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MOCA at Goldman Warehouse, Museum of Contemporary Art's Temporary Satellite Branch to Close Following Completion of its Four-Year Lease in Wynwood

Museum of Contemporary Art will Concentrate Resources on its North Miami Location in anticipation of its Building Expansion

(September 10, 2009) - In 2005, Tony and Joey Goldman, creators of The Goldman Warehouse, and the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) in North Miami collaborated to create a temporary satellite branch for the museum that would double its exhibition space and provide additional storage space to house the museum's permanent collection. The Goldmans provided 14,000 square feet of climate-controlled space, rent-free to the Museum of Contemporary Art to open MOCA at Goldman Warehouse, with a four-year lease that ran through September 2009. The Museum of Contemporary Art paid all other costs of maintaining the space as well as the costs of programming and exhibitions.

Although the Goldmans extended a three-year renewal of the space to the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Board of Trustees of the Museum of Contemporary Art decided not to renew the lease. Instead, the museum will be focusing its resources on its current location in North Miami, and will continue to present an active schedule of exhibitions and programs there.

The MOCA Board's decision took into account the uncertainties of the current economic climate as well as the expansion of MOCA's current Joan Lehman Building in North Miami, which will begin in 2010. The expansion will double the museum's current size and include new gallery space, art storage space, an education wing, and multi-purpose space to present performances, films and lectures.

Over the past four years, the collaboration between the Goldmans and Museum of Contemporary Art increased visitor traffic to the area and offered visitors and students a place to experience the wonders of contemporary art. From December 2005 – July 2009, the Museum of Contemporary Art presented 13 group and solo exhibitions at MOCA at Goldman Warehouse. MOCA's presence in Wynwood has served to inspire the community within the Arts District and helped validate the quality level of the arts initiative in Wynwood.

Each group takes pride in all that was accomplished in Wynwood and will continue to collaborate on future projects.

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