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Paul Harris
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Dear Paul,

The Missoula Art Museum is pleased to inform you that your artwork, *The Lawn Party*, which is part of the MAM Collection, will be included in the upcoming exhibition *Deep Play: Joyful Revelry and Subversive Whimsy in the MAM Collections*. This exhibition, on view December 7, 2007 through March 22, 2008, is a survey of 36 artworks that employ the symbols and strategies of play. Guided by naturalist Diane Ackerman's theory that humans seek out play's risk and ritual to attain creative insight and transcend the bounds of the real world, the exhibition features photographs, prints, paintings, sculptures, and moving images that range from colorful and exuberant to dark and defiant.

Deep Play represents MAM's ongoing commitment to showcasing the MAM Collection in an engaging exhibition program, and I am excited to share your work with our audiences in this context. I hope you will be able to visit the MAM galleries to see the exhibit, or read more about the exhibit theme and view artworks in the Exhibitions listing on MAM's website, missoulaartmuseum.org. Please consider attending a public reception every First Friday from 6-8pm, or attending a special gallery talk with Patricia Thornton, whose compelling painting of stuff animals inspired *Deep Play*, at Artini on Thursday, December 20 at 7pm.

Your artwork is an important facet of MAM's growing collection. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

Jennifer Reifsneider
Registrar & Curator of Collections