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SYNE Language: 8 Contemporary Artists, 1 Exhibition *Exhibition and Programming Announced*

Dover, DE (February 6, 2017) – On Friday, February 24, 2017, the Biggs Museum will open a new feature exhibition entitled *SYNE Language*. *SYNE Language* will include the artwork of contemporary artists from SYNE artist consortium. SYNE is an artist consortium comprised of eight accomplished artists from the Delmarva region with varied personal backgrounds brought together by similar conceptual visions and goals.

“The artists of SYNE represent a wide range of points of view, media and personal styles,” shared Biggs Museum Curator Ryan Grover. “In fact, among the few components that unifies this group through time has been their adversity to the traditional realism dominating the local art scene. Instead, they have each explored their preferred media: clay, marble, paint, fiber, metals and rubber with abstract forms.”



SYNE Language is the 25th Anniversary exhibition of the artist collective and will be on view in the museum’s first floor from February 24 through April 30, 2017. The exhibition will open with a public reception on February 24 from 5-8 p.m., an opportunity to come and meet all the featured artists.

Artwork of SYNE artists pictured, clockwise from top center:

Carla Lombardi - Glen Mills, PA (Painting and Sculpture)
Margo Allman - Avondale, PA (Drawing, Painting, and Sculpture)
Valetta – Westtown, PA (Drawing and Painting)
Mitch Lyons – New London, PA (Sculpture, Clay Vessels)
Deborah Stelling - Baltimore, MD (Sculpture)
Rick Rothrock – Arden, DE (Sculpture)
Ken Mabrey – Arden, DE (Painting)
Helen Mason – Hockessin, DE (Sculpture)

The exhibition will be accompanied by a variety of programming, outlined below. High-resolution images of the artists and their artwork are available upon request. Read more about the artists featured in SYNE Language at www.BiggsMuseum.org.

Exhibition Events and Programming
SYNE Language Opening Reception
Friday, February 24, 2017 | 5-8 p.m.

Cost: Free with Admission*

Be the first to see the exhibition and meet the artists. Enjoy refreshments, beer and wine.

Stone Sculpting with SYNE Artist Rick Rothrock
Saturday, March 11, 2017 | 1-3 p.m.

Cost: \$30/\$25 for members

SYNE artist Rick Rothrock will give a tour of his sculpture and a demonstration of his techniques. Attendees will also get a chance to “take a swing” at Rothrock’s techniques, using chisels and hammers on stone. Pre-registration required. To register, please call 302-674-2111 ext. 110.

SYNE Language Gallery Walk
Saturday, April 8, 2017 | 2 p.m.

Cost: Free with Admission*

Join the artists from SYNE led by Deborah Stelling and Biggs Curator Ryan Grover. The artists will discuss their different medias and the way the artist collective functions both nationally and internationally. Pre-registration required. To register, please call 302-674-2111 ext. 110.

Clay Creations with SYNE Artist Carla Lombardi
April 29, 2017 | 1-4 p.m.

Cost: \$30/\$25 for members

SYNE artist Carla Lombardi will provide a clay workshop using self-hardening clay. Lombardi will instruct participants on the various sculpting techniques she uses in her work. Materials are included. Pre-registration required. To register, please call 302-674-2111 ext. 110.

Admission

General admission to the Biggs Museum is \$10. Members, children under 12, students and military (with ID) are free. Seniors (60 and older) are \$8. Additional fees may apply to certain programs and special events.

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