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Missoula Art Museum Presents New Exhibition *Elizabeth Dove: Birthweight*

Exhibition Dates: November 1, 2007 – January 5, 2008

Missoula, MT / August 8, 2007 / Missoula Art Museum (MAM) / MAM is pleased to present *Birthweight*, an exhibition of new artwork by Elizabeth Dove, from November 1, 2007 through January 5, 2008. Using over 5,000 painstakingly-cut illustrations from English dictionaries, Dove has created artwork that will bridge MAM's galleries and dominate the second floor of the museum. The installation, titled *Birthweight*, incorporates Dove's signature aesthetic language: light translucency, extensive use of multiples, photography, and an ability to highlight the architectural features of the gallery space.

Elizabeth Dove: Birthweight is unified through Dove's approach to materials under the rubric of printmaker, and her consistent approach to the physical space. The dominating concepts of weight and time, the paradox of chaos and structure, our perpetual search for meaning, and the patient digestion of enormous quantities of information are also carefully considered and presented to the viewer. Dove, a Missoula artist and University of Montana Professor of Art, describes her work as "...an effort to answer my questions about the process of time; the possibility for something eternal; and the interplay of transience and permanence."

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. MAM reopened in September 2006 after an extensive remodel and expansion. Gallery Hours: Tues-Fri, 11AM-6PM, until 7PM on Thursdays, Sat, 10AM-3PM. Office hours: Mon – Fri, 9AM-5PM. MAM Mission: *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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