

Biggs Museum of American Art

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Biggs Museum Receives \$5,000 Delaware Community Foundation Capital Grant

Dover, DE (July 6, 2012) – The Biggs Museum is one of twenty-two organizations to be awarded a capital grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the Delaware Community Foundation under the Capital Grants Program. The award from Delaware Community Foundation will directly contribute to “The New Biggs” capital campaign for the renovation of the Biggs Museum building located at 406 Federal Street in Dover. In part, funds will be used toward the design and production of educational signage throughout the Museum and for upgrade of lighting museum-wide to LED which will ensure the long-term protection of the permanent collections.

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. The Museum has successfully raised \$1.759 million of the \$1.864 million needed to complete “The New Biggs” campaign.

The Delaware Community Foundation manages charitable funds for individuals, families, businesses and organizations, and distributes income from the funds as grants to humanitarian, educational, health and cultural entities throughout the First State.

“The Biggs Museum is truly fortunate to be one of the recipients for funding by Delaware Community Foundation under the 2012 Capital Grants Program. Support from the Delaware Community Foundation will enable the Museum to fulfill its long-term goals and to better serve our growing community with newly renovated spaces for visitors to gather, learn and experience art and culture.” says Museum Executive Director, Linda Danko.

The Biggs Museum began Phase Two of reconstruction in early June 2012. Phase Two includes renovations of the second and third floors. The galleries will be repainted, receive new flooring, LED lighting and be given a new interpretive plan for collections on view. Phase Three is slated to begin in summer 2013 and includes a reworking of the entryway and entry façade.

If you are interested in making a donation to “The New Biggs” campaign, please send a check to the Biggs Museum, Attn: “The New Biggs” capital campaign, P.O. Box 711, Dover, DE 19904 or visit the website at www.biggsmuseum.org. Commemorative gallery naming opportunities are also currently available, for more information on a naming opportunity please call Jennifer Kemske at 302-674-2111 ext. 105. All gifts are tax deductible.

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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