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Utah Museum of Contemporary Art Partners with One Million Bones for Family Art Saturday

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Salt Lake City – The Utah Museum of Contemporary Art announces a special event on Nov. 10, 2-4 p.m. as part of its Family Art Saturday series. Children and adults who attend the free event will have the opportunity to make bones from either clay or paper that will be added to a large scale installation on the National Mall in Washington D.C. in the spring of 2013.

“We are excited to be partnering with Salt Lake Chapter of One Million Bones on this impactful project which connects the practice of art making to social responsibility,” said Jared Steffensen, curator of education at UMOCA.

One Million Bones is a collaborative art installation designed to recognize the millions of victims and survivors who have been affected by genocides and humanitarian crisis in Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Somalia, and Burma. Its purpose is to create a visible movement that will increase global awareness of these crises while raising the critical funds needed to protect and aid displaced and vulnerable survivors.

For each bone made the Bezos Family Foundation will donate \$1 for CARE's work in these regions up to \$500,000. CARE is a humanitarian aid group and has been providing emergency relief and lifesaving assistance to the Somali people since 1981.

“This is a powerful way to help make a difference in numerous tangible ways,” said Shaleane Gee, deputy director at UMOCA. “In addition to generating financial support, making art with our own hands changes how we understand our world, which in turn shapes how we think and how we behave.”

For more information please visit the One Million Bones website: www.onemillionbones.org

About Family Art Saturday

Family Art Saturday occurs the second Saturday of each month and is an open house from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This free event is a corner piece of UMOCA's youth educational programming

and outreach for kids. Children of all ages and their adult companions are invited to creatively explore the museum's current exhibitions through hands-on arts activities led by a staff of museum educators and volunteers. Families can come and go any time during the event and reservations are not required. For more information visit www.utahmoca.org/family-saturdays.

About UMOCA

The award-winning Utah Museum of Contemporary Art exhibits groundbreaking artwork by local, national, and international artists. Five gallery spaces provide an opportunity for the community to explore the contemporary cultural landscape through UMOCA's exhibitions, films, events, classes, and presentations.

Founded in 1931, the Utah Museum of Contemporary Art has been recognized as Best Museum in the State of Utah for 2011 and 2012 and is a four-time recipient of funding from the Andy Warhol Foundation.

Located at 20 S. West Temple; open Tuesday-Thursday: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Saturday: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; closed Sunday and Monday. Admission is free. For more information call (801) 328-4201 or visit www.utahmoca.org.

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