interim Director beginning March 17, 2010. Celeste Adams, who announced her resignation on December 4, 2009, will assist with the transition, serving as Consulting Director until a new Director is hired.

Randy Van Antwerp served in the position of Finance Director at the Grand Rapids Art Museum for over seven years, and has worked closely with the Board of Trustees and Celeste Adams during this time. Van Antwerp was the key staff person overseeing the new facility construction project and continues to be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Art Museum. He is directly involved in strategic planning for the organization and will provide experienced and steady leadership during the transition. The Museum Board has started a national search for a new Director.

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 19th and 20th 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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