Biggs Museum Art of American

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Award Winners XIII Exhibition Opening August 2, 2013 The 2013 DDOA Individual Artist Fellows



Dover, DE (July 23, 2013) – The Biggs Museum of American Art will open *Award Winners XIII* on Friday, August 2, 2013 with a First Look pARTy from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. 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 September 14, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. At this event, the public is invited to meet the artists and enjoy musical performances by Emerging Artist Fellow, Michele McCann, and Established Artist Fellow, Augustine Mercante and a poetry reading by Established Artist Fellow, Linda Blaskey.

Award Winners XIII 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 XIII 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 fine-arts 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 2013 DDOA fellowship recipients to be featured in the *Award Winners XIII* exhibition:

Linda Blaskey, Lincoln – Established Fellow in Poetry Alex Buckner, Wilmington – Emerging Fellow in Dance Choreography Teresa Clifton, Milford – Emerging Fellow in Fiction Anne Colwell, Milton – Established Fellow in Fiction Scott Davison, Wilmington – Established Fellow in Jazz Performance Knicoma Frederick, Wilmington – Emerging Fellow in Folk Art Jerry Gordon, Wilmington - Emerging Fellow in Painting Anne Jenkins, Milford – Established Fellow in Folk Art André Jones, Wilmington – Emerging Fellow in Playwriting Ramona Long, Newark - Established Fellow in Creative Nonfiction George Lorio, Dover - Established Fellow in Sculpture Michele McCann, Newark – Emerging Fellow in Folk Music James Augustine Mercante, Wilmington - Established Fellow in Solo Recital Aina Nergarrd-Nammack, Lewes - Established Fellow in Painting Karin Snoots, Harbeson - Established Fellow in Painting Marjorie Weber, Lewes - Emerging Fellow in Creative Nonfiction William Wolff, Bear - Emerging Fellow in Photography

Award Winners XIII will be on view through October 13, 2013. For more information on the Award Winners XIII exhibition, 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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