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GRAND RAPIDS ART MUSEUM PRESENTS THE EXHIBITION *TIM POWERS: BELOW THE SURFACE* BY LOCAL ARTIST TIM POWERS

Michigan Artist Series Exhibition on View May 29, 2014 – August 17, 2014

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., June 2, 2014 – The Grand Rapids Art Museum (GRAM) presents *Tim Powers: Below the Surface*, an exhibition displaying the evolution of Tim Powers' working practice with different materials and his understanding of their hidden potential. This exhibition, part of GRAM's Michigan Artist Series, will be on view May 29, 2014 – August 17, 2014

The exhibition features a large-scale installation, spanning two entire walls, of over 400 of his pillow forms, along with several other experimental sculptures, including one that glows and responds to movement in the gallery. Powers' curiosity and respect for the unique qualities of the materials with which he works make this exhibition compelling, leaving us wondering what other mysteries lie where we cannot see.

"I am interested in partnering with the material to find new and unexpected latent objects," said Powers. "I liked the characteristic of the polystyrene plastic and the way it functioned for me as a metaphor for mass production. I thought this served as an interesting counter point to the idea of intimacy and uniqueness."

Powers received his MFA from the Art Institute of Boston in 2011, with a focus in Object Making. He has served as an art and design educator at Ferris State University and Grand Valley State University, and manages a freelance design practice in addition to his sculptural studio work.

About the Michigan Artist Series
Throughout its 100+ year history, the Grand Rapids Art Museum has featured the work of Michigan artists in its exhibition program. This tradition is now formalized into the Michigan Artist Series, to be presented in galleries throughout the Museum, which highlights the work of living artists or designers working in diverse media who reside in the state.

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.

Museum Hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Sunday: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Closed Mondays

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