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Recent Acquisitions Exhibition

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and Shott Family Gallery

Missoula, MT / December 18, 2012 / Missoula Art Museum (MAM) / Missoula Art Museum's collecting mission is to *collect, preserve, exhibit and research art that is relevant to the culture of the American West with an emphasis on contemporary Montana artists*. MAM has been blessed over the last few years with several donations of exceptional artworks that we are excited to show off in this exhibition.

The Missoula Art Museum relies on the generosity of the community to grow the permanent collection. Indeed, community participation has been the keystone for the steady growth of the MAM Collection over the years. In the year 2011 alone, over 250 artworks were donated to the collection, including a gift of 225 Hmong textiles. Artists are crucial donors to MAM's Collection, and recently artists such as Kevin Red Star, Peter Koch, Rick Bartow, George Gogas, Phoebe Toland, and Dwayne Wilcox have donated works.

Other recent donations include artworks from the estates of Montana painter Gennie DeWeese and Oregon sculptor Manuel Izquierdo. Generous individual collectors also have helped grow our collection, including several Jay Rummel works from Fred and Susan Reed, a Leslie Van Stavern Millar II painting from Mae Nan Ellingson, a Branson Stevenson etching from Les and Marian Holter Brod, two James Todd drawings from Donna Mell, a John Well-Off-Man painting and Lee Nye photograph from Tim Gordon, and many more.

MAM's continuing growing collection is evidence of the generosity of our community, and this exhibition demonstrates our commitment to holding artworks in care and trust for future generations.

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About MAM: FREE EXPRESSION / FREE ADMISSION. The Missoula Art Museum strives to engage artists and audience in the creative exploration of contemporary art relevant to our community, state and region. Founded in 1975 and accredited by the American Association of Museums since 1987, MAM showcases diverse and thought-provoking contemporary artwork from local and international artists. Gallery Hours: Tuesday- Friday, 10 AM - 5 PM, Saturday-Sunday, 12-5PM. Office hours: Mon-Fri, 9AM-5PM.