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MAM Adds Montana Artists to Internationally Touring Exhibition New Works Unveiled: Tuesday, May 1, 11am

Missoula, MT - April 17, 2007 - Missoula Art Museum (MAM) - MAM is adding artwork by 13 Montana artists to the internationally touring exhibition, *Women Beyond Borders*. MAM will unveil the new artworks on Tuesday, May 1 during gallery hours, 11am - 6pm. The works will remain on view through June 9 and then permanently join the traveling exhibition. *Women Beyond Borders* has already toured to 40 countries and states around the world, and future stops for the Montana artists' work include Pasadena, Calif. and Berlin, Germany.

The new artists are Michelle Adam, Margaret Caraway, Bev Beck Glueckert, Marion Lavery, Toni Matlock, Leslie Van Stavern Millar, Barbara Morrison, Molly Murphy, Susan Quande, Susie Risho, Rachel Simpson, Patricia Thornton and Bobby Tilton. These Montana artists viewed the exhibition, expressed an interest in participating in the global project, and met with the California-based Director of *Women Beyond Borders*, Lorraine Serena, when she visited the exhibition at MAM. Serena acknowledges the importance of their participation, saying, "I have found the greatest meaning of the word art as derived from the Latin *ars, artis: to join together*. As we move forward with a sense of solidarity and collective confirmation, there is no doubt that extending community has become the work."

Each participant received an identical pine box measuring 3.5 x 2 x 2". Each has altered, embellished, hidden, revealed or celebrated the form with individual interests, styles and techniques. Their works form a distinctive addition to the exhibition of nearly 200 sculptures by artists from 37 countries. Their contributions support the exhibition's goals to honor and document women's voices and visions, encourage dialogue, collaboration and community and inspire creative expression. Director Lorraine Serena states, "In light of the world situation, we move forward with even greater conviction that women's voices and visions are a healing force in the world. The arts are a universal and essential language allowing us to look beyond ourselves in order to create a new paradigm of relatedness."

Artists may be available for interviews. Please contact Curator Stephen Glueckert at stevegl@missoulaartmuseum.org or 406/728.0447 x226.

About MAM: FREE EXPRESSION / FREE ADMISSION. Founded in 1975 and accredited by the American Association of Museums since 1987, MAM's exhibitions showcase diverse and thought-provoking work from local and international artists. Gallery Hours: Tues-Fri, 11am-6pm, until 7pm Thurs, Sat, 10am-3pm. *The Missoula Art Museum educates, challenges and inspires the community through contemporary art. MAM preserves our emerging cultural heritage through the development and conservation of its art collection.*

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