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MAM Summer Exhibition Features Public's Collection *Glowing: Peter Wulliman Wood Engravings* On View August 1 - October 20, 2007

Missoula, MT - May 8, 2007 - Missoula Art Museum (MAM) - Summer visitors to MAM will discover a rarely exhibited selection of prints from the MAM Collections. *Glowing: Peter Wulliman Wood Engravings* features prints by a Swiss artist acquired for the Missoula Museum of the Arts in 1982. The artworks, seldom seen in the last quarter century, will be on view in the Shott Family Gallery August 1 - October 20, 2007.

The nine prints in the exhibition combine great skill and creativity. At first glance, the images may seem to be figures or landscapes, but are abstract symbols. The artist layers black ink to create forms that are sometimes dense and other times ghostlike, and which move against the bare, moonlike glow of the mother-of-pearl Japanese paper. Inspired by the mystic St. John of the Cross and writers such as Rainer Maria Rilke, Wulliman's images are poetic symbols of unity and the struggle between light and dark. "I hope to be an instrument for a power much bigger than me," Wulliman says about this work.

The prints were first exhibited in a solo exhibition at the Missoula Museum of the Arts in 1982. Wulliman's artwork had been collected by the Art Institute of Chicago, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and museums in Austria, Germany, Japan and Switzerland. An anonymous donation allowed the Missoula Museum of the Arts to purchase the nine prints for its own permanent collection.

The Missoula Museum of the Arts was operated by Missoula County until 1995, when it became the independent non-profit now known as the Missoula Art Museum. MAM manages the Missoula County Art Collection, which symbolizes a mutually beneficial relationship that functions for the public good. To learn more about the exhibition and MAM Collections, please contact MAM Registrar Jennifer Reifsneider at jennifer@missoulaartmuseum.org or 406/728.0447 x222.

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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