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JUNE 14, 2006, PROVIDENCE, RI -- Rhode Island School of Design announces the appointment of Jay Coogan as RISD Provost, effective immediately. Coogan has been an integral member of RISD's academic community for nearly 25 years, serving the college with distinction since his first appointment on campus, as Assistant Professor of Sculpture in 1982. Since that time Jay has served RISD in capacities of progressively greater responsibility, rising to Professor in 1997, Head of the Sculpture Department in 1993, Dean of Fine Arts in 1995, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs in 2002, and most recently as Interim Provost since 2005. During this time Coogan has led several of our most significant campus initiatives, including chairing RISD's Diversity Committee 1997-2004 and developing the program and plan for the Center for Integrative Technologies 1999-2003.

An accomplished practicing artist, with numerous public and corporate commissions including those for the Frisoli Youth Center, Cambridge, MA; Fidelity Investments, N. Smithfield, RI.; and Bradley Children's Hospital, E. Providence, among others. As well, Coogan's work is represented in museum and corporate collections including those of Goldman, Sachs & Company, New York, NY; the Neuberger Museum, S.U.N.Y., Purchase, NY; Paine, Weber, Jackson & Curtis, Inc., New York, NY, and Chermayeff, Geismar Associates, New York, NY. His solo exhibitions include shows at Lenore Gray Gallery, Providence; Helander Gallery, New York, NY; our Palazzo Cenci, Rome, Italy; Addison-Ripley Gallery, Washington, DC and at the Fort Worth Art Museum, Fort Worth, TX.

As Provost, Coogan will oversee all academic programs, faculty, student affairs, admissions, the library, information technology and the financial resources for administering these programs. In addition, RISD's Provost serves as our chief advocate for academic programs and faculty, developing and promoting the institution's educational mission and exceptional quality as a college of art and design. Coogan joins RISD's Executive Senior Staff, working closely with the President's Office, Executive Vice President, Museum Director, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, trustee leadership and others, defining the policies and priorities of the College and defining long-range planning goals and strategies.

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Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) has earned a worldwide reputation as the preeminent art and design college in the country. Today, with more than 18,000 alumni, the college enrolls roughly 1,900 undergraduates and 400 graduate students from the United States and almost 50 countries, offering degree programs in the fine arts, architecture, and design disciplines, and art education. Academic programs include research and design initiatives, the exploration of art criticism and contemporary cultural concerns, as well as international exchange programs. Each year, RISD hosts prominent and accomplished artists, critics, and authors to its campus. Included within the college is The RISD Museum of Art, which houses a world-class collection of art—objects from Ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome and art of all periods from Asia, Europe, and the Americas, as well as the latest in contemporary art. For more information, go to www.risd.edu.