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Boise Art Museum Director Accepts New Position

Boise – Tim Close, executive director for the Boise Art Museum (BAM), today announced that he has accepted a new position as executive director for the Museum of Glass: International Center for Contemporary Art in Tacoma, Wash., according to Bill Selvage, president of the BAM Board of Trustees.

“While we are very excited for Tim and this wonderful opportunity, we are saddened by his departure,” Selvage said. “Under Tim’s leadership, BAM made great strides in enhancing the quality of exhibitions, particularly of major exhibitions as well as those we have curated and traveled. We have also expanded our permanent collection, developed educational outreach programs and increased our annual budget.”

Close joined BAM in 2000 after spending six years as the executive director for the Albany Museum of Art in Albany, Ga. He has more than 25 years experience in fine arts, including serving as a gallery director, art history professor, curator of art and executive director. Close holds a Master of Fine Arts from the California Institute of the Arts, a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Arizona State University, a Bachelor of Business Administration from Old Dominion University and a certificate from the J. Paul Getty Trust Museum Management Institute.

“The BAM Board of Trustees will move quickly to organize a national search for Tim’s replacement and to name an interim director,” Selvage said.

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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 comprised of more than 2,500 works of art and provides free docent-led tours to more than 11,000 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. ***Through an agreement with Boise State University, BSU students get in FREE with their current, valid BSU Student ID Card, now through 5/5/06.***

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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