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Fusion: American Classics Meet Latin American Art
September 15, 2009 – October 15, 2009
Exhibition of Hispanic Art from the Mid-Atlantic Region



Dover, DE – In a partnership with the Governor’s Advisory Council on Hispanic Affairs (GACHA), the Biggs Museum will exhibit the works of contemporary Hispanic artists living or working in the State of Delaware and the Mid-Atlantic Region. This exhibition will commemorate the declaration of the Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation at the Museum on September 15, 2009. The exhibition will be strategically placed throughout Galleries Two through Seven and the Old Stair Hall Gallery alongside the Museum’s permanent collection of fine and decorative arts of the 18th and early 19th centuries that were made and used within the State of Delaware. The contemporary Hispanic works displayed will symbolically represent the parallel currents of Early-American/Spanish culture alongside the development of the American mainstream. The exhibition will highlight contrasts and continuity between the influences of contemporary Hispanic and early-American fine and decorative arts.

The following artists will be featured in *Fusion: American Classics Meets Latin American Art*:

Leonor Brazão: Chantilly, VA
Pablo Caviedes: New York, NY
David Camero: Washington, DC
Felisa Federman: Potomac, MD
Iliana Garcia: Brooklyn, NY

Magaly Garza: Fairfax, VA
Magda Korn: Hockessin, DE
Ruben Lopez: Wilmington, DE
Maria Morales
Carlos Nuñez: Philadelphia, PA
Mara Odette: Bethesda, MD
Jorge Posada: New York, NY
Gustavo Rojas: Teaneck, NJ
Jeannette Sababa: New York, NY
Luz Salas: Philadelphia, PA
Marta Sanchez: Philadelphia, PA
Nikki Schiro: New York, NY
Nicolas Shi: Washington, DC
Miguel Tio: New York, NY

Exhibition Related Programming

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: 2nd Annual Mexican Shake-Up

Date: Friday, October 16

Time: 5:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.

Price: \$35 Members/ \$40 Not-yet Members

Description: **Event:** Head south of the border with the Biggs Museum for the 2nd annual Mexican Shake-up! Enjoy a sampling of margaritas, Corona, and Mexican food fare from Cajun Queen Cuisine Catering while enjoying the treasures of the collection and the current exhibition, *Fusion: American Classics Meets Latin American Art*. Proceeds from this event will directly benefit the upcoming *Arts ConnectED* exhibition.

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 GACHA

The Governor's Council on Hispanic Affairs is recognized as the leading voice for Hispanics in Delaware. Governor's Advisory Council on Hispanic Affairs mission is to serve as a representative voice on issues and concerns pertaining to health, education, social services, civil and human rights, legal and legislative matters, employment, finance, and any other areas that may impact the equality, service, and treatment of Delaware's Hispanic community. We serve the Governor and the people of Delaware by

fostering the progress of communication and delivery of services to Delaware's Hispanic community.

Governor's Advisory Council on Hispanic Affairs (GACHA), formed by an Executive Order signed by Governor Michael Castle in 1985 and reissued by Governor Thomas R. Carper in 1995 (included at the end of this report), has the critical roles of advising the Governor of Delaware and serving as a bridge between Hispanic Delawareans and their state government.

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: *The Marketplace*, Maria Morales

Center: *Bride*, Maria Morales

Right: *No Me Ovides*, Nicolas Shi