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The Claremont Museum of Art Receives \$10 Million Gift



Claremont, CA (July 28, 2008) — The Board of Directors of the Claremont Museum of Art announced today that the Museum has received a donation of \$10 million. It is the largest single gift from an individual to date and comes only 15 months after the Museum’s grand opening in April, 2007. The donor, who requested anonymity, is a long-time resident of Southern California.

Over time, this gift assures the financial security and future growth of the Museum and will help support ongoing operations and long-range planning. “We know that this contribution will instill confidence and inspire others to support our ongoing exhibitions and public programs,” said the Museum’s Executive Director William Moreno.

“It is extraordinarily rare for a young museum to secure such a large gift so early in its history,” Moreno said. “We view this significant donation as a major vote of confidence for the work of the board of directors, museum staff and the exhibitions and programs that we have offered to the public. We are truly grateful to our donor’s vision and support of our work.”

The donor is particularly interested in the Museum’s programs that teach children and young adults the importance of the arts in everyday life, and sees tremendous promise and need for supporting the Museum’s efforts. “No doubt, our donor’s generosity is going to provide the foundation for the Museum to achieve its full potential,” said the Museum’s Board President Frank Chabre.

About the Museum

Located about 30 miles east of Downtown Los Angeles, the Claremont Museum of Art seeks to serve a diverse public as a regional museum of international significance and breadth. Grounded in Claremont's important artistic legacy, the Museum engages artists and audiences through a compelling program of exhibitions and educational programs that connect the visual arts with contemporary life. In addition to a diverse slate of exhibitions, the museum features an eclectic store offering contemporary and unexpected gifts from around the world. A comprehensive slate of educational programming and events are offered for all ages. The Claremont Museum of Art is an independent, nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization.

Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Museum Store is open until 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and until 5 p.m. on Sunday. The galleries and store are open until 8:30 p.m. the first Friday of every month and closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

Admission: \$3 for adults, under 18 are free. Free admission 5 to 8:30 p.m. the first Friday of every month.

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