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BOISE ART MUSEUM

Fales Named Interim Executive Director for Boise Art Museum

Boise – Melanie Fales, Curator of Education for the Boise Art Museum (BAM), has been named Interim Executive Director for BAM, Bill Selvage, president of the Museum’s Board of Trustees, announced today. She will serve in the interim position while the board searches for a new executive director to replace Tim Close. Close left earlier this month to become the Executive Director for the Museum of Glass: International Center for Contemporary Art in Tacoma, Washington.

“We are very pleased that Melanie has accepted the Interim Executive Director position,” Selvage said. “During her ten years at the Boise Art Museum, she has emerged as a leader who has the respect of her colleagues.”

Fales, who began her career at BAM in 1996 as an art educator, was named Associate Curator of Education in 2000 and Curator of Education in 2002. Under her leadership, the educational programs of the museum have expanded to reach audiences from toddlers to seniors.

She graduated cum laude from Boise State University with a degree in art emphasizing painting and art history. As the recipient of a Rotary International Ambassadorial Graduate Scholarship, she studied art history and museum studies at the Ecole du Louvre in Paris. In 1996 she graduated summa cum laude from Boise State University with a master of arts degree focusing on museum education.

Fales is active in the art community and serves as an officer on the board of the Idaho Art Education Association and was instrumental in the development of the Cultural Network, a consortium of cultural institutions in the community. She also serves as an adjunct faculty member for both Boise State University and the University of Idaho.

“The board is proceeding with its search for a permanent executive director,” Selvage said. “We hope to fill the position within the next six months.”

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Boise Art Museum (BAM) is a private, non-profit collecting art museum accredited by the American Association of Museums. Annually, BAM presents nationally and internationally acclaimed exhibitions, maintains a growing permanent collection comprising more than 2,500 works of art and annually provides free docent-led tours to more than 10,000 Idaho school children. In addition, BAM provides classes, lectures and workshops for adults, and presents *Art in the Park*, the largest annual arts and crafts fair in the Northwest.

Boise Art Museum is located downtown in Julia Davis Park.

HOURS Tuesday - Saturday, 10 AM - 5 PM and Sunday, Noon - 5 PM. Thursdays: 10 AM - 8 PM. Open 10 AM – 9 PM the first Thursday of each month, featuring FREE admission all day.

ADMISSION \$5 General, \$3 Seniors (62+) and full time college students, \$1 kids grades 1- 12. Kids under 6 and Museum members are always free.

Boise Art Museum is supported, in part, by its members, the Beaux Arts Société, the City of Boise, the Idaho Commission on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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