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N.C. Museum of Art Celebrates New Gallery Building This Morning with Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Museum opens its doors to Museum members at 10 a.m.

WHAT: The Museum launches its members' only preview of the new West Building with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

WHEN: April 23 at 9:30 a.m. Museum welcomes members to the new building beginning at 10 a.m.

WHERE: N.C. Museum of Art, 2010 Blue Ridge Road; Ceremony takes place outside near West Building main entrance.

WHO: Linda A. Carlisle, secretary of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources; Charles Meeker, mayor of Raleigh; Tony Gurley, chairman of Wake County Commissioners; Lawrence Wheeler, director of the N.C. Museum of Art; and students from Moore Square Magnet Middle School and Brooks Museum Magnet Elementary are scheduled to attend.

DETAILS: The non-traditional ribbon cutting features a large-scale photo installation depicting the people and places of North Carolina. Created to mark this historic occasion, the sculpture incorporates more than 350 photographs taken by people across the state. It will remain on view during the public Grand Opening, April 24 and 25.

NOTE: Admission to the new building on Friday, April 23 is reserved for NCMA members only. The new Museum opens to the public April 24–25 with a free Grand Opening Festival. For more information about the Grand Opening Festival, visit www.ncartmuseum.org/opening.

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The North Carolina Museum of Art, Lawrence J. Wheeler, director, is located at 2110 Blue Ridge Road in Raleigh. It is the Art Museum of the State of North Carolina, Beverly Eaves Perdue, governor, and an agency of the Department of Cultural Resources, Linda A. Carlisle, secretary. The Museum is currently closed in preparation for the opening of the new gallery building on April 24, 2010. Visit the NCMA's Web site at www.ncartmuseum.org.