## Biggs Museum Art of American

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## Completed Phase 2 of "The New Biggs" Capital Campaign to be Unveiled







**Dover, DE (October 8, 2012)** – On Wednesday, October 17, 2012 the Biggs Museum of American Art will publically unveil a completed Phase 2 of "The New Biggs". Phase 2 is the second of three phases of a capital campaign and includes improvements and upgrades of the second and third floors of the museum.

The galleries have received new paint, flooring and LED track lighting, which has given the collection a new interpretive plan for display. A brand new research library has also been erected to house the Museum's 3,000-volume collection of art, history and architecture books and over 1,800 periodicals that enable this noteworthy resource to be made available to the public.

The public is encouraged to visit the Museum on Wednesday, October 17 between 4:30 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. to view and celebrate the completed renovation. Visitors will hardly recognize the former space. Food and refreshments will also be provided courtesy of Abbott's Grill of Milford.

With funding, the Museum plans to finish Phase 3 of renovation in the fall of 2013 and includes a reworking of the glass entrance facade to create a three-story sculpture atrium.

As of October 1, 2012, the Biggs Museum has raised \$1.75 million in cash and pledges for the campaign, almost 95% of the target goal. For more information on "The New Biggs" capital campaign and how you can help please contact Jennifer Kemske at 302-674-2111 extension 105 or via email at <a href="mailto:jkemske@biggsmuseum.org">jkemske@biggsmuseum.org</a>.

## 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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