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**DELAWARE ART MUSEUM PRESENTS
BRIDGE OF HOPE: IRAQI/U.S. ART INITIATIVE**

Wilmington, DE (March 18, 2008)—The Delaware Art Museum presents *Bridge of Hope: Iraqi/U.S. Art Initiative*, an exhibition featuring approximately two-dozen works, mostly abstract, by nine Iraqi and nine American artists, on view March 29 – May 4, 2008. This exhibition is part of the Museum's new Outlooks Exhibition Series and is guest curated by Rosemary Lane of Delaware, Coordinator of the International Cultural Arts Network (ICAN). Lane chose the American artwork, and the Iraqi works were chosen by Lamia Talebani of Baghdad, a founding member of ICAN and an Iraqi artist. Most of the Iraqi works were brought to US through Jordan by Claudia Lefko of Massachusetts, an ICAN founding member.

About ICAN

ICAN grew out of the *2006 Global Peace Initiative of Women Iraq-US Summit: Creating a Common Dialogue* in New York City. This organization has initiated working relationships and collaborations between Iraqi and American artists. The purpose of ICAN is to engender hope, transcend barriers, and foster goodwill between our countries.

About the Outlooks Exhibition Series

Exhibitions in this series are created by residents and organizations of our surrounding area, contributing to the Museum's mission of providing an inclusive and essential community resource.

Images

Images of works from *Bridge of Hope: Iraqi/U.S. Art Initiative* may be downloaded here:

<http://delartsales.org/pafiledb/pafiledb.php?action=category&id=30>

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About the Museum

The Delaware Art Museum, located at 2301 Kentmere Parkway, Wilmington, DE 19806, is open Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Sunday noon – 4:00 p.m. Admission fees are charged as follows: adults (18 – 59) \$10, seniors (60+) \$8, college students \$5, and youth (7 – 17) \$3, with children 6 and under entering for free. Admission fees are waived every Sunday thanks to support from AstraZeneca. For more information, call 302-571-9590 or 866-232-3714 (toll free), or visit the website at www.delart.org.

Founded in 1912, the Delaware Art Museum holds a world-renowned collection that focuses on American art and illustration from the 19th century to the present as well as the British Pre-Raphaelite movement. The Museum offers the outdoor Copeland Sculpture Garden, the Helen Farr Sloan Library & Archives, studio art classes, the interactive Kids' Corner learning area, the delART Café featuring free Wi-Fi access, and the Museum Store with distinctive books and gifts.

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