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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ART MUSEUM UNVEILS EXPANSION PLANS

EAST LANSING, Mich. – Kresge Art Museum, on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan, would gain 32,000 square feet of new space—including more room for exhibitions, educational programming and visitor amenities—under an expansion plan unveiled April 8 by museum officials.

“Although the museum’s permanent collection, traveling exhibitions, exhibition-related programming and educational programming have grown immensely in the last three decades, the museum has not increased in size since 1967,” says Susan Bandes, the museum’s director.

“We are currently unable to display more than 10 percent of our collection at any given time, and we lack the space necessary to adequately accommodate our growing number of visitors and programs for university and K-12 students.”

The expansion concepts were prepared by Hammel, Green & Abrahamson of Minneapolis, Minn., and Duce Simmons Associates of Troy, Mich.

The expansion, which will be funded entirely by private donors and foundations, will increase the size of the museum from 10,000 square feet to 42,000 square feet.

The existing north wing and entrance will be redesigned and expanded to incorporate a glass-walled lobby. The first floor will include a gallery for works from the permanent collection, a Works on Paper gallery, the discovery gallery, the museum store, an education room, collection storage, an outdoor terrace and visitor amenities. An interior ramp will extend from near the entrance to the second floor galleries.

The new two-story south wing will have a lobby with a view of the Red Cedar River, additional permanent collection galleries, and a terrace on each floor.

The expansion will be undertaken in two stages, and it is anticipated that construction will be completed by 2009, the museum’s 50th anniversary.

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The total cost of the project, which will be funded entirely by private gifts and grants, is currently estimated at \$11-12 million.

Kresge Art Museum provides education and aesthetic enjoyment for diverse audiences. Through collections and exhibitions of art, it offers opportunities for interdisciplinary and cross-cultural interpretations of current and historical thought. By researching, presenting and preserving art from various times and cultures, the museum serves the Michigan State University community, the general public of mid-Michigan, and beyond.

For additional information about Kresge Art Museum, please visit www.msu.edu/unit/kamuseum or call (517) 355-7631. For detailed information on the expansion, visit www.BAMatMSU.org.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: Images of the expansion concepts are available. For more information, contact Julie Thomson, Kresge Art Museum, at (517) 353-9834.