

Biggs Museum of American Art

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Biggs Summer Movies on the Lawn Program a Huge Success *Wizard of Oz* Draws Over 260 Attendees on Tuesday, July 27



Dover, DE – The *Biggs Summer Movies on the Lawn* program successfully launched yesterday evening on Tuesday, July 27 after two consecutive weeks of weather delays and cancellations. Over 260 people enjoyed a free showing *Wizard of Oz* on the front lawn of the Museum with family and friends.

“I am overwhelmed with the enthusiasm for this new Museum program. It is always exciting to see many new faces at the Museum and to bring people together in downtown Dover. We look forward to continue growing and developing this program in the forthcoming summers,” said Linda Danko, Executive Director of the Biggs Museum.

The *Biggs Summer Movies on the Lawn* program is sponsored by Nemours Health and Prevention Services, Bayhealth Medical Center, L&W Insurance, Mattern and Associates, M.D., P.A., and Pfister Insurance. The Biggs Museum acknowledges a generous donation of peaches from Fifer Orchards and *Crystal Light To Go* packs from KRAFT Foods available free for public consumption. The Biggs Museum is also partnering with Vitale’s Italian Ice for ice cream and Italian sales in support of the program.

There are three remaining movies in the free *Biggs Summer Movies on the Lawn* program. All movies will start at 8:30 p.m. In case of forecasted thunderstorms or rain,

attendees are encouraged to visit the Biggs Museum website or Facebook page for updates.

Tuesday, August 3: *Shrek*: a 2001 American animated comedy film directed by Andrew Adamson and Vicky Jenson and starring the voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, and John Lithgow. Based on William Steig's 1990 fairy tale picture book *Shrek!*, the film was produced by DreamWorks Animation. *Shrek* was the first film to win an Academy Award for Best Animated Feature in 2001. The film stars Mike Myers as a large, strong, solitude-loving, intimidating Scottish ogre named *Shrek*, from a German and Yiddish word meaning "fear" or "terror".

Tuesday, August 10: *Raiders of the Lost Art*: a 1981 American action-adventure film directed by Steven Spielberg, produced by George Lucas, and starring Harrison Ford. It is the first film in the Indiana Jones franchise, and pits Indiana Jones (played by Ford) against the Nazis, who search for the Ark of the Covenant, in an attempt to make their army invincible.

Tuesday, August 17: *E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial*: a 1982 American science fiction film co-produced and directed by Steven Spielberg and starring Henry Thomas, Robert MacNaughton, Drew Barrymore, and Dee Wallace. It tells the story of Elliott (played by Thomas), a lonely boy who befriends a friendly extraterrestrial, dubbed "E.T.", who is stranded on Earth. Elliott and his siblings help the extraterrestrial return home while attempting to keep it hidden from their mother and the government.

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.

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.

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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