



DELAWARE ART MUSEUM

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### **DELAWARE ART MUSEUM AND UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE PARTNER TO PRESENT FREE LECTURE SERIES**

**WILMINGTON, DE (February 1, 2012)** – The Delaware Art Museum and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Wilmington, are partnering this spring to present “Director’s Delights at the Delaware Art Museum,” a free series of Friday afternoon art history lectures. Taught by Delaware Art Museum Executive Director Dr. Danielle Rice, the 13-week series, which begins February 10 and ends May 11 (no lecture on March 30), will examine one work from the Museum’s collection in depth each week. Director’s Delights lectures are scheduled from 12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. at Arsht Hall on the University’s Wilmington campus. They are free and open to the public; space is limited, but no registration is required.

In hosting this lecture series, Osher Lifelong Learning joins the Museum’s many Centennial Partners. The series was created to engage all levels of art enthusiasts, celebrate the Museum’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and strengthen the relationship between the Museum and the University of Delaware. Although the Museum provides programming for all ages, and Osher serves individuals 50 and older, both organizations – which are located in close proximity in Wilmington – provide enriching educational activities and programs.

“I am so thrilled to be able to present these lectures at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. It’s a great opportunity to celebrate 100 years of creativity amidst the lively, engaged, and energetic lifelong learning community at University of Delaware,” said Rice.

“Both the Museum and Osher Lifelong Learning are vibrant places where community members meet, share ideas, and pursue learning at all ages,” said Jim Broomall, Assistant Provost for Professional and Continuing Studies at the University of Delaware, “I think teaming up will help us further our shared commitment to education.”

For more information about the Delaware Art Museum, visit [www.delart.org](http://www.delart.org). For more information about Osher Lifelong Learning, visit [www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/wilmington](http://www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/wilmington).

### **Director's Delights Lecture Series topics:**

**February 10:** Introduction to the series and to the history of the Delaware Art Museum

**February 17:** *Portrait of Rebecca Gratz* by Thomas Sully, 1830

**February 24:** *Portrait of Absalom Jones* by Raphaelle Peale, 1810

**March 2:** *Milking Time* by Winslow Homer, 1875

**March 9:** *Found* by Dante Gabriel Rossetti, 1859 - 1881

**March 16:** *Isabella and the Pot of Basil* by William Holman Hunt, 1867 - 1868

**March 23:** *Love's Messenger* by Marie Spartali Stillman, 1885

**March 30:** Spring Break

**April 6:** *Attack Upon the Chew House* by Howard Pyle, 1898

**April 13:** *The Flying Dutchman* by Howard Pyle, 1900

**April 20:** *The Mermaid* by Howard Pyle, 1910

**April 27:** *Spring Rain* by John Sloan, 1912

**May 4:** *Summertime* by Edward Hopper, 1943

**May 11:** *Big Bathers: Another Judgement* by Robert Colescott, 1984

### **About the the Osher Institute of Lifelong Learning**

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Wilmington (formerly the Academy of Lifelong Learning) is a membership organization for adults 50 and over to enjoy classes, teach, exchange ideas, and travel together. For more information about the program, visit [www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/wilm](http://www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/wilm) or call 302-573-4417. Similar programs are offered through UD in Dover and in Lewes.

### **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. For more information, call 302-571-9590 or 866-232-3714 (toll free), or visit the website at [www.delart.org](http://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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