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**DELAWARE ART MUSEUM RESCHEDULES DINOTOPIA FAMILY DAY
FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

Wilmington, DE (February 4, 2010)—Due to the weather forecast for this weekend, the Delaware Art Museum will be closed on Saturday, February 6. The Dinotopia Family Day has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 7, from noon to 5:00 p.m. Admission will be free on Sunday. Kids and their families will have an opportunity to explore the extraordinary world of Dinotopia with art projects from noon to 3:30 p.m., a family tour at 12:30 p.m., a presentation by artist James Gurney at 2:00 p.m., and a book-signing at 4:00 p.m.

James Gurney’s 2:00 p.m. presentation is titled “Fact & Fantasy: The Making of Dinotopia.” During this lively, illustrated talk, Gurney will explain how he created Dinotopia from its origins in 1988 to the most recent book, *Dinotopia: Journey to Chandara*. Gurney will provide information on his creative process and share how he uses scientific information to both educate and expand the world of the imagination.

Full Schedule for Sunday, Feb. 7: Dinotopia Family Day

Expanded hours: noon – 5:00 p.m. | Free admission (admission fees are waived every Sunday thanks to support from AstraZeneca)

- Noon – Museum opens; art projects in East Court from noon – 3:30 p.m.
- 12:30 p.m. – Dinotopia Family Tour
- 1:00 p.m. – Highlights Tour of the Permanent Collection
- 2:00 p.m. – Gurney will give artist talk in DuPont Auditorium (Fact & Fantasy: The Making of Dinotopia)
- 3:00 p.m. – Dinotopia Tour
- 4:00 p.m. – Gurney will sign books in East Court
- 5:00 p.m. – Museum closes

Dinotopia: The Fantastical Art of James Gurney, featuring more than 60 paintings and mixed media objects, will be on view at the Delaware Art Museum February 7, 2010 – May 16, 2010. Inspired by archaeology, lost civilizations, and the art of illustration, *Dinotopia* is an extraordinary island where humans and dinosaurs live in harmony. James Gurney's stories and art fuse fantasy with realism and scientific accuracy. This major exhibition includes works from three of Gurney's books: *Dinotopia: A Land Apart from Time* (1992); *Dinotopia: The World Beneath* (1995); and Gurney's fourth volume in the series, *Dinotopia: Journey to Chandara* (2007).

Organizers and Sponsors

Dinotopia: The Fantastical Art of James Gurney was organized by the Norman Rockwell Museum, Stockbridge, MA.

Dinotopia: The Fantastical Art of James Gurney is presented in Delaware by DuPont.

In Delaware, this exhibition is made possible, in part, by grants from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency dedicated to nurturing and supporting the arts in Delaware, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts.

The *Dinotopia* Family Day is supported, in part, by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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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