



Association of Art Museum Directors

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Dear President Lawrence and Chairman Sherman,

On behalf of the North American art museum community and the Association of Art Museum Directors, I congratulate you and applaud your decision to reaffirm Brandeis University's commitment to the Rose Art Museum and to preclude the sale of works of art from the Museum collection to provide support for University or Museum programs or operations.

We are keenly aware of the financial challenges created by the economic crisis since art museums as well as universities have been dramatically affected by new economic conditions. Further, we know the administration and Board of Trustees at Brandeis faced exceptionally difficult choices in the effort to achieve financial stability.

Your decision to rescind consideration of sales of works of art from the Rose Art Museum collection to support operations and to reaffirm the University's commitment to the Museum as an integral part of the University protects and benefits the Rose Art Museum, Brandeis, and the national art museum community.

We appreciate your willingness to engage in dialogue with representatives of AAMD throughout the past two or more years and we stand ready to assist you in any way we reasonably can to affirm and support your decision.

With all best wishes,

Dan Monroe President, Association of Art Museum
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