

Biggs Museum of American Art

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BIGGS MUSEUM DIRECTOR LINDA A. K. DANKO TO RETIRE *National Hiring Firm to Begin Search for Next Museum Director*

Dover, DE (February 20, 2014) – Today, the Biggs Museum of American Art announced that Linda A.K. Danko, Director of the Biggs Museum for over ten years, will retire on August 1, 2014. During her tenure at the Museum, her achievements were many. Danko, well known for her energy and vision, spearheaded the development and growth of the annual Gala: *An Affair with the Arts*, the Museum's most high profile event. Additionally, she will cap off her time at the Biggs Museum having led a team of staff and volunteers who successfully raised nearly \$2 million for the Museum's now-complete capital renovation project.

"All of my dreams have come true for the Museum," shared Danko, of Middletown. "Our team is well-positioned to help take the Museum to the next level. I will miss the Museum community and my colleagues; however, it's rewarding to achieve my final career goal of retiring at this age."

"While we are sad to lose a strong leader, she has left the Museum in great shape for her team and the next Director," said Marcia DeWitt, Chair of the Biggs Museum Board of Trustees. "Her achievements at the Biggs should be celebrated by the community as it was her vision that guided the Museum during critical stages of formation and growth."

Opportunity Resources, a hiring firm based out of New York, has been retained by the Museum to begin a national search for a new Director. Opportunity Resources has recruited senior-level candidates for key positions on behalf of hundreds of client organizations throughout the United States. ORI's clients include some of the nation's most prestigious organizations in all cultural arenas, museums of every genre, performing arts institutions, independent schools, foundations and other nonprofits - including Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens, Washington D.C., Sheldon Museum of Art, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, to Corning Museum of Glass, New York and Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Kentucky, to name a few.

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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