

Biggs Museum of American Art

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Summer of Delaware Artists: Award Winners XV and Delaware Watercolor Society Exhibitions at the Biggs Museum

Get a First Look During Extended Hours on July 4th

Dover, DE (June 15, 2015) – Today, the Biggs Museum of American Art announced that it will host the Delaware Division of the Arts (DDOA) Award Winners XV exhibition from July 3-September 27, 2015 as well as a Juried Exhibition of the Delaware Watercolor Society from July 3 – September 20, 2015. The Biggs Museum will be open extended hours from 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on July 4, 2015 as an opportunity for the public to get a first look at both exhibitions.

About the Delaware Watercolor Society Exhibition July 3 – September 20, 2015

Artist Reception: Friday, August 7, 2015

**Admission: \$5 per person (Free for Museum Members
and Children under 12)**

Free for everyone on July 4, 2015

In partnership with the Delaware Watercolor Society, the Biggs Museum will host a juried member's exhibition of the Delaware Watercolor Society. Approximately fifty watercolor paintings will be featured within the Museum's first floor galleries, many will be for sale. The Delaware Watercolor Society (DWS) aims to promote and encourage mutually shared interests in watercolor media among its members and the public. The Society works toward fostering high-quality, professional art and creative contributions to the Delaware community through education events, exhibits and other activities.



An Artist Reception for this exhibition will take place on Friday, August 7, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. This event will be free of charge and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

About Award Winners XV Exhibition

July 3 – September 27, 2015

Artist Award Presentation: September 26, 2015

Admission: Free, All Ages

Each year, through a partnership with the Delaware Division of the Arts (DDOA), the Biggs Museum hosts the works of Delaware's award winning Individual Artist Fellows, honoring their combined accomplishments. The Fellows are recommended by out of state jurors and receive Delaware State Arts Council approval. Fellows receive cash awards ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000 to advance their artistic careers. Award Winners XV exhibition will be displayed on the second floor of the Biggs Museum. An Artist Award Presentation will take place at the Biggs Museum on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This event will be free of charge and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.



Sixteen Delaware Fellows were selected in 2015 for the high quality of their artwork. These artists reside throughout Delaware, including in Bethel, Dover, Lewes, New Castle, Newark, Rehoboth Beach, and Wilmington. Awards are given in three categories—Emerging Professional, Established Professional, and Masters. Listed below are the DDOA 2015 Individual Artist Fellows.

2015 INDIVIDUAL ARTIST FELLOWS

Masters Award

Kimberly Reighley, Wilmington, Music: Solo Recital - Reighley plays baroque and modern flute, is co-artistic director of Mélomanie, plays principal flute with the Delaware Symphony Orchestra and OperaDelaware, and has performed with Brandywine Baroque as well as numerous ensembles in Pennsylvania and California.

Established Professional Award

Robert M. Bickey, Wilmington, Visual Arts: Sculpture

Gail Braune Comorat, Lewes, Literature: Poetry

Kevin J. Cope, Newark, Music: Composition

Christopher Nichols, Newark, Music: Solo Recital

Russell Reece, Bethel, Literature: Fiction

Jeffrey Rubin, Wilmington, Visual Arts: Photography

Billie Travalini, Wilmington, Literature: Creative Nonfiction

Lance Winn, Wilmington, Visual Arts: Painting

Emerging Professional Award

Judy Catterton, Rehoboth Beach, Literature: Creative Nonfiction

Barbara Gray, Wilmington, Literature: Fiction

Tom Newby, Wilmington, Visual Arts: Painting (work pictured above)

Britania Redington, Dover, Music: Solo Recital

James Ulry, Dover, Visual Arts: Crafts

Lindsey Warren, Newark, Literature: Poetry
Karoline Wileczek, Newark, Visual Arts: Works on Paper

Award Winner XV and Delaware Watercolor Society
Exhibitions are made possible, in part, by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency dedicated to nurturing and supporting the arts in Delaware, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts.



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.

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