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## *Third Annual Summer Art Series and Workshops*

**Dover, DE –**

The Biggs Museum is proud to present the Third Annual *Summer Workshops* and *Summer Art Series*, scheduled from June through September 2008. The *Summer Workshops* and *Summer Art Series* will be held in conjunction with the *Award Winners VIII* exhibition, opening July 9, 2008. *Award Winners VIII* will feature the skills and works of the 2008 Delaware Division of the Arts (DDOA) fellowship recipients. This summer's *Workshop Series* highlight the skills of the finest professional artists in the state while conducting hand-on activities with an emphasis on art appreciation and skill development. Each program focuses on a different art-related subject in order to offer the widest possible public educational access to Delaware's fine-art community. This summer's workshops include oil painting, animation, silk painting, poetry and short story writing. Each workshop will be geared to the skill levels of those who register. In addition to the *Summer Workshop Series*, the Biggs Museum will be offering the *Summer Art Series* program: three intensive, week-long day camps in July for children ages five through fifteen. During each session every child will make two crafts; one to take home and another to keep at the museum. At the end of the series the children will have the opportunity to display their art in the museum in a Summer Art Series exhibition.

Below, please find full descriptions and information on each workshop and camp. Reservations are required for all programs. Participants may sign up for any program by contacting Beccy Cooper, Educational Programs Coordinator, by calling (302)674-2111 ext. 101 or by emailing [bcooper@biggsmuseum.org](mailto:bcooper@biggsmuseum.org). Participants may also sign up for any program by visiting our on-line gift shop. For more information or to request a brochure, please visit [www.biggsmuseum.org](http://www.biggsmuseum.org) or call (302)674-2111.

### **Children's Summer Art Series**

**Dates:** Session I: Tuesday, July 15 – Friday, July 18

Session II: Tuesday, July 22 – Friday, July 25

Session III: Tuesday, July 29 – Friday, August 1

**Time:** 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Price:** \$95 per child, includes all art supplies and snacks

**Description:** Exciting programs and craft activities are scheduled for this weeklong session at the museum. Each participant will create two crafts, one to take home and another to keep at the museum to be displayed in the Summer Art Series Exhibition.

### **Poetry with Piotr Florczyk**

**Date:** Wednesday, June 11

**Time:** 4:00-7:00 p.m.

**Price:** \$15.00

**Description:** 2008 Delaware Artist Fellowship recipient Piotr Florczyk will lead a poetry workshop focusing on learning the craft and traditions of poetry from others poets, many of whom hail from cultures other than our own. Participants are asked to bring a poem they have written to revise. Their revisions will be made by the result of close reading, analyzing, and exploring the fundamentals of poetry. In addition, there will be an open forum on the publishing industry, as well as the various facts and myths about poetry and poets, with particular emphasis on the writing community and its place within one's writing life.

**Required:** A notebook, a fast-writing pen and 13 copies of an original poem

### **“Hands on Art History” with Lori Crawford**

**Date:** Wednesday, June 25

**Time:** 4:00-7:00 p.m.

**Price:** \$20.00, All materials to be supplied by the museum.

**Description:** 2008 Delaware Artist Fellowship recipient Lori Crawford will lead a workshop demonstrating her methods of conveying her messages of prejudice and cultural legacies through digital imagery and paper bags. Participants in this workshop will experiment with some of the many ways to manipulate paper objects into art.

**Recommended:** Please wear old clothing to this workshop.

### **“Silk Painting for the Absolute Beginner and Beyond” with Elizabeth Collard**

**Date:** Saturday, July 12

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Price:** \$30

**Description:** Elizabeth Collard will lead a mini-workshop to learn the basic skills of silk paintings. Participants will create a beautiful silk scarf and one small wall hanging using vibrant silk dyes, and special techniques. This workshop is for individuals 16 years old or above. No experience required.

**Recommended:** Please wear old clothing and bring a brown bag lunch.

### **"Wild Horses: Freeing the Writer Within" with C. Delia Scarpitti**

**Date:** Saturday, July 26

**Time:** 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Price:** \$15

**Description:** 2008 Delaware Artist Fellowship recipient C. Delia Scarpitti will lead this writing workshop. Serving as a roadmap for the writing journey, participants will learn to examine the mind through dynamic writing exercises. Some of the exercises include recording personal histories, gaining ideas for "unblocking" a creative drought and finding your natural writing preference.

**Required:** A notebook and a fast-writing pen

**Recommended Text:** A copy of *Writing Down the Bones* by Natalie Goldberg

**“Silk Painting for the Absolute Beginner and Beyond” with Elizabeth Collard**

**Date:** Wednesday, July 30

**Time:** 2:30-7:00 p.m.

**Price:** \$30

**Description:** Elizabeth Collard will lead a mini-workshop to learn the basic skills of silk paintings. Participants will create a beautiful silk scarf and one small wall hanging using vibrant silk dyes, and special techniques. This workshop is for individuals 16 years old or above. No experience required.

**Recommended:** Please wear old clothing and bring a brown bag lunch.

**“Breaking all the Rules” with Mary Kennedy**

**Date:** Saturday, August 2

**Time:** 12:00-1:30 p.m.

**Price:** \$15

**Description:** 2008 Delaware Artist Fellowship recipient Mary Kennedy, a multi-published author, will give participants a look at the "rules" of the publishing world, and how to be wildly successful while breaking them.

**Poetry Workshop for Beginners with Annette Opalczynski**

**Date:** Saturday, September 13

**Time:** 12:00-2:00 p.m.

**Price:** \$15

**Description:** 2008 Delaware Artist Fellowship recipient Annette Opalczynski will lead this workshop on the basics of poetry and techniques for staying active when the “trail goes cold” while writing. Participants are invited to bring copies of his/her original poem for discussion.

**Required:** A notebook, fast-writing pen and 9 copies of a poem

**Classical Portrait Painting in Oil with Neilson Carlin**

**Date:** Saturday, September 20

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Price:** \$50

**Description:** Flesh - that mysterious substance which has seduced artists for centuries. Portrait painter Neilson Carlin will lead participants in this workshop, exploring the intricacies of this elusive material in the form of the portrait. Discussions will include drawing tips, application of the color wheel as well as palette preparation, and the instructor will give live demonstrations to “flesh out” the concepts.

**Required:** Please bring oil paints, brushes, canvas and easel

**Recommended:** Please wear old clothing and bring a brown bag lunch

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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](http://www.biggsmuseum.org) new hours: M-S 9-4:30 p.m., Sun. 1:30-4:30 p.m.