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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIAHistorical and Museum Commission
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Harrisburg, PA—Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) Executive Director Barbara Franco today announced the acquisition of a sculpture called *Continuum* by Robin Stanaway of Lebanon, Pa. The glass and metal artwork is installed on platforms on the ground floor of The State Museum of Pennsylvania.

“It is particularly appropriate to introduce this captivating work during the month of March – Women’s History Month,” said museum director Anita Blackaby. “Robin Stanaway’s *Continuum* joins the grand statue of William Penn, which was also created by a Pennsylvania woman, Janet de Coux.”

Continuum consists of two structures that are 7-by-11 feet. It has glass ‘leaves’ that have impressions of artifacts from the museum’s botanical and archaeological collections, which are suspended from a metal “trunk.” The work conveys a thread of history, using imprints including a dinosaur print, an 1800 stove plate from the Cornwall Iron Furnace historic site and Susquehannock pottery shards and beads, among other artifacts.

The acquisition and installation of the work herald the 100th anniversary of the founding of the State Museum. To commemorate the anniversary, PHMC plans numerous events including special exhibitions and programs over the next two years. The Commission will form a “Second Century” panel of cultural experts and patrons from across the state who will consult with the agency on future plans for the museum. PHMC Chairman Wayne S. Spilove of Philadelphia will dedicate a historic marker noting the Centennial on June 7, 2005.

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Stanaway's work is in the permanent collection of the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C. and has been exhibited at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Corning Gallery and the Queens (NY) Museum of Art.

In 1994, she was commissioned to create the award for the Governor's Award for the Arts, and her 77-foot creation called *The River* was designed for the opening of the Pittsburgh Glass Center in 2002.

NOTE TO EDITORS: Photographs are available.

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