GRAND RAPIDS ART MUSEUM ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Officers confirmed at December 17, 2014 Board of Trustees Meeting

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
GRAND RAPIDS, MI, December 22, 2014 – The Grand Rapids Art Museum is proud to announce the appointment of several new individuals to its Board of Trustees. The new trustees include Khary Bridgewater, Sydney DeVos, and Christopher Rosmarin. Each of the new trustees has been elected to three-year terms, which expire on September 30, 2017.

Additionally, GRAM Board of Trustees officers were confirmed at the December 17, 2014 Board meeting. Board officer appointments included Jane Boyles Meilner as President, Tamara R. Bailey as Vice President, and Tony S. Lawrence as Secretary/Treasurer. Joy Uddin was appointed as Volunteer Council President. The GRAM Foundation Board also appointed their officers recently, with Douglas Williams serving as President and Tony S. Lawrence serving as Secretary/Treasurer.

About the Appointees
Tamara R. Bailey, GRAM Board of Trustees Vice President
Tamara R. Bailey, CFP is the President and Co-Owner of Buy Right Packaging Supply, Inc. Her current community involvement includes serving on the Board and several committees of the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park Foundation as well as the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. In addition, she is involved on various committees for the YMCA and Mercy Health Foundation. Tammy resides on a farm in West Olive with her husband Howie and enjoys riding and training horses, beekeeping and skeet shooting.

Khary Bridgewater, GRAM Board of Trustees
Khary Bridgewater is the Program Officer for Congregational Initiatives for RDV Corporation. In addition to his role with RDV Corporation, he is the Pastor of Congregational Life and Discipleship for Grace Christian Reformed Church, and a lecturer and instructor at Grand Rapids Theological Seminary.

Sydney DeVos, GRAM Board of Trustees
A recent graduate of Hope College, Sydney DeVos majored in Communications and has experience working for several local and international organizations in their communications and administration departments. She has served on the Cape Eleuthera Foundation Board, Advisory Board, and Alumni Board.

Tony S. Lawrence, GRAM Board of Trustees Secretary/Treasurer, and GRAM Foundation Board of Trustees Secretary/Treasurer
Tony S. 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.
Jane Boyles Meilner, GRAM Board of Trustees President
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.

Christopher Rosmarin, GRAM Board of Trustees
A partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, Christopher Rosmarin has an extensive background in the financial sector. He has made a significant contribution of his time and talents to the Grand Rapids community, including his work with Gilda’s Club of Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Community Foundation, Grand Valley State Accounting Advisory Board, and Grand Rapids Junior Achievement.

Joy Uddin, GRAM Board of Trustees Volunteer Council President
Joy Uddin is the President of GRAM’s Volunteer Council, and previously served as Hospitality Chair, Vice President, and President of the Docent Council. She is an active GRAM docent who gives regular tours for visitors and enjoys travels in her spare time.

Douglas Williams, GRAM Foundation Board of Trustees President
Douglas Williams currently serves as Senior Vice President and Investment Director at PNC Wealth Management, where he provides investment leadership in the creation and implementation of investment strategies. Prior to joining PNC, he spent time in leadership positions at Regions Bank, Old Kent Bank, and its successor, Fifth Third Bank, where he was Director of Personal Trust Portfolio Management for the West Michigan Market.

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About the Grand Rapids Art Museum
Focusing on art, design, and creativity, GRAM provides diverse platforms for experiences, ideas, and dialogue that enrich the human spirit and build practical learning skills. Through dynamic exhibitions, collections, learning initiatives, and community collaborations, GRAM increasingly serves as a cultural beacon and civic anchor. Established in the heart of downtown Grand Rapids, the 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 more than 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.

For GRAM’s hours and admission fees, visit artmuseumgr.org or call 616-831-1000.

Current Exhibitions:
*Marks of Genius: 100 Extraordinary Drawings from the Minneapolis Institute of Arts*
On view October 26, 2014 through January 18, 2014. This exhibition is an exemplary selection of rarely seen drawings, watercolors, and pastels featuring some of the world’s most renowned artists, spanning the past six centuries.

*Jessica Joy London: A State of Wonder*

*Re-Envisioning The Nutcracker*
On view November 20, 2014 through January 11, 2015. This holiday season brings the premiere of a brand new production of *The Nutcracker* by the Grand Rapids Ballet. Under the direction of Artistic Director Patricia Barker, the ballet will feature the creative vision of Chris Van Allsburg and Eugene Lee. GRAM’s complementary exhibition provides a behind-the-scenes look at the creative process of designing and staging the collaborative production. Items to be included are Chris Van Allsburg’s original drawings for the set and production design, a scale model of the sets, and examples of the costumes designed by Patricia Barker.
From the Artist's Hand: Drawings from GRAM’s Collection
On view October 26, 2014 through January 18, 2015. This exhibition highlights treasures from GRAM’s collection of drawings, curated to complement Marks of Genius.

Museum Hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 10am-5pm
Thursday: 10am-9pm
Sunday: 12pm-5pm
Closed Mondays

Museum Admission:
GRAM Members - Free
Adults - $8.00
Senior Adults & College Students (w/ID) - $7.00
Youth (ages 6-17) - $5.00
Children under 6 - Free

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