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**DELAWARE ART MUSEUM PRESENTS
GIFTED: RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE PERMANENT COLLECTION**

Wilmington, DE (July 2, 2008)—The Delaware Art Museum presents *Gifted: Recent Additions to the Permanent Collection*, an exhibition featuring more than 30 works of art given to the Delaware Art Museum since its reopening in June 2005, on view July 12, 2008 – November 9, 2008. Paintings, prints, photographs, sculptures, and ceramics—including works from the Dorothy and Herbert Vogel collection—will be featured. *Gifted* offers visitors a glimpse into how the Museum’s collection grows through the generosity of collectors.

Like most art museums, the Delaware Art Museum has acquired most of its permanent collection through gifts. The Museum’s collection has been shaped by the interests of its donors, including Samuel and Mary R. Bancroft, collectors of Pre-Raphaelite art, and Helen Farr Sloan, the widow of American painter and illustrator John Sloan. Some recent additions include:

- Walt Kuhn’s *Two Clowns* (1940), a characteristic work by a major figure in American Modernism, given by longtime Museum supporters Hans and Betty Krahmer; and
- Tyrone Mitchell’s *Nature/Culture/Blues* (1991), one of several contemporary works by influential African American artists given to the Museum by Rob Abel, a Wilmington ophthalmologist, and his wife Mike

The Delaware Art Museum recently received 50 works of Minimal and Conceptual art from the renowned collection of Dorothy and Herbert Vogel as part of a joint initiative called *Fifty Works for Fifty States* that was launched by the Vogels and the National Gallery of Art, with support the National Endowment for the Arts and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. This program is distributing 2,500 works from the Vogels’ collection of contemporary art throughout the nation, with 50 works going to a selected institution in each of the 50 states. *Gifted* offers 10 works from the Delaware Art Museum’s Vogel collection, including pieces by Lynda Benglis and Edda Renouf, and all 50 will go on display as part of an exhibition planned for 2009.

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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