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### MILLS COLLEGE ART MUSEUM TO PARTICIPATE IN HERITAGE PRESERVATION'S CONSERVATION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

**Oakland, CA—June 22, 2010.** Heritage Preservation is pleased to announce that the Mills College Art Museum has been chosen to participate in the 2010 Conservation Assessment Program (CAP). Mills College Art Museum joins the 2,700 museums that have participated in CAP in its twenty year history of serving small museums. Heritage Preservation's CAP is supported through a cooperative agreement with the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services. CAP assists museums by providing funds for professional conservation and preservation specialists to identify the conservation needs of their collections and historic buildings, and recommends ways to correctly improve collections and building conditions. Heritage Preservation's President, Lawrence L. Reger, praised Mills College Art Museum for "making the vital work of caring for collections and sites a priority of their institution, even in these challenging financial times, and helping ensure that they are available to present and future generations."

CAP provides a general conservation assessment of the museum's collections and historic buildings or landscapes. Professional conservators will spend two days surveying the site and three days writing comprehensive reports that will identify conservation priorities. The on-site consultation will enable the Mills College Art Museum to evaluate its current collections care policies, procedures, and environmental conditions. The assessment reports will help the museum make appropriate improvements for the immediate, mid-range, and long-range care of their collections and historic structures. "We are committed to creating better accessibility and visibility for our important collection," states Dr. Stephanie Hanor, director of the Mills College Art Museum. "Participating in CAP will help tremendously in achieving this goal."

The Mills College Art Museum is located at 5000 MacArthur Boulevard Oakland, CA 94613 and specializes in works on paper, ceramics, and California paintings. It is open from Tuesday through Sunday 11:00 – 4:00 pm and Wednesday 11:00 – 7:30 pm. The Mills College Art Museum is currently exhibiting: *Here and Now: Elaine Buckholtz, Floor Vahn, and Christine Wong Yap* (through June 26, 2010), *Binh Danh: Collecting Memories* and *Kathryn Spence* (August 21 through December 12, 2010).

Heritage Preservation is a national non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the cultural heritage of the United States. By identifying risks, developing innovative programs, and providing broad public access to expert advice, Heritage Preservation assists museums, libraries, archives, historic preservation and other organizations, as well as individuals, in caring for our endangered heritage. To learn more about Heritage Preservation, please visit [www.heritagepreservation.org](http://www.heritagepreservation.org).

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development. To learn more about the Institute, please visit [www.ims.gov](http://www.ims.gov).

#### **About the Mills College Art Museum**

The Mills College Art Museum, founded in 1925, is a dynamic center for art that focuses on the creative work of women as artists and curators. The museum strives to engage and inspire the diverse and distinctive cultures of the Bay Area by presenting innovative exhibitions by emerging and established national and international artists. Exhibitions are designed to challenge and invite reflection upon the profound complexities of contemporary culture. The Mills College Art Museum is located at 5000 MacArthur Boulevard, Oakland, CA 94613. Museum hours are Tuesday-Sunday 11:00–4:00 pm and Wednesday 11:00–7:30 pm. Admission is free for all exhibitions and programs unless noted. For more information, visit <http://www.mills.edu/museum/>.

#### **About Mills College**

Nestled in the foothills of Oakland, California, Mills College is a nationally renowned, independent liberal arts college offering a dynamic progressive education that fosters leadership, social responsibility, and creativity to approximately 950 undergraduate women and 550 graduate women and men. Since 2000, applications to Mills College have more than doubled. The College is named one of the top colleges in the West by *U.S. News & World Report*, and ranks as one of the *Best 371 Colleges* by The Princeton Review. Forbes.com ranked Mills 55th among America's best colleges and named it a "Top Ten: Best of the All-Women's Colleges." For more information, visit [www.mills.edu](http://www.mills.edu).

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