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The Contemporary Arts Museum Houston receives reaccreditation from American Association of Museums

CAMH among only 4% of museums in country to achieve accreditation by American Association of Museums

HOUSTON, TX (December 21, 2011)—The Contemporary Arts Museum Houston is pleased to announce that after a rigorous multi-year process, the Museum has received reaccreditation from the American Association of Museums (AAM), the national organization that develops standards and best practices for museum professionals.

With only approximately 4% of museums in the country achieving this status, CAMH remains in an elite group of institutions dedicated to maintaining or exceeding the high standards set forth by the AAM. This reaccreditation reaffirms the museum's commitment to excellence in all areas of operation, from quality exhibition programming to sound financial planning, from the care of art objects to the maintenance of the institution's infrastructure. AAM president Ford W. Bell states, "Accreditation is emblematic of excellence in all that a museum does. The Contemporary Arts Museum Houston meets and exceeds this high standard. Stated simply, achieving reaccreditation means it is one of America's finest museums and a vital Houston community asset."

The reaccreditation process is one that is self-motivated. CAMH actively sought this opportunity to be reviewed by fellow museum professionals, to obtain input and advice, and to assess the goals of the institution. CAMH Director Bill Arning says, "Museum workers universally agree that the self-study and expert advice received during the process improve their day-to-day practice and increase their pride in the nobility and worthiness of the profession."

Being reaccredited is an acknowledgement that the museum not only produces valuable programming, but it also plays a vital role in the community. As the AAM visiting committee's report states, "It was clear from our conversations with CAMH's community partners that the museum is a beloved fixture in the Houston art landscape. They show art and produce programs that are not otherwise available in the area. They welcome collaboration and are a major component of Houston's lively contemporary arts scene." The AAM reaccreditation affirms that CAMH is fulfilling its mission of being a locus for contemporary art in Houston and a forum for the community to examine art shaped by the present moment.

Ultimately, AAM's report is a reminder to continually examine a museum's practice with a critical eye. And as Arning states, "the [reaccreditation] process starts again in 2024, but the time to start imagining new ways to improve what we do is now."

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United is the official airline of the Contemporary Arts Museum Houston.

CAMH MISSION

The Contemporary Arts Museum Houston is an idea and a place shaped by the present moment. The Museum exemplifies the dynamic relationship between contemporary art and contemporary society through its exhibitions, public and educational programs, and publications. The CAMH provides the physical and intellectual framework essential to the presentation, interpretation, and advancement of contemporary art; it is a vibrant forum for artists and all audiences, and for critical, scholarly, and public discourse.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Contemporary Arts Museum Houston is located at 5216 Montrose Boulevard, at the corner of Montrose and Bissonnet, in the heart of Houston's Museum District. Hours are Wednesday 11AM-7PM, Thursday 11AM-9PM, Friday 11AM-7PM, Saturday and Sunday 11AM-6PM. Admission is always free. For more information, visit www.camh.org or call 713 284 8250.