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Biggs Museum Announces Inaugural Biggs Bling Event October 5, 2013



Dover, DE – The Biggs Museum of American Art is pleased to announce the addition of a new event called *Biggs Bling* to its annual calendar of events. The fundraiser, featuring a performance by Melomanie, will take place on Saturday, October 5 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The event will feature a silent auction including an outstanding array of fine antique, period jewelry, estate jewelry and high-end costume jewelry provided by private donors and event sponsors.

Come to browse and bid on the amazing selection of fine jewelry while enjoying drinks and hors d'oeuvres (including a mashed potato bar). The event will also feature musical ensemble Melomanie and guest performer Jennifer Margaret Barker, who will perform this season's new works fusing important pieces from the 17th and 18th Centuries and today.

"We are excited to launch Biggs Bling, the first event of its kind in Kent County, which showcases the art of jewelry," shared Linda Danko, the Museum's Executive Director. "Biggs Bling is a great opportunity for women to find that perfect something to add to their jewelry collection – and for men to begin their Christmas shopping – all while supporting the area's premier Museum."

The event's Diamond Sponsor Sayers Jewelers and Gemologists in Smyrna, is donating several pieces of fine jewelry to the silent auction. To inquire about sponsorship and donation opportunities for this event, please call (302) 674-2111 ext. 105. Funds raised directly support all that is new and exciting in the museum including its galleries, exhibitions and programming. Tickets are \$50 for members

and \$75 not-yet members and includes drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Purchase tickets by visiting www.BiggsMuseum.org or calling (302) 674-2111.

Event Quick Facts

Event: Biggs Bling with performance by Melomanie

Date: Saturday, October 5 Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Price: \$50 members/\$75 not-yet members

Description: This event celebrates and raises money for all that is new and exciting in the museum including its galleries, exhibitions and programming. Auction items will include an outstanding array of fine antique, estate jewelry and period jewelry. Browse and bid on some amazing fine jewelry while enjoying drinks and hors d'oeuvres (including a mashed potato bar). The event will also feature musical ensemble Melomanie and guest performer Jennifer Margaret Barker, who will perform this season's new works fusing important pieces from the 17th and 18th Centuries and today.

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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