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Award Winners VIII at the Biggs Museum

Dover, DE – The Biggs Museum of American Art will open this summer’s special exhibition: *Award Winners VIII* on Wednesday, July 9, 2008 with a catered reception at 5:30p.m. This exhibition features the talent of the 2008 Individual Artist Fellows of the Delaware Division of the Arts (DDOA). These artists: painters, photographers, writers, musicians and craft artisans, have been chosen out of a group of 97 applicants from the State of Delaware. Their works were judged by nationally recognized arts professionals from outside Delaware. In a partnership with the DDOA, the staff of the Biggs Museum invites the fellowship recipients to the only group exhibition honoring their combined accomplishment. *Award Winners VIII* 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 thirteen 2008 DDOA fellowship recipients. Their work lies in the areas of visual, musical, theatrical and literary arts. The following artists are the 2008 DDOA fellowship recipients to be featured in the Award Winners VIII exhibition:

Visual Arts

Alida Fish
Robert Bickey
Nancy Breslin
Lori Crawford
Karin Snoots
Chad States
Andrew Wapinski

Literature

Piotr Florczyk
Marry Kennedy
Annette Opalczynski
C. Delia Scarpitti

Music

Mark Hagerty

Media Arts

Paul Hiuchan

Award Winners VIII will be on view through October 26, 2008. Along with this exhibition, the Biggs Museum will be offering the *Third Annual Summer Workshops Series*: a series of workshops led by a selection of the 2008 fellows. These classes bring professional artists to the museum to teach about the visual and literary arts. For more information on the *Award Winners VIII* exhibition and its accompanying programs, please visit the museum web-site at www.biggsmuseum.org or call (302)674-2111.

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The Biggs Museum is currently showcasing *Delaware Silver: The Col. Kenneth P. & Regina I. Brown Collection*, and temporary loan exhibition, *Masters in Our Midst*, from March 5, 2008 through June 29, 2008. The Brown Collection represents over 50 years of collecting and includes nearly 750 pieces of silver made in Delaware. Always on the first Saturday of each month, children ages 5-10 can participate in Biggs Kids. Biggs Museum of American Art, 406 Federal Street, Dover, DE, (302) 674-2111, www.biggsmuseum.org new hours: M-S 9-4:30 p.m., Sun. 1:30-4:30 p.m.