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## **Museum continues to achieve national honor**

**Orlando, Fla. (August 12, 2011)** - The Orlando Museum of Art (OMA) has again been awarded the highest honor a museum can receive: Accreditation by the American Association of Museums (AAM). In 1971, the OMA was one of the first museums in the nation to become accredited, and it has maintained that status without interruption ever since. Accreditation certifies that a museum operates according to the highest standards set forth by the museum profession, manages its collections responsibly and provides quality service to the public. Of all the 17,500 museums nationwide, only 774 are accredited.

“We hope the people of Central Florida share our pride in having earned this prestigious honor” stated Marena Grant Morrissey, Executive Director of the OMA. “This process was rigorous and demanding, as we examined virtually every aspect of our Museum’s operations; a year of self-study and an on-site review by a team of experienced professionals were required. We invite everyone to help us celebrate this award by visiting the OMA and exploring our exemplary exhibitions and programs.”

The OMA is located at 2416 N. Mills Avenue in Orlando, Florida and includes impressive Permanent Collections that feature American art from the 17th century through the present, Art of the Ancient Americas and African art as well as many temporary exhibitions. The current exhibitions include *Tony Robbin: A Retrospective*; *Common Ground: The Art of the American Landscape*; *Life Stories: American Portraits Past and Present* as well as other popular exhibitions of the Permanent Collections. The OMA is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm and Saturday through Sunday from noon to 4 pm.

Accreditation is one of several programs offered by the AAM to help museums achieve and maintain standards of quality and excellence in the museum profession. AAM is a national organization, with its headquarters in Washington, D.C., that has served the museum profession since 1906.

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The OMA is located in Orlando Loch Haven Park at 2416 North Mills Ave., Orlando, Fla. From I-4 take the Princeton Street exit 85. Drive east on Princeton Street, and at the corner of Princeton and Mills (US Highway 17 / 92), turn left. Go one block to east Rollins Street and turn left. The entrance is the first driveway on the left. Parking is free. For further information, call 407 896 4231 or visit [www.omart.org](http://www.omart.org).

Accredited by the American Association of Museums, the Orlando Museum of Art is supported by earned income, the Council of 101, donations from individuals, corporations and foundations, and is supported by United Arts of Central Florida with funds from the United Arts campaign, State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Arts Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts, and is funded in part by Orange County Government through the Arts & Cultural Affairs Program.

Hours: Tuesday – Friday 10 am – 4 pm, Saturday – Sunday  
noon – 4 pm, closed major holidays.

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