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## The Second Annual Mexican Shake-Up Friday, October 9, 2009



**Dover, DE** – No need to wait until Cinco de Mayo for your next Mexican fiesta! Head south of the border with the Biggs Museum at the second annual Mexican Shake-up on Friday, October 9, 2009 beginning at 5: 30 p.m. in the Museum. All are invited to enjoy a unique opportunity to sample a variety of margaritas, munch on Mexican fare by Cajun Queens Cuisine and have a Corona or two amongst the Biggs Museum galleries. Mexican Shake-up participants will be able to view the temporary exhibition, *Fusion: American Classics Meet Latin American Art*. Proceeds from this friend-raising event will help support the upcoming *Arts ConnectEd* exhibition and accompanying programming this fall.

### Mexican Shake-Up Menu

Oven roasted shrimp with garlic toast  
Polenta bites with caramelized mushrooms  
3 Tasty Tapas: Sherry-garlic beef, sherry-garlic mushrooms, grilled chorizo  
Catalan guacamole  
Spiced and hone glazed ham with savory bread pudding  
Paella  
Churros  
Breadcrumb fritters in honey syrup

### Event Quick-Stats

**Event:** 2nd Annual Mexican Shake-Up

**Date:** Friday, October 9

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

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

**Description:** 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.

### About *Fusion: American Classics Meet Latin American Art*

Open September 15, 2009 – October 15, 2009

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 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### About *Arts ConnectED*

Open November 6, 2009 – February 21, 2010

*Arts ConnectEd* features the young talent of students in Delaware schools. The exhibition consists of four month-long installations, each featuring the artwork of a different school in the state of Delaware. *Arts ConnectEd* reflects the quality and diversity of art education in Delaware schools. The Biggs Museum is dedicated to promoting and supporting the role arts play in youth development. In addition to the four school installations, *Arts ConnectEd* will also feature *Sewell's Studio*, an interactive creativity center, providing young museum visitors the opportunity to create works of art similar to those currently on display. The Biggs Museum is honored to foster this commitment to learning and community. Delaware Schools showcasing in *Arts ConnectEd* include, Holy Cross Elementary, Campus Community School, William Henry Middle School and Ursuline Academy.

### 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.

**The Biggs Museum of American Art**

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**Top Images**

Left: Mexican Shake-Up, September 2008

Center: Pepe the Piñata

Right: Mexican Shake-Up, September 2008