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## An Open Door to Art

### BAM Offers Free Admission to BSU Students

**BOISE – Boise Art Museum** once again is partnering with **Boise State University** to provide local college students with opportunities to experience world-class visual art exhibitions and educational programs, free of charge. Beginning August 21st, all current BSU students

with a valid Student ID Card will receive free admission to BAM until August 21, 2007.

BAM will host a free reception at 5:00 p.m. on October 3<sup>rd</sup> for BSU students, faculty and staff, to introduce newcomers to the Museum and provide information about the partnership.

“Not all universities are as fortunate to have an American Association of Museums accredited, collecting art museum adjacent to their campuses,” states BAM’s Interim Executive Director and Curator of Education, Melanie Fales. “By working together, BAM and BSU are doubling available art opportunities for students, including meeting with acclaimed artists and learning from museum professionals. This program encourages BSU students to take advantage of an important cultural, educational and community resource.”

This partnership expands on a pilot program initiated in 2005, which allowed BSU students to visit BAM for free during the 2005/2006 academic year. The current partnership has been expanded to offer free admission for an entire year, enabling BSU students to visit two of BAM’s summer exhibitions that normally include higher admission prices for college students: *Frank Lloyd Wright and the House Beautiful* (on view until October 22, 2006) and *Chuck Close Prints* (May 12 – August 11, 2007).

“Last year, we had professors from the English, art, philosophy and French departments take advantage of the program and bring their classes to the Museum, and we’ve already had requests from faculty and students to continue and expand the program,” says Fales. Many faculty members have contacted BAM to express their gratitude and hopes that the partnership will continue. Fales agrees with these sentiments, noting that the program has opened BAM’s doors for BSU students to experience original works of art at any time. “We’re very pleased with this partnership. It serves as a successful model of two educational institutions working together to better serve students and the community.”

Students must present their current BSU Student ID Card at the time of admittance to BAM in order to receive free admission. This benefit is for students only, and does not extend to BSU faculty or staff. However, faculty and staff members accompanying pre-scheduled student groups will be admitted free of charge. All class and group visits must be scheduled with BAM’s Education Department at least two weeks in advance.

**Boise Art Museum** is located downtown in Julia Davis Park. **HOURS** Mondays May - August, 2006, 10 – 5 PM. Mondays Sept - October 16, 2006, Noon – 5 PM. 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 ½ price admission all day. **ADMISSION during FLW exhibit (July 15 – October 22, 2006)** \$8 General, \$6 Seniors (62+) and full time college students, \$4 kids grades 1- 12. Other dates: \$5, \$3, and \$1. Kids under 6 and Museum members are always free.

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