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Wyeth, *Winners*, and World Wishes Biggs Museum Presents Free Friday Fun All Summer



Dover, DE – If you’re planning a few “stay-cations” this summer, the Biggs Museum is your best bet for free week-end entertainment. Along with several members of the Dover arts community and the Greater Dover Arts Council, the Biggs Museum is proud to serve as a venue for Dover’s newest event, First Friday. First Friday is an effort to bring the public downtown the first Friday of every month to enjoy local art venues and activities. The Biggs Museum offers a free, family-friendly program each month. First Friday programs include First Look pARTy’s!, lectures, curator-led tours, interactive activities, and performances.

On Friday, June 5, learn more about one of the region’s most renowned artists, the late Andrew Wyeth. Art historian Sandra Denney will lead a free lecture on his techniques and works. On Friday, July 3, be the first to see the *Award Winners IX* exhibition at the First Look pARTy! Enjoy festive Fourth fare and celebrate the best of Delaware’s art scene. On Friday, August 7, make your wish for the world a visual component of the museum. The local community is invited to participate in the Wish for the World Exhibition by writing/creating his or her wish for the world. All of the created wishes will be hung on “wish trees” during August 2009 in the Museum.

Event Quick-Stats

Event: First Friday: Quiet Moments: The Art of Andrew Wyeth

Date: Friday, June 5

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Price: Free, All Ages

Description: Art historian, Sandra Denney, discusses the art of Andrew Wyeth and the combination of precision and discipline of technical skill that led to the sensitive portrayal of his mood. As an artist, Wyeth observed, selected and intensified an experience to make vivid, powerful statements that were so effective because his interpretations included his compassion for people and his love for rural America.

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.

Event: First Friday: Wish for the World

Date: Friday, August 7

Time: 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Price: Free, All Ages

Description: As we look around our world today, filled with conflicts, environment destruction and human suffering, we all wish for a more peaceful, healthier and happier world. Every member of the community is invited to participate in the Wish for the World exhibition, by visiting the Museum and interpreting his or her wish for the world through art. Wishes will be hung on trees and displayed during August 2009 inspiring others to think about their wish for the world.

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. 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.

The Biggs Museum of American Art

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Top Images:

Left: Biggs Shot First Look pARTy!, March 2009

Center: Night at the Biggs Museum, April 2009

Right: Edward Grant Exhibition Opening Reception, November 2008