

# North Dakota Museum of Art

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## **North Dakota Museum of Art announces the opening of *Introductions: Artist Self Portraits***

On October 12, from 6:30 – 7:30 pm, the North Dakota Museum of Art will host an opening reception for the new exhibition *Introductions: Artists' Self-Portraits*. The reception, which is free and open to the public, will include wine, hors d'oeuvres and informal gallery talks by various artists in the exhibition. The reception will immediately be followed by Betty Monkman's presentation, *40 Years of Art at the White House: From Jacqueline Kennedy to Laura Bush*, starting at 7:30 pm.

Regional, national and international artists explore the idea of "self". Using paint, clay, wood, photography and fiber, thirty-five artists will unveil their self-portrait in the mezzanine of the Museum. Some artists include: Walter Piehl of Minot, ND; Carol Hepper and Barton Benes of New York; Memo Guardia of Lima, Peru; and Zhimin Guan of Moorhead, MN. The exhibition continues through December 6, 2006.

The North Dakota Museum of Art is located on Centennial Drive on the University of North Dakota campus in Grand Forks. Gallery hours are weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends from 11 to 5 p.m. The Museum Shop is open during these hours as well. Although the Museum does not charge an admission fee, the suggested donation is \$5 for adults and pocket change for children.