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The Free Three: Celebrating Irish and Hispanic Heritages October 2009 *First Friday, Biggs Kids & Mini-Masters*



Dover, DE – Please join the Biggs Museum at one of the several family-friendly educational programs to be offered in October 2009. On Friday, October 2, everyone is invited to enjoy an afternoon of Irish culture at the Museum: featuring live entertainment by popular local Celtic harpist, Mike Nielsen and an Irish dancing troupe from Dó Cairde School of Irish Dance in Middletown, DE. On Saturday, October 3, *Biggs Kids* will celebrate Hispanic heritage and the *Fusion* exhibition at the Museum by creating the popular percussion instrument, maracas, used in many Latin American countries. *Mini-Masters* will also create Maracas on Wednesday, October 21.

About *The Free Three*

The Biggs Museum is proud to offer three free family-friendly programs every month in addition to presenting a collection of fine and decorative art to the public year-round and free of charge. Please visit the on-line Calendar of Events on the Museum web-site at www.biggsmuseum.org or register to receive our bi-monthly Calendar of Events in the mail to see more information regarding each month's programs.

On the first Friday of every month, the Biggs Museum, along with several other members of the Dover arts community, serve as a venue for downtown Dover's *First Friday* program. *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. Pre-registration may or may not be required for the *First Friday* program. Please see the Calendar of Events or contact the Museum for more information.

Biggs Kids and *Mini-Masters* are free youth educational programs open to the public and are held in the programs gallery at the Museum. *Biggs Kids* is held on the first Saturday of every month from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. for children ages 5-10. *Mini-Masters* is held on the third Wednesday of every month from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. for children ages 3-5. Different art activities are planned each month for children to experience and enjoy art and the Museum. **Pre-registration is required** for both *Mini-Masters* and *Biggs Kids*. Please call 674-2111 or fill out a registration form on-line at www.biggsmuseum.org in the Biggs Kids section. *Biggs Kids* and *Mini-Masters* are supported by the Delaware Division of the Arts and Kraft Foods Inc.

Event Quick-Stats

Event: First Friday: Celtic Harvest

Date: Friday, October 2

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Price: Free, All Ages

Description: Enjoy an afternoon of Irish culture with performances by popular local Celtic harpist, Mike Nielsen and an Irish dancing troupe from Dó Cairde School of Irish Dance in Middletown, DE. For more information about the First Friday: Celtic Harvest performers, visit their respective web-sites, <http://www.weddingharper.com/> and <http://www.docairde.com/index.php>.

Event: *Biggs Kids*: Maracas

Date: Saturday, October 3

Time: 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Price: Free, Children Ages 5-10

Description: Celebrate Hispanic heritage and the *Fusion* exhibition at the Museum by creating the popular percussion instrument used in many Latin American countries.

Event: *Mini-Masters*: Maracas

Date: Wednesday, October 21

Time: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Price: Free, Children Ages 3-5

Description: Celebrate Hispanic heritage and the *Fusion* exhibition at the Museum by creating the popular percussion instrument used in many Latin American countries.

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: Mini-Masters: June 2009

Center: Mini-Masters: July 2009

Right: Award Winner IX First Look! pARTy: July 2009