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GRAND RAPIDS ART MUSEUM ARTPRIZE MATCHING INCLUDES YOUNG KIM

Artist is the 2009 ArtPrize Winner for the Curatorial Award for "Salt and Earth" Installation

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., June 25, 2010 – The Grand Rapids Art Museum (GRAM) serves as an Exhibition Center during ArtPrize 2010, and is presenting the works of many interesting and diverse artists. To view the full list, visit the GRAM page at ArtPrize.org. Among those matched with the Art Museum is Young Kim. Kim is the winner of the 2009 ArtPrize Curatorial Award for his installation *Salt and Earth*.

"When GRAM's ArtPrize review committee was discussing entries in April, Young Kim's name came up right away," said Cindy Buckner, Associate Curator at the Grand Rapids Art Museum. "Kim creates beautiful, unique work with a lot of thought behind it. I contacted him and said GRAM would be interested in hosting his work for ArtPrize."

After several conversations regarding the space available and the ideas Kim would like to implement, an agreement was reached. The major elements will be similar to the *Salt and Earth* installation and is currently untitled. Kim will travel to Grand Rapids in the coming weeks to experience the space firsthand.

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 3,500 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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