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The Orlando Museum of Art Names Phyllis Goodblatt Volunteer of the Year

Orlando, Fla. (May 20, 2011) - The Orlando Museum of Art honored Phyllis Goodblatt this week by naming her the OMA Volunteer of the Year. The Council of 101 has also been acknowledged with the Exceptional Achievement Award presented for 45 years of exemplary service in support of the OMA.

Since coming to the OMA in 2002 as a volunteer, Phyllis has been a docent in the Education Department and a member of the Board of Directors of the Volunteer Council. Phyllis also teaches workshops and works as an instructor for various art camps. After 34 years of teaching art in public schools, Phyllis Goodblatt's role as volunteer at the OMA seemed to be a natural transgression. Jude goodier-Mojher, the associate curator of youth and family programs explains, "With a history of taking her own students to art museums during her years of teaching, Phyllis knows what teachers and students need to make each visit relevant."

The Council of 101 was founded to further the cultural development and appreciation of the visual arts. For 45 years the operations of the Council of 101 have been conducted by 101 members - thus the reason for the name. The Council of 101 organizes two annual events, Festival of Trees and Antiques Show & Sale, as well as the Corporate Lease Program at the OMA. Thousands of hours are donated each year by this group to create these successful events and programs.

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

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