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Barbara Sorensen Exclusive Exhibit Preview On View at OMA

Orlando, Fla. (March 29, 2011) - The Orlando Museum of Art presents renowned sculptor Barbara Sorensen's work in a preview of her latest solo exhibition, *Topographies*, before the full exhibition arrives at the OMA next spring. This exclusive exhibit preview showcases Sorensen's recent concentration with a large-scale metal sculpture installation, reflecting the relationship between humans and landscape.

"I instinctively respond to the form, surface and texture of the Earth, echoing them in my work," said Sorensen of her installations.

As an extensive traveler, Sorensen uses her inspiration and experience gained through her travels to continuously challenge herself as an artist interested in the dynamics between humans and the terrain around them. Particularly inspired by remote and rugged landscapes, Sorensen's simple, yet monumental, pieces take the viewer on a landscape expedition through her eyes as both artist and traveler.

This exclusive preview of *Topographies* is located outside the museum, in the OMA's Sculpture Plaza. The preview, entitled *Dwelling* Installation, is influenced by the fishing equipment used by the Aborigines. Sorensen intends for the installations to be "drawings in the sky" and allows visitors to relate each piece to their own home or personal being.

The *Topographies* exhibit began its two-year tour in later 2010, opening at the Museum of Florida Art and will close at the Orlando Museum of Art in spring 2011. The full exhibit features installations from the last 20 years of her work, and includes collaborations with composer Stella Sung and videographer David Hiser. Sorensen's work has been displayed and collected by numerous museums, corporations and the private sector including: The White House Collection in Washington D.C., Neiman Marcus Corporation, SunTrust Bank, Darden Restaurants, Everson Museum of Fine Arts, Mennello Museum of American Art, Cornell Museum of Fine Art, University of Central Florida and American Museum of Ceramic Art.

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.

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