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Teen Advisory Board Seeking Applicants

NEW ORLEANS, La. (Friday, September 26, 2008)—The New Orleans Museum of Art is seeking applicants to be part of its first Teen Advisory Board, a new educational initiative for students ages 14-17. The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) will collaborate with Museum staff to design programming aimed at their peers, while learning the ins and outs of museum work. The Teen Advisory Board will be encouraged to develop new ideas and think creatively about the Museum's role in their community through a serious of stimulating workshops led by professional Museum educators.

Candidates should be motivated, self-directed, interested in working with other teens, and willing to assume a leadership role at the Museum. The Teen Advisory Board is perfect for students who like art, are interested in education and community service, or are looking for a fun way to accrue volunteer hours. Successful applicants will meet monthly for the duration of the school year.

Applications can be downloaded from the Museum website, <u>www.noma.org</u>, and should be returned with one letter of recommendation from a teacher. The deadline is Oct. 15.

For more information, contact Marney Robinson in the Education Department at (504) 658-4113 or at mrobinson@noma.org.

About NOMA and the Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden

The New Orleans Museum of Art, founded in 1910 by Isaac Delgado, houses more than 30,000 art objects encompassing 4,000 years of world art. Works from the permanent collection, along with continuously changing temporary exhibitions, are on view in the Museum's 46 galleries Wednesdays from noon to 8 p.m. and Thursdays to Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the Museum is free to Louisiana residents through the generosity of The Helis Foundation.

Admission to the adjacent Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden, featuring work by 57 artists, including several of the 20th century's master sculptors, is always free during regular Museum hours.

The New Orleans Museum of Art and the Sculpture Garden are fully accessible to handicapped visitors and wheelchairs are available from the front desk.

For more information, call (504) 659-4100 or visit www.noma.org.