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**DELAWARE ART MUSEUM ANNOUNCES CALL FOR ENTRIES
FOR YOUTHSPEAKS! PROGRAM**

Wilmington, DE (June 12, 2009)—The Delaware Art Museum invites entries to our YouthSpeaks! program, which will be held on Friday, July 3, 2009, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. YouthSpeaks! offers a supportive venue for poets and spoken word artists ages 21 and under to express themselves. The purpose of the program is to recognize and celebrate the creative power and spirit of young poets in the Wilmington community.

Interested Performers (*21 years of age or younger*)

- Those interested in performing at Youth Speaks! must submit a completed registration form.
- Registration form must include the text and/or audio clip of their performance.
- Deadline for registration is **June 19, 2009**.
- Those selected to present at YouthSpeaks will be notified by **June 22, 2009**.
- Each artist selected to perform at Youth Speaks will receive a free family pass to the Delaware Art Museum and one admission pass to attend the 15th Annual People's Festival on July 25, courtesy of World Music, Inc.
- To register online, please visit http://www.delart.org/prog_events/call_for_artists/index.html

Headlining Artist: Ne Ne Ali

Born in the Bronx, 11-year-old Ne Ne Ali has a passion for the healing power of words and the ability to deliver riveting performances. Ne Ne has performed at the Apollo, BAM café, BET Rap City, and Philadelphia Arts Garage.

MCs

This event is MC'd by Iz the Truth and Fridam Marley (World Music, Inc.).

About the Delaware Art Museum

The Delaware Art Museum, located at 2301 Kentmere Parkway, Wilmington, DE 19806, is open 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 (with valid ID) \$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 is best known for its large collection of British Pre-Raphaelite art, works by Wilmington-native Howard Pyle and fellow American illustrators, and urban landscapes by John Sloan and his circle. Visitors can also enjoy the outdoor Copeland Sculpture Garden and a number of major traveling exhibitions throughout the year.

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