

**Cathey McClain Finlon**  
**Interim President, Denver Art Museum**



Appointed in April 2009 as the Interim President of the Denver Art Museum, Cathey McClain Finlon will develop long-term plans and help transition the Museum into the hands of new leadership. Finlon has served on the Board of Trustees for the Museum since 1994 and took a leave of absence from that role to serve in this new position.

In addition to her strong leadership with the Museum's board, Cathey is widely recognized as a highly successful business owner and for her decades of contributions to the Denver community.

As owner and CEO of McClain Finlon Advertising, Cathey led one of the few woman-owned advertising agencies in the United States. Building the company from a 5-person shop into a team of more than 200 staff members, the agency was named one of the top 50 ad agencies in America and one of the top five woman-owned businesses in Colorado. In its 26 years as a leading agency, McClain Finlon Advertising won numerous industry awards and attracted prestigious clients including Xcel Energy, Sun Microsystems, Qwest

Communications and top Colorado resorts. In addition to building her own successful company, she spent ten years in development with the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences and the Denver Art Museum.

Cathey's commitment to the community also is evident in her personal and professional life. She was an early supporter of the revitalization of lower downtown Denver, and purchased properties for her business in the now-thriving Ballpark neighborhood. She serves on many leadership boards in Denver, including The Children's Hospital and the Denver Public Schools Foundation. She also has served in the past as chair of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce and Junior Achievement, and on the boards of the Colorado Outward Bound School, National Repertory Orchestra, and the Alliance for Contemporary Art (now DAMContemporaries).

Cathey McClain Finlon moved to Denver in 1974 to serve as the Denver Art Museum's first Director of Development. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Fine Arts from the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio, and received her master's degree in English from Penn State University, in her hometown of State College, Pa.