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**SALT LAKE ART CENTER**  
**Awarded Best Museum by Best Of State**

**SALT LAKE CITY, UT** –Salt Lake Art Center will be recognized on June 4 with a Best of State Award for Best Museum in the Hospitality, Travel & Tourism division.

“The Art Center is honored to be recognized again by Best of State, this time as Utah’s outstanding museum for 2011. Featuring work by leading national and international contemporary artists, as well as the very best contemporary artists practicing within our state, we are committed to providing the citizens of Utah with exhibitions and educational programs that are exciting, transformative, and fun,” says Adam Price, Executive Director, Salt Lake Art Center.

The Art Center’s 337 Project program won Best of State recognition for Arts in Education in 2009, as well as the coveted Best of State Statue, given to the overall winner in the Education Division.

The Best of State Awards were created in 2003 to recognize outstanding individuals, organizations and businesses in Utah. Best of State candidates are evaluated by a panel of 100 judges based on three criteria: achievement in the field of endeavor; innovation or creativity in approaches, techniques, methods or processes; and contribution to improving the quality of life in Utah.

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**Salt Lake Art Center**

Salt Lake Art Center is Utah’s premiere venue for contemporary art. Founded in 1931 and now located in the heart of Salt Lake City, the Art Center exhibits groundbreaking work by leading local and international artists. Recent exhibitions include *Contemporary Masters: Artist-Designed Miniature Golf*, and Sundance Film Festival’s *New Frontier* exhibition. Current exhibitions include Robert Fontenot’s *The Place This Is*, a conceptual exploration of the stories and histories of Utah and America through materials commonly associated with the domestic realm; *The International Sculpture Center Students Awards*, showcasing diverse and innovative sculptures from the best young artists working today; and *Lawn Gnomes Eat Your Hearts Out*, the community yard art extravaganza designed to move contemporary art outside the four walls of the gallery and into places where people work, live, and play. Opening June 11, the Art Center presents site-specific creations by the California artist collective Fallen Fruit. The Art Center rounds out its offerings with a lively mix of award-winning educational programs, film screenings, panel discussions, and events celebrating Salt Lake’s vibrant local art scene. [www.slartcenter.org](http://www.slartcenter.org)

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