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## *Award Winners IX*

July 3, 2009 – October 25, 2009

Visual Arts, Music, Folk Art & Literature: The 2009 DDOA Individual Artist Fellows

**Dover, DE** – The Biggs Museum of American Art will open the summer 2009 exhibition: *Award Winners IX* on Friday, July 3, 2009 with a First Look pARTy! from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Museum. The public is invited to attend this free program to enjoy festive Fourth food fare and celebrate the best of Delaware's art scene.

*Award Winners IX* features the talent of the current Individual Artist Fellows of the Delaware Division of the Arts (DDOA). Delaware artists: painters, photographers, sculptors, writers, musicians and craft artisans, have the honor of winning the DDOA's annual distinguished fellowship prizes. The fellows are chosen by a committee from hundreds of entrees. In a partnership with the DDOA, the staff of the Biggs Museum invites each year's Award Winners to the only group exhibition honoring their combined accomplishment. The *Award Winners IX* exhibition will feature the media of all winning artists. This time-honored exhibition is among one of the best opportunities to experience the Delaware art scene. The annual *Award Winners* exhibition is one of the most important annual projects at the Biggs Museum in carrying out its mission to celebrate artistic diversity, provide public educational access to Delaware's fine-arts community, and to bring more awareness of both the museum and art to the community.

The Biggs Museum is pleased to once again feature the media and skills of all ten 2009 DDOA fellowship recipients. Their work lies in the areas of visual, musical, sculptural, folk art and literary arts. The following artists are the 2009 DDOA fellowship recipients to be featured in the *Award Winners IX* exhibition:

**Visual Arts**

Stephen Ruszkowski  
Ronald Brignac  
Ronald Longsdorf  
Nancy Carol Willis

**Literature**

Robert Davis  
Ramona Long  
Elizabeth Dolan  
Abby Millager

**Music**

Eileen Grycky  
Christiaan Taggart

*Award Winners IX* will be on view through October 25, 2009. Along with this exhibition, the Biggs Museum will be offering a variety of summer art workshops for adult, some of which are led by 2009 individual artist fellows. These classes bring professional artists to the museum to teach about the visual and literary arts. For more information on the *Award Winners IX* exhibition and its accompanying programs, please visit the museum web-site at [www.biggsmuseum.org](http://www.biggsmuseum.org) or call (302)674-2111.

**Event Quick-Stats**

**Event:** First Friday: First Look Party! Award Winners

**Date:** Friday, July 3

**Time:** 4:00 -7:00 p.m.

**Price:** Free, All Ages

**Description:** Enjoy festive Fourth food fare and be one of the first to see the works of this year's DDOA Individual Artist fellows.

**Registration Information**

All events and programs are held at the Biggs Museum. Pre-registration and prepayment (where applicable) are required for all programs and events (including *Biggs Kids* and *Mini-Masters*). Pre-registration can be completed by:

Phone: (302)674-2111, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On-Line: visit the Gift Shop at [www.biggsmuseum.org](http://www.biggsmuseum.org). Visit the Education Section to register for *Biggs Kids* and *Mini-Masters*.

Pre-registration for *First Friday* programs are accepted only by phone.

**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 program 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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**Top Images:**

**Left:** Ronald Longsdorf

**Center:** AWIX Logo

**Right:** Stephen Ruszkowski