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## **Kirkpatrick Foundation Presents \$1 Million Check to Oklahoma Contemporary at 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event**

**OKLAHOMA CITY (Nov. 23, 2015)** – At a Nov. 17 event honoring the Kirkpatrick Foundation’s 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the organization presented a \$1 million gift to Oklahoma Contemporary Art Center’s Capital Campaign.

“Many of Oklahoma City’s cultural institutions can trace their origins to the Kirkpatrick Foundation, and so it is with great pleasure that we continue this legacy with a \$1 million gift to Oklahoma Contemporary to assist in their efforts to build a new building at 11th and Broadway,” said Louisa McCune, Kirkpatrick Foundation’s executive director.

Oklahoma Contemporary is raising \$26 million to build a new arts education, exhibition and performance center on a 4.6-acre site at NW 11th and Broadway. The arts campus will feature a new 50,000-square-foot building, filled with classrooms, galleries and event space; a renovated 10,000-square-foot building for Industrial Arts; a three-block arts park; and space for outdoor exhibitions, education programs and public performances. Learn more about the campus [here](#).

The \$1 million gift is part of a larger \$10 million commitment from the Kirkpatrick philanthropies, including \$8 million from the Kirkpatrick Family Fund.

Donna Rinehart-Keever, Oklahoma Contemporary’s executive director, emphasized the close ties between the organizations. “The Kirkpatrick Foundation’s first grant was to help found our organization in 1989, and the Kirkpatrick Family Fund has steadfastly supported our operations with generous annual grants,” she said. “Now, the two foundations have joined together as leadership donors for our \$26 million campaign to build a new arts education center and cultural destination for Oklahoma.”

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A media kit including a press release, high-resolution images of the check presentation and renderings of the arts campus and their caption information can be found at [bit.ly/OCKirkpatrickGift](http://bit.ly/OCKirkpatrickGift). Past press releases and additional information are archived at [oklahomacontemporary.org/about/media](http://oklahomacontemporary.org/about/media).

### **About Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center**

Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center is a regional 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that encourages artistic expression in all its forms through education and exhibitions. Founded in 1989 by businessman and philanthropist Christian Keese and Kirkpatrick Foundation Director Marilyn Myers, Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center offers contemporary arts exhibitions throughout the year, free to the public, as well as youth art camps, adult art classes, workshops and lectures. Marfa Contemporary is the organization’s first regional extension.