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Young at Art Exhibition at the Biggs Museum

Dover, DE – In partnership with Child HELP Foundation and VSA Arts of Delaware, the Biggs Museum of American Art will host *Young at Art: A Celebration of Artistic Diversity*. *Young at Art* is an exhibition featuring artwork created by children with special needs in Delaware. The exhibition will open Saturday, September 20 with an opening reception open to the public, free of charge, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. The exhibition will be on view at the museum until October 19. In its mission to spread arts awareness in the community, the Biggs Museum is proud to support two Delaware organizations that provide art education for children with special needs.

The works featured in the exhibition, comprised of mostly paintings, were created by children with special needs that are supported by Child HELP Foundation and VSA Arts of Delaware. VSA Arts of Delaware will be lending 20 framed pieces, produced in Kent County, from their annual traveling exhibition, *Celebration of Creativity*. The artwork was produced through *Artists in Residency* (AIR), a program provided by VSA Arts of Delaware. Participants in the AIR program work and learn under the direct teaching of a professional artist. The participants in this program are children with learning disabilities, mobility disabilities, chronic illnesses and/or have been affected by domestic violence. The artwork featured was produced at two AIR teaching sites, Lake Forest High school and the Capital Preschool Early Intervention Program at various locations in the Capital School District. Child HELP Foundation will feature artwork by students at W.B. Simpson Elementary under the direction of Paul Cava, art-teach at W.B. Simpson.

Child HELP Foundation is a nonprofit charitable community organization created to promote extended health care, special education and social programs to enhance the quality of life, develop and fulfill the potential of children with disabilities.

VSA Arts of Delaware is a state-wide nonprofit arts organization dedicated to providing children and adults with disabilities opportunities to participate and achieve in the area of performing and visual arts. VSA develops programs and resources to help people with disabilities develop artistic skills and enhance confidence while promotion access, inclusion and diversity.

For more information on the *Young at Art* exhibition, please visit the museum web-site at www.biggsmuseum.org or call (302)674-2111. More information can be found on Child HELP Foundation and VSA Arts of Delaware by visiting their web-sites at www.childhelpfoundation.org and www.vsadelaware.org.

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The Biggs Museum summer exhibition, *Award Winners VIII*, is open now through October 26, 2008. This exhibition is a celebration of artistic diversity in the State of Delaware, showcasing the talents of the 2008 DDOA Individual Artist Fellowship recipients. 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 new hours: Tues-S 9-4:30 p.m., Sun. 1:30-4:30 p.m.