

## Georgia Museum of Art Curator Receives 2009 Georgia Museum Educator of the Year Award

ATHENS, GA December 9, 2008 — The Georgia Museum of Art is honored to announce that the Georgia Art Education Association (GAEA) has selected Carissa DiCindio, associate curator of education at the Georgia Museum of Art, to receive the Georgia Museum Educator of the Year Award for 2009. DiCindio was nominated for her outstanding efforts in increasing public awareness of the importance of quality art education. The award recognizes one exceptional GAEA member for exemplary contributions, service and achievement at the state level.

DiCindio was honored at the awards banquet of the 2008 GAEA Fall Professional Learning Conference, “Art for All,” on November 7 at the Classic Center in Athens, Ga.

“This award recognizes a high level of professional accomplishment and service by a dedicated museum educator,” says GAEA president Kirby Meng. “Ms. DiCindio exemplifies the high quality of individuals involved in the field of art education today: leaders, teachers, students and advocates who give their very best to the profession. We are proud to recognize Carissa DiCindio.”

GAEA’s membership includes elementary-, secondary- and college-level art educators in public and private schools. It is the purpose of GAEA to promote and maintain the highest possible degree of quality instruction in visual arts programs throughout the state of Georgia. GAEA is affiliated with the National Art Education Association, the largest professional association of art educators in the country.

The museum closed its gallery spaces on November 3, 2008, in order to begin the construction of an additional wing and renovation of its present space. This period of expansion will begin in early spring of 2009 and continue until the museum reopens to the public in early 2011. DiCindio has been influential in reaching larger, more diverse audiences through her work with programs such as Family Day, Art Adventures, Just My Imagination, the “Picturing America” seminar and The Big Read. GMOA’s education department will continue to sponsor these and many other events and exhibitions, including collaborations with the Lyndon House Arts Center and other businesses and organizations statewide, while the museum is under renovation.

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**Museum Information**

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