

New Mexico Museum of Art

NEWS

Museum Unveils Recently Donated Works

Works by New Mexico and Internationally Recognized Artists Enhance Permanent Collection

Santa Fe, NM (January 8, 2010)—*New Arrivals: Works from the Collection* is an exhibition of recent acquisitions to the Museum's permanent collection. *New Arrivals* highlights the important role the art patron plays in developing a Museum's collection—either through an outright donation or partnering with the Museum in a purchase.

The works in *New Arrivals: Works from the Collection* will be on view for the first time featuring favorite New Mexico artists such as Susan Rothenberg and Gunnar Plake, among others, to the internationally recognized Francis Bacon and Roy Lichtenstein.

Approximately twenty-five works will be exhibited in nearly all media (including a skateboard by Artemio Rodriguez).

New Arrivals: Works from the Collection opens at the New Mexico Museum of Art, Friday, February 12, 2010 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. A reception will be hosted by the Women's Board of the Museum of New Mexico.

Exhibition curator Katherine Ware, curator of photography at the Museum, said; "The permanent collection is at the core of everything we do here at the Museum. It is especially wonderful, through the generosity of our community of donors, to share these treasures with the public for whom we hold these works in trust."

The focus of *New Arrivals: Works from the Collection* will be contemporary works donated to the permanent collection. Work from other eras will be shown, such as Milton Rogovin's photographs of New York City's Lower East Side and a William Lumpkins landscape, *Untitled (Red Butte)*, 1933.

Museums rely primarily on donations of artwork from various sources as acquisition funds are always limited. A highlight of this exhibition and these donations is that these works deepen the Museum's collection of art of the Southwest and more specifically art by New Mexico artists while broadening the permanent collection with works by artists such as Francis Bacon.

Media Contacts:

Katherine Ware, Curator of Photography
505-476-5088
kate.ware@state.nm.us

Steve Cantrell, PR Manager
505-476-1144
505-310-3539 – cell
steve.cantrell@state.nm.us

###

The New Mexico Museum of Art was founded in 1917 as the Art Gallery of the Museum of New Mexico. Housed in a spectacular Pueblo Revival building designed by I. H. and William M. Rapp, it was based on their New Mexico building at the Panama-California Exposition (1915). The museum's architecture inaugurated what has come to be known as "Santa Fe Style." For nearly 100 years, the Museum has celebrated the diversity of the visual arts and the legacy of New Mexico as a cultural crossroads by collecting and exhibiting work by leading artists from New Mexico and elsewhere. This tradition continues today with a wide-array of exhibitions with work from the world's leading artists. The New Mexico Museum of Art brings the art of New Mexico to the world and the art of the world to New Mexico.

The New Mexico Museum of Art is a division of the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs.

Information for the Public

Location: Santa Fe's Plaza at 107 West Palace Avenue.

Information: 505-476-5072 or visit www.nmartmuseum.org

Days/Times: Monday through Sunday, 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Open Free on Fridays, 5:00-8:00 P.M., with the exception of major exhibition openings.

Admission:

Sundays: New Mexico residents with ID are admitted FREE!

Students with ID receive a one-dollar discount.

Wednesdays: New Mexico resident seniors (60+) with ID are free.

Adult single-museum admission is \$6 for New Mexico residents, \$9 for nonresidents; OR \$15 for one-day pass to two museums of your choice (Museum of Indian Arts & Culture, Museum of International Folk Art, New Mexico Museum of Art, and Palace of the Governors/New Mexico History Museum) OR \$20 four-day pass to five museums (includes all 4 listed above and the Museum of Spanish Colonial Art) **Youth 16 and under, Foundation Members, and New Mexico Veterans with 50% or more disability always free.**

Field Trips There is no charge for educational groups attending the museum with their instructor and/or adult chaperones. Contact the Tours office by phone at (505) 476-1140 or (505) 476-1211 to arrange class/group visits to the Museum.

Direct flights now connect Santa Fe, Dallas/Fort Worth and Los Angeles on American Eagle.