

PLAINS ART MUSEUM

Plains Art Museum Earns Prestigious Reaccreditation

Press Release

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Fargo, N.D. – Plains Art Museum, is thrilled to announce that the Museum has earned reaccreditation from the American Alliance of Museums (aam-us.org). Museum accreditation was first granted to Plains Art Museum in 2003 and is a distinction granted to only the best museum organizations in the country. This stamp of approval of Plains Art Museum is awarded to less than 7% of museums in the nation.

The process is a rigorous one that evaluates a museum's ability to uphold best practices in the museum fields. Specifically, the Accreditation Commission states that Plains Art Museum demonstrates "the highest professional standards for education, public service and collections stewardship, and a commitment to continued institutional improvement."

Plains Art Museum is the largest art museum in the Dakotas and Western Minnesota and is general admission free thanks to strong and growing support from over 800 households and businesses. A staff of 40 (FTE) manages a permanent collection of over 4,000 objects, organizes and presents dozens of annual exhibitions, and facilitates over 200 educational programs and experiences for all ages each year. Within an annual budget of approximately \$2 million, these staff work across the Museum's Education, Exhibitions, Collections, Visitor Services, Accounting, Development, Earned Income, Communications, Facilities and Administration departments. The Museum and its Katherine Kilbourne Burgum Center for Creativity is located at 704 First Avenue North in downtown Fargo. For more information about visiting or supporting your art museum, visit www.plainsart.org.

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