GRAND RAPIDS ART MUSEUM ANNOUNCES "SHUFFLERS" PARTICIPATING IN RAUSCHENBERG’S ART GAME ON FEBRUARY 29

Shufflers will determine the arrangement of the 52-panel work of art, Robert Rauschenberg: Synapsis Shuffle. The resulting exhibition opens on March 3, 2012.

The Shufflers comprise a broad coalition among the creative and innovative community of West Michigan. The Grand Rapids Art Museum’s mission includes building strong partnerships and collaborations, in line with the forward-looking idea of the 21st century Museum as a community convener and catalyst for creative thinking. The Shufflers include representatives from arts organizations as well as innovative leaders in technology, education, medical research, and other creative thinkers.

For more information on Robert Rauschenberg: Synapsis Shuffle, please see GRAM’s webpage: http://www.artmuseumgr.org/home/page/Rauschenberg#synapsis_shuffle

Shufflers

ART AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATOR
Luisa Schumacher – Executive Director, West Michigan Center for Arts & Technology (WMCAT)

ART MUSEUM CURATOR
Richard H. Axsom, Senior Curator, Prints and Photographs, Grand Rapids Art Museum

CHOREOGRAPHER, BALLERINA
Patricia Barker – Artistic Director, Grand Rapids Ballet Company

FASHION DESIGNER
Pamella G. DeVos – President and Designer of pamella roland, GRAM Honorary Life Trustee and Presenting Sponsor

FURNITURE DESIGNER
Jeff Reuschel – Global Design Director, Haworth

GRAM FAMILY PROGRAMS SHUFFLER
Breanne Sutherland, GRAM Family Programs Participant and 3rd grader at Coit Creative Arts Academy

GRAND RAPIDS SYMPHONY TEAM
Peter Kjome – President and CEO, Grand Rapids Symphony
David Lockington – Music Director, Grand Rapids Symphony

PROFESSOR OF ART HISTORY, AQUINAS COLLEGE
Joseph Antenucci Becherer – Chief Curator and Vice President of Horticulture and Sculpture Collections and Exhibitions, Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park

**GRID70 TEAM**
Brandon Hill – Creative Director, Chaco Footwear, Wolverine Worldwide
Kimberly Blauwkamp – Innovation Center Site Administrator, Meijer
Nancy Cummins – Amway Business Innovations
Mariposa Davis – Graphic Design Specialist, Pennant Health Alliance
Kyle Los – Program Manager, GRID70
Brett R. Kincaid – Director of Design, Steelcase

**MEDICAL RESEARCH TEAM**
Kenneth I. Strauss, PhD – Associate Professor, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine
Patricia A. Brewer, PhD – Associate Dean for Student Development, Secchia Center

**UICA TEAM**
Jeffery Meeuwsen – Executive Director, Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts (UICA)
Steve Samson – Director of Exhibitions and Facilities, Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts (UICA)

**PLUS...COMMUNITY CONTEST SHUFFLER**
Matt Zacharias – Facebook/online video contest winner!

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**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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