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**DELAWARE ART MUSEUM ANNOUNCES
NEW ADMISSION RATES AND HOURS OF OPERATION**

Wilmington, DE (December 22, 2008)—The Delaware Art Museum announces new admission rates and changes in the hours of operation effective January 1, 2009. **Admission rates** will now be as follows:

- Adults (ages 19 – 59): \$12
- Seniors (ages 60 and above): \$10
- Students (with valid ID): \$6
- Youth (ages 7 – 18): \$6
- Children (ages 6 and under): Free
- Families: \$25 (NEW)

The Museum is launching a new “Family Admission” rate. **Family Admission** will be \$25 and includes entry for up to two (2) adults and four (4) youth. Family Admission passes are available for purchase as gifts as well.

The Museum will continue to **waive admission fees on Sundays** thanks to major corporate sponsorship from AstraZeneca.

E-Membership, a new level of Museum Membership, has been created for 2009. For \$30 a year, E-Members receive six passes for admission to the Museum along with electronically delivered news. Museum Members at the \$50 level and above will continue to receive unlimited free admission to the Museum throughout the year. More information about Membership levels and benefits is available at: http://www.delart.org/membership/membership_levels.html

The Delaware Art Museum’s new **hours of operation** beginning January 1, 2009, are:

- Wednesday – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday: noon – 4:00 p.m.

- Monday – Tuesday: closed

Tuesdays will be available for adult and school tour groups (booked four to six weeks in advance) as well as private events.

As a **private, non-profit corporation**, the Delaware Art Museum relies on corporate, foundation, and government support; individual donors; Members; and admission revenue to meet its annual expenses. By adding the discounted Family Admission rate, continuing to waive admission fees on Sundays, and creating the E-Membership level, the Delaware Art Museum can remain as accessible as possible while implementing new admission rates and hours.

About the Museum

The Delaware Art Museum, located at 2301 Kentmere Parkway, Wilmington, DE 19806, is open during the following days/hours beginning January 1, 2009: Wednesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Sunday noon – 4:00 p.m. Admission fees are charged as follows: adults (19 – 59) \$12, seniors (60+) \$10, students \$6, youth (7 – 18) \$6, and children (6 and under) 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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