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IAM Celebrates Twentieth Anniversary at Encounter 11

*Dana Gioia, Erwin McManus, Calvin DeWitt, and Makoto Fujimura
to lead the discussion on what it means to “Be Generative”*

NEW YORK CITY (September 21, 2010) – International Arts Movement, the non-profit arts organization founded in 1991 by painter and author Makoto Fujimura, will celebrate its twentieth anniversary at Encounter 11, “Be Generative,” taking place March 3-5, 2011, in New York City. Confirmed presenters include former NEA Chairman Dana Gioia, author and speaker Erwin McManus, and professor of environmental studies Dr. Calvin DeWitt, along with Fujimura. The Kansas City-based dance company Störing Dance will perform, as will Rob Mathes, musical director for President Obama's inauguration and Sting's current tour. The Encounter 11 logo was created by Caldecott-nominated illustrator John Hendrix.

Pre-registration for the conference is now open at a significantly discounted price at www.iamencounter.com. As space is limited, early registration is strongly encouraged.

The IAM Encounter is a creative zone for aspiring, emerging, and established artists and creative catalysts. The three-day gathering includes lectures, performances, exhibitions, networking opportunities, and engagement with the best of the arts in New York City. Past presenters include actress Patricia Heaton, philosopher Nicholas Wolterstorff, theologian Miroslav Volf, artist Tara Donovan, architect Daniel Liebeskind, educator Laurie Midgette, and Wall Street Journal drama critic Terry Teachout.

International Arts Movement gathers artists of all disciplines and creative catalysts to wrestle with the deep questions of art, faith, and humanity, in order to inspire the creative community to engage the culture that is and create the world that ought to be. Past Encounter themes, such as “Artists as Reconcilers,” “Art in Action,” and “Generative Creativity,” point to a movement-based ethos of equipping the arts community to rehumanize culture.

Students, business leaders, and artists of all creative disciplines will find inspiration at Encounter 11. For more information, please visit www.internationalartsmovement.org and www.iamencounter.com.

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