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BOISE ART MUSEUM

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BOISE ART MUSEUM NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BOISE, Idaho – Wesley Jessup, new executive director of the Boise Art Museum (BAM), begins his tenure today, according to Driek Zirinsky, president of the museum's board of trustees.

"Our board and staff anticipate a great era for the museum and the community under Wesley's leadership and artistic vision," Zirinsky said. "We looked around the nation for the right person to guide our wonderful museum, and we feel we have found in Wesley a leader who combines all the attributes our museum and community wanted. We are excited to begin our work together."

Jessup has served as the founding director of the Pasadena Museum of California Art (PMCA) for the past seven years. The museum opened in 2002 in a newly constructed, contemporary building. At PMCA, Jessup was responsible for launching an exhibition program, establishing a fundraising plan, recruiting a board of directors and developing a professional staff.

Jessup, who previously served for two years as assistant director for the Spencer Museum of Art, University of Kansas, in Lawrence, Kansas, also spent four years at the Guggenheim Museum in New York City starting in Visitor Services and ending as Manager of Budgeting and Planning for International Programs. While at the Guggenheim, he volunteered and completed a year-long training program as a docent and was a guide for VIP tours.

A graduate of California State University in Fullerton with a bachelor's degree in Art History, Jessup earned a master's degree in Art History with honors from City University of New York. He also earned a certificate from the Getty Museum Leadership Institute, a three-week intensive museum management seminar held for a group of 30 competitively selected international museum executives.

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Boise Art Museum is located downtown in Julia Davis Park. **HOURS** Mondays, June - August, 2007, 10 – 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 free or ½ price 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 State University students gain free admission with their valid student ID card, through 8/21/07.

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. BAM is accredited by the American Association of Museums.

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