

# Biggs Museum of American Art

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## Biggs Museum Meets \$250,000 Longwood Foundation Challenge Grant

**Dover, DE (February 22, 2012)** – The Biggs Museum of American Art has raised \$250,000 to match a dollar for dollar challenge grant from the Longwood Foundation. The \$250,000 award from Longwood Foundation will contribute to “The New Biggs” capital campaign which will ensure continued growth and renovation of the Museum building located at 406 Federal Street in Dover.

Over the past twenty years, the Museum has emerged as a haven for artistic expression, culture and history, with an emphasis on the Mid-Atlantic region. By successfully raising the money to match the grant, the Biggs Museum will be able to begin Phase Two of reconstruction early summer of 2012. Phase Two will include a “face-lift” of the second and third floors. The galleries will be repainted, receive new flooring, LED track lighting and be given a new interpretive plan for collections on view.

The Longwood Foundation is dedicated to the people, environment, and communities of Delaware and southern Chester County in Pennsylvania. The Foundation was formed by Pierre S. du Pont in 1937 and has made grants to non-profits of over \$2 billion to date.

The Biggs Museum was able to match the grant in part through pledges and contributions made by friends of the Museum, the State of Delaware, Stockman Foundation, Welfare Foundation, Marmot Foundation, and the Bradford-Loockerman Family.

“We are extremely grateful to the Longwood Foundation for this awesome challenge opportunity! The Biggs Museum has much to celebrate and acknowledges with gratitude all of the dedication and hard work that was afforded by the Staff, Trustees, Leadership Committee and the community-at-large. Longwood Foundation’s generous award has aided to position the Museum to raise the remaining \$277,000 required to reach the \$1.86 million goal for the capital improvements” says Museum Executive Director, Linda Danko.

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 [jkemske@biggsmuseum.org](mailto:jkemske@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.

### **The Biggs Museum of American Art**

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