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***Museum Announces Addition of Harold M. Williams
to SBMA Director's Advisory Board***

October 14, 2010 – The Santa Barbara Museum of Art (SBMA) is pleased to announce that Harold M. Williams has agreed to join the Director's Advisory Board, a group of professionals that provides specialized knowledge and advice to the organization. Six members now comprise the group and represent a wide range of expertise in the areas of charitable organizations, art collecting and dealing, education, and entertainment. Other members of the Advisory Board include John Cleese, Robert Light, Carolyn Amory Peck, John Saladino, and Jeanne Thayer.

Mr. Williams adds a wealth of experience in both the non-profit and corporate arenas as President Emeritus of the J. Paul Getty Trust, a charitable trust devoted to the arts and humanities, after serving as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Trust from 1981 until 1998.

Prior to assuming his position with the Trust, Mr. Williams served approximately four years as Chairman of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission having been nominated to that position in 1977 by President Carter. Previous to his appointment, Mr. Williams served as Dean and Professor of Management of the Graduate School of Management, University of California, Los Angeles, during which time the school achieved ranking within the top ten graduate business and management schools in the U.S.

Mr. Williams began his career as a lawyer for a Los Angeles law firm in 1949, where he specialized in tax and corporation law. In 1955, he joined Hunt Foods and Industries, Inc. In 1968, he was elected President and with the formation of Norton Simon, Inc., was named Chairman of the company's Finance Committee. In 1969, he assumed the additional post of Chairman of the Board.

Some of his other current affiliations include Director, National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education; Chair, Board of Visitors for the UCLA School of the Arts and Architecture; Member, Board of Advisors for the California Institute of the Arts; Director, Southern California Public Radio; Director, Alliance for Educational Excellence; and Director, Alliance of College-Ready Public Schools.

Among Mr. Williams' numerous honors and awards, he has received appointment by President Clinton as a member of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, and designation by the French government as an "Officier dans L'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres".

"We are so fortunate to have such knowledgeable people in Santa Barbara," states Larry Feinberg, SBMA Director. "We are very appreciative that Harold and the other Director's Advisory Board members so generously donate their time and advice, and share lessons learned from their past experiences. Certainly, the Museum will benefit enormously from Harold's extraordinary talents, wisdom, and range of experiences."

Other current members of the Director's Advisory Board:

John Cleese- Academy Award-nominated actor, comedian, writer, film producer and singer, and avid art collector.

Robert Light - Eminent art dealer in Old Master and modern prints and drawings with long-standing ties to the Harvard University Art Museums.

Carolyn Amory Peck – Associate with Sotheby's and advisor to international charities.

John Saladino - Internationally-acclaimed and award-winning architectural designer, author, and board member of various design and art organizations.

Jeanne Thayer – Active philanthropist with various art organizations including Life Trustee at the Museum of Modern Art, New York and Former Chairman of Drawings Center, New York.

The Santa Barbara Museum of Art is a privately funded, not-for-profit institution that presents internationally recognized collections and exhibitions and a broad array of cultural and educational activities as well as travel opportunities around the world.

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