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### DELAWARE ART MUSEUM PRESENTS PRE-RAPHAELITE HUMANITIES SERIES 2008

Wilmington, DE (August 30, 2007)—The Delaware Art Museum will present a series of eight humanities programs in 2008 to bring new awareness to the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood and the literary and social context in which they worked. The Museum is proud to announce it has received generous support from the Delaware Humanities Forum for this series.

#### **The Many Facets of the Arts and Crafts Movement**

*February 23, 2008, 2:00 p.m.*

*Free with Museum admission*

Panel Discussion: Leslie Green Bowman, Director of Winterthur, moderates a panel exploring connections between the Pre-Raphaelites and the Arts and Crafts Movement.

#### **More than a Pretty Face: Women Artists in the P.R.B.**

*March 7 & 8, 2008, 10:30 a.m.*

*Members Free / \$15 Non-Members, \$20 with “Stunners” lecture (below)*

*Call to register*

Lecture: Jan Marsh, independent scholar from London and a leading Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood expert, will explore women artists of the movement.

#### **Stunners: Pre-Raphaelite Muses and Models**

*March 7 & 8, 2008, 10:30 a.m.*

*Members Free / \$15 Non-Members, \$20 with “Pretty Face” lecture (above)*

*Call to register*

Lecture: Margaretta S. Frederick, Curator of the Bancroft Collection of Pre-Raphaelite Art, will speak about Pre-Raphaelite models and their role in the movement.

### **History, Art, and Industry**

*March 20, 2008, 2:00 p.m.*

*Free*

Dr. Jonathan Russ, Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Delaware, will lead a panel on Samuel Bancroft, Jr.

### **Ekphrasis—Writing Poetry in the Museum**

*April 4, 2008, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.*

*Call for price and details*

Workshop: Ekphrastic poetry, which is poetry written about a work of art, lends itself well to the Delaware Art Museum's narratively rich Pre-Raphaelite collection. Terri Witek, nationally known ekphrastic poet, will conduct a day-long writing seminar based on works in the Museum.

### **The Poet at Work in the Museum**

*April 4, 2008, 7:00 p.m.*

*Free (Art on the Town evening)*

Poetry Reading: To celebrate National Poetry Month, Terri Witek and several major regional poets will read from their work.

### **The Countess by Gregory Murphy**

*April 20, 2008, 2:00 p.m.*

*Free*

Reading: Anne Marie Cammarato, Artistic Director of the Delaware Theatre Company, directs this reading about Pre-Raphaelite painter John Everett Millais and his circle.

### **A Poem Lived: Poetry of the Pre-Raphaelites**

*April 27, 2008, 2:00 p.m.*

*Free*

Reading/Lecture: Actors will read Pre-Raphaelite poetry, and Dr. Philip Flynn, University of Delaware, will lecture on their work.

### **Flora Symbolica: Floral Symbolism in the Pre-Raphaelites**

*May 17, 2008, 2:00 p.m.*

*\$10 Members / \$15 Non-Members / \$5 Students*

*Call to register*

Lecture: Dr. Debra N. Mancoff, art historian and author of *Flora Symbolica*, will speak about floral symbolism in this art movement.

### **About the Museum's Supporters**

Reinstallation of the Bancroft Collection of Pre-Raphaelite Art is sponsored by DuPont, with additional support provided by the The Getty Foundation, a program of The J. Paul Getty Trust in Los Angeles. The following have generously donated products or services to the reinstallation: Calico Corners, John Alexander Ltd., Material Culture / Woven Legends, Morris & Co. through Sanderson & Sons, and Trellist, Inc.

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### **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. Regular admission prices are 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, and admission free to all visitors on Sundays. 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 to the 21st century as well as the British Pre-Raphaelite movement of the mid-19th century. 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.