

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**HIGH LAUNCHES NEW TEEN INITIATIVE WITH A TEEN TEAM
SUMMER PROGRAM**

*Free Teen Night Will Be Saturday, August 27, 7 to 11 p.m.;
ArtLab Teen Workshops to Begin This Fall*

ATLANTA, August 15, 2011 – This summer, the High Museum of Art launched a new teen program through the establishment of a Teen Advisory Council (Teen Team), which is a diverse group of 15 high school students who share an interest in art and community engagement. Sponsored by the MetLife Foundation and Turner Broadcasting Systems, Inc., the first official Teen Team began an intensive eight-week summer program on June 6. Their schedule included behind-the-scenes access to the Museum, planning teen nights, access to featured artists Radcliffe Bailey and Chip Simone, working closely with young patrons in our summer camp, touring collections with Museum curators and making hand-crafted hammocks for “Art on the Atlanta BeltLine.”

“With this new program, the High hopes to provide teens with opportunities to connect with their peers through art and culture,” said Patricia Rodewald, Eleanor McDonald Storza Director of Education. “This summer, the Teen Team energized the Museum and did a wonderful job laying the framework for a vibrant community of young people at the High.”

The year’s Teen Team includes students from 13 schools across the metro area: Alpharetta High School, Brookwood High School, Carlton J. Kell High School, Carver Early College, Douglas County High School, Druid Hills High School, Henry W. Grady High School, Grayson High School, The Lovett School, Northgate High School, Riverwood International Charter High, Tri-Cities High School and The Westminster Schools. Information about applying for the 2012–2013 Teen Team will be available online at www.high.org/teens in March 2012.

On Saturday, August 27, from 7 to 11 p.m., the High will host “Blue Line: A Teen-Only Night,” organized by the Teen Team for their high school peers and made possible by Presenting Sponsor The Coca-Cola Company. Admission to this event is free and will give teens the chance to interact with the High’s current exhibitions in creative ways while meeting other young people who share their interest in art. A battle of the bands will feature local teen acts Lotus Slide, Notes on Napkins and No Time for Tears. A Tri-Cities High dance crew will perform, and a pop-up coffee shop in the High’s Education Center will host a poetry slam. The Teen Team will also be giving tours of the special exhibition “Radcliffe Bailey: Memory as Medicine.”

On September 10, the Teen Team will debut “Hammock Garden,” a public art installation for “Art on the Atlanta BeltLine.” Inspired by the themes of “Radcliffe Bailey: Memory as Medicine,” the Teen Team worked together to create eight vivid hammocks, each depicting their individual takes on music, journey and universal connection. Intended to be used by the community as a place of rest and reflection, “Hammock Garden” will be installed in Reynoldstown, where a shady stretch of the BeltLine corridor intersects with Kirkwood Avenue.

Additionally, as part of its new teen program the High will offer studio art classes called ArTLabs beginning in October 2011. These workshops will engage participants with the exhibition *Picasso to Warhol: Fourteen Modern Masters* and offer opportunities to experiment with new techniques and refine skills. ArTLabs are recommended for teens ages 14 years and older. Scholarships are available; for information, contact hmateenprograms@woodruffcenter.org.

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High Museum of Art

The High Museum of Art, founded in 1905 as the Atlanta Art Association, is the leading art museum in the southeastern United States. With more than 12,000 works of art in its permanent collection, the High Museum of Art has an extensive anthology of 19th- and 20th-century American and decorative art; significant holdings of European paintings; a growing collection of African American art; and burgeoning collections of modern and contemporary art, photography and African art. The High is also dedicated to supporting and collecting works by Southern artists and is distinguished as the only major museum in North America to have a curatorial department specifically devoted to the field of folk and self-taught art. The High's media arts department produces acclaimed annual film series and festivals of foreign, independent and classic cinema. In November 2005 the High opened three new buildings by architect Renzo Piano that more than doubled the Museum's size, creating a vibrant "village for the arts" at the Woodruff Arts Center in midtown Atlanta. *For more information about the High, please visit www.High.org.*

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