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Maurice Sendak: the Memorial Exhibition Comes to Dover *Exhibition Opens July 29th at Biggs Museum and Dover Public Library*



Dover, DE (July 11, 2016) – On July 29, 2016, Maurice Sendak: the Memorial Exhibition will open to the public at the Biggs Museum of American Art and the Dover Public Library. Maurice Sendak: the Memorial Exhibition is a retrospective exhibition celebrating the life and art of the iconic author and illustrator, Maurice Sendak. The exhibit, first launched in 2013 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the beloved children's book *Where the Wild Things Are*, will be on display at the Dover Public Library and the Biggs Museum. The exhibition includes a wide variety of Sendak's art, from an illustrated book report on Macbeth, to opera set designs, and of course, illustrations from his children's books. The original works are accompanied by quotes from presidents, illustrators, friends and celebrities discussing Sendak's influence on their own lives.

The exhibition will also be accompanied by a variety of programming and events at various downtown Dover locations including the Dover Public Library, Biggs Museum, Schwartz Center and Grey Fox Grille. Details can be found below. To register for events or learn more visit www.DoverSendak.com or call 302-674-2111 ext. 110.

Events and Activities Include:

Grand Opening! Friday, July 29 at 6:30pm

Biggs Museum – Special Member’s Preview from 5:00 – 6:30 pm

The opening ceremony begins at 6:30 at the Dover Public Library with a special reading of *Where the Wild Things Are*. View Sendak’s original artwork at the Dover Public Library and Biggs Museum, explore interactive exhibits, take tours, watch films, meet a monster, make Wild Thing crafts, become Max in photographs, and more! For this event there will be free admission and refreshments at the Biggs Museum. The Biggs Museum will host a preview for member’s and their guests from 5-6:30 pm.

Grand Opening! Saturday, July 30 at 12:30pm

Come to the Dover Public Library and have a special monster lunch, view Sendak’s original artwork at the Dover Public Library and Biggs Museum, explore interactive exhibits, take tours, meet a monster, make Wild Thing crafts, become Max in photographs, watch films, see an excerpt of a Sendak inspired Ballet performed at the Biggs Museum, and more!

Musical – Really Rosie

Schwartz Theater – Saturday, July 30 at 11am

Tickets - \$5

Performed by the Children’s Theater, Inc., *Really Rosie* is a children’s musical by the celebrated author, Maurice Sendak, with music and lyrics by Carole King. Rosie, the sassiest kid on her block of Brooklyn’s Avenue P, entertains herself and her friends by acting out show biz fantasies, notably directing and starring in an Oscar winning movie. *Really Rosie* is a jewel for both children and adults.

Additional Shows:

Monday, August 8 at 10am – Milton Theater

Tuesday, August 9 at 10:30am – Brandywine Hundred Library

All Things Sendak - Ballet Performance

Schwartz Theater – Thursday, August 4 at 2pm and 7pm

Tickets - \$18/Adult, \$15/Senior, \$12/Student

The Ballet Theatre of Dover presents a ballet performance inspired by Maurice Sendak, man who taught us how to confront our fears and achieve our dreams.

Breakfast with the Monsters

Grey Fox Grille – Saturday, August 20 at 10 and 11:30am

Tickets - \$5

Feed your appetite and have breakfast with the monsters in Maurice Sendak’s kitchen. Meet at the Dover Public Library and walk over to the Grey Fox Grille for a simple breakfast. Enjoy scenery from Maurice Sendak’s books and make crafts.

Where the Wild Things Roam - Lecture

The Biggs Museum – Wednesday, August 24 at 6:30pm

Free with Admission

As a specialist in fairytales, adolescent literature, and mythological archetypes, Professor Bobby is examining Sendak's work with an eye toward the macabre aspects of his illustrations and stories, within the larger context of her areas of focus. Registration is required.

Create Your Own Music

Dover Public Library – Saturday, August 27 at 2pm

Free

Music was an important part of Maurice Sendak's creative process. Visit the Dover Public Library and create personalized instruments out of recycled materials and join in with musician Jim Rezac.

Where the Wild Things Are – Film Screening

Loockerman Way Plaza – Saturday, September 3 at 8 pm

Free

Enjoy the warm weather with friends and family as you watch the Spike Jonze film, *Where the Wild Things Are*, under the stars.

Maurice Sendak and His Works: Author Discussion

Biggs Museum & Dover Public Library - Thursday, September 8 at 6pm

Free

Visit the Biggs Museum for a reception with Leonard S. Marcus, renowned historian, author, and critic of children's literature. The reception will be followed by a lecture at the Dover Public Library at 6:45pm. Registration is required.

Ongoing Programs:

Where the Wild Things Art!

Dover Public Library – Every Tuesday in August at 10 am

Free

Visit the Dover Public Library and create crafts and do activities inspired by Maurice Sendak's books!

Read and Make: Sendak Adventure Trail

Dover Public Library & Biggs Museum - Thursdays in August at 10:30am

Free

To celebrate a joint exhibit of illustrations by Maurice Sendak at the Dover Public Library and the Biggs, join both institutions for a story time and craft every Thursday morning in August. Each day will feature a reading of a Sendak story at the Library at 10:30am, followed by a field trip across the street to the Biggs for a Sendak themed craft.

Books include: *Where the Wild Things Are*, *In the Night Kitchen*, *Pierre and the Lion*, and *Outside Over There*. Ages 4-10. Registration is required.

Admission to the Dover Public Library is Free.

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. **SUMMER FAMILY FUN DAYS! From July 29th – September 11th, the Biggs Museum will offer free admission for up to two adults who accompany a child or child (ren).**

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