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An Evening of Artful Dining: Friday, February 6, 2009 Celebrating the launch of

Frank E. Schoonover Fund, Inc.
Catalogue Raisonné
Frank E. Schoonover



Dover, DE (January 5, 2009) – The first Friday evening in February is sure to hold wintry temperatures and the Biggs Museum is inviting all to head indoors for the annual *Artful Dining* event. The 2009 *Artful Dining* event will be held on Friday, February 6, 2009 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the 2nd floor of the Biggs Museum. Each year the *Artful Dining* event consists of two components: a three course meal in the galleries and art-related programming. Whether it is the opportunity to dine in the unique setting of the Museum galleries or attend engaging art-related programming, *Artful Dining* is an appealing opportunity for all. The Biggs Museum is pleased to have Magnolia Catering of Magnolia, DE providing a delectable menu that includes Beef Bourignon with Shiitake Mushrooms and Carmelized Pearl Onions and Haricot Verte.



Following dinner, guests will celebrate the launch of the *Frank E. Schoonover Catalogue Raisonné*, a two-volume comprehensive catalogue of the works of American artist and illustrator Frank E. Schoonover (1877-1972), written by John Schoonover and Louise Schoonover Smith. In addition to a presentation and catalogue signing by co-author, Louise Schoonover Smith, guests will view *Frank E. Schoonover: A Long Life in Art*, a film produced by

Sharon Baker of Wilmington's own Teleductions. Catalogues will be available for sale during the event.

The Biggs Museum holds the largest ongoing display of works by Frank E. Schoonover available for view by the public in the United States, providing an excellent venue for celebrating a comprehensive publication of his works. The Schoonover Gallery in the Museum will be open during the event for guests to view some of the works featured in the catalogue.

Ticket prices for this event are \$70 for members and \$75 for not-yet members. Proceeds from Artful Dining will directly benefit educational programming and temporary exhibitions at the Museum. Reservations and pre-payment are required for this event. Please make reservations early as this event will sell out. More information about the event, including the full dinner menu, can be found on www.biggsmuseum.org. For more information on the *Frank E. Schoonover Catalogue Raisonne*, please visit www.schoonoverfund.com.

If You Go Quick Facts

Event: *An Evening of Artful Dining*

Date: Friday, February 6

Time: Dinner begins promptly at 6 p.m.

Price: \$70 Members/ \$75 Not-yet Members

Description: Enjoy a unique opportunity to dine in the Biggs Museum galleries while celebrating the recent launch of the *Frank E. Schoonover Catalogue Raisonne*, a two-volume comprehensive catalogue of the works of American artist and illustrator Frank E. Schoonover(1877-1972), written by John Schoonover and Louise Schoonover Smith. The Artful Dining program includes a book signing and presentation by Louise Schoonover Smith, co-author and granddaughter of Frank E. Schoonover, and a viewing of *Frank E. Schoonover: A Long Life in Art*, produced by Sharon Baker of Wilmington's own Teleductions. The Biggs Museum hosts one of the largest public collections of Schoonover works in the country.

Ticket prices include a three course meal catered by Magnolia Catering.

About the Museum

The Biggs Museum seeks to serve a diverse public as a regional museum of fine and decorative arts, made from 1700 to present, representing the State of Delaware and the surrounding Mid-Atlantic region. The Biggs Museum engages audiences through a compelling array of temporary exhibitions and programming. The Biggs Museum encourages the development of creativity and an appreciation for art by offering a comprehensive slate of educational programming for all ages. The Biggs Museum of American Art is a private, non-profit 501(c) (3) organization.

Hours of Operation: Tuesday through Saturday; 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Sunday; 1:30 p.m. until 4: 30 p.m.

Admission: Biggs Museum is free to the public year-round. Fees may apply to certain programs and special events.

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