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## **DELAWARE ART MUSEUM ANNOUNCES 23RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR AND UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS**

Wilmington, DE (November 20, 2007)—The Delaware Art Museum is pleased to announce the 23rd Annual Holiday House Tour and additional holiday happenings that make the Museum an ideal destination during this wonderful time of year.

Presented by the Museum Council, the **Holiday House Tour** offers a self-guided tour of Wilmington homes and an art gallery decorated for the holidays on **Saturday, December 8, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$20.00 each and will be available at the Museum on the day of the tour. While at the Museum, patrons can explore the current exhibitions, view a holiday decoration film in the auditorium, visit with local artisans while choosing their art as holiday gifts, hear live holiday music, and enjoy a pre-ordered, pre-paid box lunch at elegant tables in the festively decorated East Court. **Tours** will be held at the following times: **11:00 a.m.** (Highlights from the Collection), **noon** (*Seeing the City: Sloan's New York*), **1:00 p.m.** (*In Company with Angels: Seven Tiffany Windows*), and **2:00 p.m.** (*In Company with Angels: Seven Tiffany Windows.*) In addition, a fabulous Judy McCabe topiary and an outstanding Alberta Melloy wreath will be raffled at 3:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Delaware Art Museum. Additional information is available at [www.delart.org](http://www.delart.org).

The Museum's signature holiday display, an annual miniatures exhibition, returns for its second year with ***Precious Spaces: Masterpieces in Miniature*, on view through January 13, 2008.** This year, each vignette is a showcase for the miniature artist's interpretation of an original, full-scale work, as well as a diminutive masterpiece in its own right. Artists from around the region have produced scaled-down versions of major paintings by luminaries such as Howard Pyle, N. C. Wyeth, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, and Claude Monet. Each three-dimensional miniature uses a scale whereby one inch equals one foot, and five of the eight miniatures are based on works in the Museum's collection.

The Museum will be open late and offer free admission as part of Wilmington's **Art on the Town** program on **Friday, December 7, 2007, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, and the **After-Party** will include DJs in Fusco hall from **8:00 p.m. to midnight**. Visitors will be able to vote for their favorite miniature, and winners will be announced during the evening. Also, some of the miniature artists will attend this event so they can speak to visitors about their work.

***In Company with Angels: Seven Tiffany Windows* is on view through January 31, 2008.** Created by Tiffany Studios in New York City in 1902, these stunning stained-glass windows have not been seen together publicly in over 40 years. They portray the angels from the book of Revelation, who address the early Christian churches of Asia. Each full-length angel holds a gift that God promises if the churches reform their ways. The themes of forgiveness and charity conveyed by the Tiffany angels make these remarkable treasures a wonderful exhibition for the holidays.

A **Tiffany Angels Panel Discussion** will be held on **Saturday, December 1, 2007, at 2:00 p.m.** The fee is \$15. This drops to \$10 for Museum Members and \$5 students with college ID. This exciting panel discussion brings together three people who have played significant roles in reviving the extraordinary works of art that compose *In Company with Angels: Seven Tiffany Windows*. Reverend Susannah Currie will discuss the view of angels held by Swedenborgianism, a Christian denomination; stained-glass conservator Arthur Femenalla will address the techniques employed by Tiffany & Company in creating these works; and Kathy Jordan of The Art of Glass, Inc. (Media, PA) will share information on the restorative processes undertaken for this project.

The Delaware Art Museum's annual **Museum Store Holiday Sale** returns! The sale runs from **Friday, November 23, through Sunday, December 30, 2007**. There is no admission fee to shop. Shoppers will receive 10% off their total purchases in the Museum Store during this period. Museum Members will save 20%, making this a perfect time to join. The Museum is also **extending hours for the Thanksgiving weekend: Friday – Sunday, November 23 – 25, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Kids ages 6 – 10 will have fun learning about stories in art over their winter break at the Delaware Art Museum's **Holiday Art Camp—Stories in Art**, which will include studio art projects and gallery tours based on the Museum's permanent collection. Camp lasts three days, from **Wednesday, December 26 – Friday, December 28, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each day**. Enrollment is \$120, and \$80 for Museum Members. From princesses to pirates, kids will share and recreate their favorite stories through a variety of engaging activities.

### **About the Museum**

The Delaware Art Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Sunday noon – 4:00 p.m. Regular admission is 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 AstraZeneca. For more information, call 302-571-9590 or 866-232-3714 (toll free), or visit the website at <http://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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