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Our Familiar: Animal Myth and Reality in the MAM Collections July 30 - October 25, 2008 Gallery Talk, Artini: Mary Ann Bonjorni, August 21, 7 pm

Missoula, MT / July 30 – October 25 / Missoula Art Museum (MAM) / Living creatures found in physical and fanciful environments have fascinated artists throughout time. *Our Familiar*, MAM's summer exhibition from the permanent collections, features animal imagery embodying ideas as diverse as love for the natural world, political beliefs, shared memories and secret selves.

Our Familiar celebrates a unique collection of paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, ceramics, textiles and sculptures created over the last 60 years by Montana artists past and present, including Mary Ann Bonjorni, Walter Hook, Jay Rummel, James Todd, Jessie Wilber and Lulu Yee. The unveiling of recent acquisitions by Nancy Erickson and Theodore Waddell highlights the exhibition.

Co-Curated by Jennifer Reifsneider, MAM Curator of Collections and Registrar and Steve Glueckert, Curator of Exhibitions.

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About MAM: FREE EXPRESSION / FREE ADMISSION. MAM educates, challenges and inspires the community through contemporary art. MAM preserves our emerging cultural heritage through the development and conservation of its art collection. 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: Tues-Fri, 11AM-5PM, Sat, 10AM-5PM. Office hours: Mon-Fri, 9AM-5PM.

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