

# Biggs Museum of American Art

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## **BIGGS MUSEUM NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** *Museum Professional Charles Guerin to Begin in May*



**Dover, DE (March 11, 2015)** - The Biggs Museum of American Art today announced Charles A. Guerin's appointment as the new Executive Director of the museum. Guerin, a Chicago native, comes to the Biggs Museum from The Hyde Collection in Glen Falls, New York, where he is currently the Executive Director. He has twenty-five years experience as chief executive officer of three nationally prominent art museums and will join the museum in May.

"Charles brings an impressive combination of experiences and background - everything from fundraising to building operations to strategic planning - all of which compliment Biggs Museum goals for the coming years," shared Marcia DeWitt, President of the Biggs Museum Board of Trustees. "We are confident that Charles is the right person to lead our team as we work to increase the museum's profile on a local, regional and national scale."

Guerin's other museum experience includes serving as the Executive Director at the University of Arizona Museum of Art, the Commissioner of Wyoming State Parks and Cultural Resources, and the Executive Director of University of Wyoming Art Museum. He holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in Printmaking and Art History, a Master of Arts degree in Painting, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Printmaking, all from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois.

"I have a great appreciation and respect for the Biggs Museum, its significant collection and its dedicated team," said Charles Guerin "I am truly honored to have the opportunity to lead the museum into its next chapter and I look forward to meeting and working with community members in and around Delaware."

Guerin's experience includes advancing art institutions and creating imaginative exhibitions and educational programming solutions to serve the public while fostering enhanced financial support and increased visitation and tourism. Additionally, he has extensive experience in non-profit and asset management, the process of museum accreditation through the American Association of Museums (AAM), and strategic planning. Guerin is also a seasoned fundraising professional, with his career fundraising efforts totaling over \$30 million from external sources.

Over the coming months, Charles Guerin and his wife Katherine Riccio Guerin, plan to relocate to Dover, Delaware where he will begin his new role in May 2015.

For the nationwide search, the Biggs Museum retained Opportunity Resources, a hiring firm based out of New York. Guerin will succeed Linda A.K. Danko who retired in August 2014 following eleven years of service.

Attached is a biographical summary for Charles Guerin.

### **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 permanent collection is free to the public year-round. Fees may apply to certain feature exhibitions, programs and special events.

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