GRAND RAPIDS ART MUSEUM ELECTS TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS TO THE 2011-2012 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., July 13, 2012 – The Grand Rapids Art Museum recently elected two new members to GRAM’s Board of Trustees: Kurt Hassberger, Chief Operating Officer at Rockford Construction, and Eddie T.L. Tadlock, Assistant General Manager (SMG) at DeVos Place/DeVos Performance Hall. Hassberger was elected on February 22, 2012, and Tadlock was elected on May 23, 2012.

Kurt Hassberger, Chief Operating Officer at Rockford Construction, began practicing law in 1978 in the private sector before joining Rockford Construction in 1995 as general counsel. He has represented Rockford Construction on legal matters since 1988 with particular emphasis on zoning, municipal, and real estate issues until becoming Chief Operating Officer in 1997. He has represented private clients in general corporate, business, oil/gas, and municipal matters with particular emphasis on zoning and development issues, as well as private developers on projects ranging from single-family site condominiums to shopping centers.

Eddie T.L. Tadlock, Assistant General Manager of DeVos Place/DeVos Performance Hall (SMG), is an entrepreneurial executive and former U.S. Marine with years of comprehensive facility management experience in operating stadiums, arenas, theaters, and convention facilities. He has been involved with many non-profit and cultural organizations, including the American Red Cross, Heart of West Michigan United Way, Downtown Alliance, Biz2end, Grand Rapids Community Foundation, Downtown Development Authority, Experience Grand Rapids, Multiracial Association of Professionals, International Association of Venue Managers, and the American Cancer Society’s Cattle Baron’s Ball. He is a self-described orchid-lover, cross country skier, art buyer, TED.com watcher, and book collector.

About the Grand Rapids Art Museum
The mission of the Grand Rapids Art Museum (GRAM) is: to inspire discovery, enjoyment, and learning about art; to serve as a welcoming and inclusive cultural resource; to collect, conserve, and interpret works of art of the finest quality. 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 more than 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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