Biggs Museum Art of American

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Award Winners XII July 6, 2012 - October 21, 2012 The 2012 DDOA Individual Artist Fellows



Dover, DE (June 29, 2012) – The Biggs Museum of American Art will open the summer 2012 exhibition: *Award Winners XII* on Friday, July 6 with a First Look pARTY from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on the first floor of the Museum. Be one of the first to preview the works of this year's Delaware Division of the Arts Individual Artist Fellows. An Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, July 14 from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend this free program to enjoy refreshments and celebrate the best of Delaware's art scene

Award Winners XII features the talent of the current Individual Artist Fellows of the Delaware Division of the Arts (DDOA). Delaware visual, literary, and performing artists in all disciplines have the honor of winning the DDOA's annual distinguished Fellowship prizes. The Fellows are chosen by a committee from over a hundred entries each year. In a partnership with the DDOA, the staff at the Biggs Museum invites each year's Award Winners to the only group exhibition honoring their combined accomplishment. The Award Winners XII exhibition will feature the media of all winning artists. This time-honored exhibition is among one of the best opportunities to experience the Delaware art scene. This annual exhibition is an important project for the Biggs Museum in carrying out its mission to celebrate artistic diversity, provide public educational access to Delaware finearts community, and to bring more awareness of both the Museum and art to the community.

The Biggs Museum is pleased to once again feature the media and skills of all winning artists. Their work lies in the areas of folk art, musical, literary, visual, and sculptural arts.

The following artists are the 2012 DDOA fellowship recipients to be featured in the *Award Winners XII* exhibition:

Visual Arts Literature Music

Carol Woolworth Abby Millager Fostina Dixon-Kilgoe

David Brinley Anne Marie Cammarato Xiang Gao

Ellen Priest Gary Hanna
Jessica Stephens James Miller
Nicholas Serratore Mahasveta Barua

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Award Winners XII will be on view through October 21, 2012. Along with this exhibition the Biggs Museum will be offering a variety of summer art workshops and demonstrations for adults, some of which are led by the 2012 Individual Artist Fellows. The classes conducted by professional artists offer participants the opportunity to learn about visual and literary arts. For more information on the Award Winners XII exhibition and its accompanying programs, please visit the Museum website at www.biggsmuseum.org or call (302)674-2111.

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.

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