

Biggs Museum of American Art

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Exciting Additions for 2014 Biggs Gala: An Affair with the Arts *Guests Get First Look at “Hanging at the Biggs” Tile Installation*

Dover, DE (April 30, 2014) –On Saturday, May 10, 2014, the Biggs Museum will host its Annual *Gala: An Affair with the Arts* from 6 p.m. – 11 p.m. A crowd of approximately 350 people will enjoy live entertainment, dinner and cocktails, silent auction, dancing, raffle, and more. Mike Hines and the Look, a local favorite, will be joining the event for the first time. The showmanship and talent of this dynamic group guarantees to yield the right blend of music to have all guests on the dance floor.

First Installation of “Hanging at the Biggs” Tile Project

The first two panels of the *Hanging at the Biggs* tile project will be installed for the public to view for the first time. These panels consisting of 140 acrylic tiles purchased by the public, will be located in the new sculpture atrium at the entrance of the Museum which was completed during the third phase of capital renovations. These tiles feature a variety of images including everything from artwork, to photographs, to children’s artwork, quotations, and more.

Food and Craft Beer Pairings

Abbott’s Grill of Milford, DE will provide gourmet catering for the event. In addition to dinner, Abbott’s Grill will provide specialty food stations and a raw bar to be paired with local craft beers provide by Dogfish Head Brewery, Fordham Brewery and Old Dominion, Mispillion River Brewing and 16 Mile Brewing. An open bar, including specialty drinks, will also be offered.

Recycled Art Centerpieces

This year, to highlight the R3 Factory Recycling Exhibition and Competition opening at the Biggs on May 17, 2014, the Gala will feature centerpieces made entirely of recycled materials. Read more about the R3 Factory Exhibition at www.BiggsMusuem.org.

Silent Auction

The Gala silent auction, well-known for its variety of art, furniture, and local good and services will feature nearly 100 items. Some of this year's most coveted items include a variety of jewelry and artwork, as well as a CSA Membership at Fifer's Orchards and a four digit license plate donated by the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles.

Tickets

The Gala is designed to bring in substantial revenue that directly supports temporary exhibitions and educational programming for the forthcoming year. Tickets for this event range from \$150 per individual to \$1500 for a table for ten. Tickets can be purchased by mail, phone or on-line at www.biggsmuseum.org. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

For information about event sponsorship and other opportunities to *Give to the Gala*, please contact Stephanie Adams at sfitzpatrick@biggsmuseum.org or call (302) 674-2111 ext. 105.

If You Go: Gala Quick Facts

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2014

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Location: 406 Federal Street, Dover, DE

Ticket Price: \$150/Individual to \$1,500/Table of 10

What: Dinner, Open Bar, Silent Auction, Live Entertainment, Raffle

Attire: Black Tie Optional/Cocktail Attire

Reservations: Tickets must be purchased in advance

Mail: P.O. Box 711, Dover, DE 19903

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On-Line: www.biggsmuseum.org

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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