Biggs Museum Art of American

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Boys and Girls Club Collaborates with Biggs Museum to Showcase Children's Artwork and Performances

Opening to Take Place First Friday, January 3rd

Dover, DE (December 3, 2013) – On First Friday, January 3, 2014 the Biggs Museum of American Art will host an exhibition opening for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Delaware Pegasus ArtWorks. The opening will take place from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. and is free to the public. The artworks featured in this exhibition were created through Pegasus ArtWorks classes taught by professional artists at Boys and Girls Clubs of Delaware sites throughout the state. Special youth performances will take place during the reception using instruments created during the art classes. Light refreshments will be served.

"As part of our mission to make art accessible to people of all ages, we like to consistently showcase new groups of children's artwork at the Museum," says Beccy Cooper, Biggs Museum Education and Programs Manager. "We see this as not only a great opportunity for the public to view unique artwork and performances, but also a way to cultivate the children's interest in the arts."

"I am excited to have this opportunity to collaborate with the Biggs Museum of American Art," shares Mike D. Brown, Pegasus ArtWorks Director, Boys and Girls Club of Delaware. "I appreciate the Biggs dedication to children's arts programming, and look forward to many more partnerships in the future."

The artwork will be displayed in Child HELP Foundation Studio on the first floor of the Museum. Also on temporary display through the end of February at the Biggs Museum is *Refining the Region: The Landscapes of Bayard T. Berndt*.

Event Quick Facts

First Friday: Boys and Girls Clubs of Delaware Pegasus ArtWorks Exhibition Opening

Friday, January 3 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Free, All Ages

The Boys and Girls Club of Delaware is an 80-year old statewide organization that serves more than 30,000 school aged youth in 42 locations. Their mission is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need them the most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. The artworks featured in this exhibition were created through Pegasus ArtWorks classes taught by professional artists at Boys and Girls Clubs of Delaware sites throughout the state. Special youth performances will take place during the reception using instruments created during the art classes.

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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