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### **Oklahoma Contemporary Names Donna Rinehart-Keever as Executive Director *Mary Ann Prior Accepts Position with Vulcan, Inc., in Seattle***

**OKLAHOMA CITY (February 26, 2014)** – At its board meeting today, Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center will announce the promotion of Donna Rinehart-Keever to Executive Director. Rinehart-Keever is the former president of Allied Arts and Executive Service Corps of Central Oklahoma and is currently Deputy Director at Oklahoma Contemporary. She assumes the position in March. Mary Ann Prior, who has been executive director since 2009, has accepted a position with Vulcan, Inc., where she will manage the art and artifacts collection of the Paul Allen Family.

“Donna Rinehart-Keever brings a sterling reputation and arts-administration experience to her new role, something we value as Oklahoma Contemporary pursues its next phase of growth,” says board president Christian Keese. “Importantly, I am very grateful to Mary Ann Prior for her outstanding role in leading us through the planning process for the new building and name change, heightened international awareness, and the unveiling of our Marfa, Texas satellite gallery. We consider her time in Oklahoma a great victory for contemporary art, and we’ll include her among our greatest champions as she transitions to the West Coast.”

With Rinehart-Keever’s promotion, the Board of Trustees will conduct an executive search for an Artistic Director to curate exhibitions by contemporary artists and to support the arts education goals of Oklahoma Contemporary.

### **Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center**

*Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit 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 arts exhibitions throughout the year, free to the public, as well as youth art camps, art classes and workshops, lectures, and independent film screenings. For more information about Oklahoma Contemporary, visit [www.oklahomacontemporary.org](http://www.oklahomacontemporary.org)*