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**DELAWARE ART MUSEUM ANNOUNCES
FOURTH ANNUAL MINIATURES EXHIBITION**

Wilmington, DE (November 3, 2009)—The Delaware Art Museum is pleased to present the fourth annual *Masterpieces in Miniature* exhibition, on view November 7, 2009 – January 10, 2010. *Masterpieces in Miniature* is the Museum's signature holiday display, featuring three-dimensional miniatures by artists from the region and beyond, using a scale in which one inch equals one foot. This exhibition offers nine miniature versions of masterpieces by luminaries such as Howard Pyle, N. C. Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth, and Edward Hopper. Visitors to the Delaware Art Museum will be able to vote for their favorite miniature until the evening of Friday, December 4, 2009, when the winners will be announced.

Miniaturists and Their Masterpieces

Israel Balleto (Wilmington, DE)

Ethel Sharif in Chicago, 1963. Gordon Parks (1912-2006). Gordon Parks Foundation.

Bev Gelfand (Jackson, NJ)

Summertime, 1943. Edward Hopper (1882-1967). Delaware Art Museum, Gift of Dora Sexton Brown, 1962.

**Bonnie Kincaid & Susan Ross
(Wilmington, DE)**

Distant Thunder, 1961. Andrew Wyeth (1917-2009). Private collection.

Marnie King (Wilmington, DE)

The Herring Net, 1885. Winslow Homer (1836-1910). The Art Institute of Chicago.

Deb Mackie (Elkton, MD)	Fast Flew the Black Winged Horse , c. 1895. Howard Pyle (1853-1911). Delaware Art Museum, Museum Purchase, 1915.
Robert Off (Cincinnati, OH)	Absalom Jones , 1810. Raphaelle Peale (1774-1825). Delaware Art Museum, Gift of Absalom Jones School, 1971.
Dana Pyle (Wilmington, DE)	Extorting Tribute from the Citizens , 1905. Howard Pyle (1853-1911). Delaware Art Museum, Museum Purchase, 1912.
Michael Scarborough (Sunnyside, NY)	The White Company , c. 1922. N. C. Wyeth (1882-1945). National Museum of American Illustration, Newport, RI.
Wanda Simons (Newark, DE)	Still Life With Fruit , c. 1865. Severin Roesen (c. 1816-1872). Delaware Art Museum, Acquired through the bequest of Miss Ellen Buckelew, 1970.

Exhibition-Related Events

- **Award Ceremony**

Friday, December 4, 2009 | 6:00 p.m. | Free

On the final day of voting for favorite miniatures, the Museum will be open late as part of Wilmington's Art on the Town program, and admission will be free from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Voting will end at 6:00 p.m., and the first-, second-, and third-place miniatures will then be announced. Some of the participating artists will attend this event so they can speak to visitors about their work.

- **Miniatures Workshop**

Sunday, December 13, 2009 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Ages 5 and up | Free

Kids and their families will create tiny masterpieces inspired by *Masterpieces in Miniature*.

- **Everything About Miniature Rooms (Lecture)**

Saturday, January 9, 2010, | 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Free with admission

Robert Off, whose miniature version of *Absalom Jones* appears in the current *Masterpieces in Miniature* exhibition, will present a glimpse into the world of high-quality miniature rooms and

miniature furniture. He will begin with a brief history of a few of the most famous benefactors and their collaborating artisans, followed by a discussion of various examples of historical and contemporary work designed for the miniaturist collector and hobbyist.

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 exhibitions throughout the year.

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