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**NINETEEN ARTISTS RECEIVE SPECIAL RECOGNITION
FROM THE DELAWARE DIVISION OF THE ARTS**

INDIVIDUAL ARTIST FELLOWSHIP GRANTS

(Wilmington, DE—January 24, 2011) The Delaware Division of the Arts announced the Fiscal Year 2011 winners of the Individual Artist Fellowship (IAF) grants. Nineteen individual Delaware artists are being recognized for the high quality of their artwork in the visual arts, literature, music and folk arts. Artists were selected from towns throughout the state including Bridgeville, Felton, Lewes, and Wilmington. Their work ranged from folk art and fiction writing to jazz performance and painting.

The work of 107 applicants was judged by arts professionals from around the country. Through the IAF grants, the artists' achievements are affirmed, helping provide the recognition and exposure that artists need to successfully promote their work. The artists receive a financial award—\$3,000 for the Emerging category, \$6,000 for the Established category, and \$10,000 for the Masters level. This allows the artists to pursue advanced training, purchase equipment and materials, or fulfill other needs that allow them to advance their career. The public will have an opportunity to see the varied artwork by these artists as they are required to have a public exhibit or performance showcasing their work in the upcoming year.

This year the arts discipline category for the Masters Fellowship was Visual Arts. The discipline category rotates every three years, and only artists that have previously won in the Established category are eligible to apply. In addition to the high artistic quality of their work, artists must demonstrate their involvement and commitment to the arts in Delaware. This year's winner of the Masters Fellowship is Richard Rothrock of Wilmington in the Sculpture discipline. He is being honored for the outstanding quality of his work and his many years of service to the arts community in Delaware.

Listed below are the Delaware Division of the Arts 2011 Individual Artist Fellows. Contact information for the artists may be obtained by calling Kristin Pleasanton, the Division's Art and Artist Services Coordinator, at (302) 577-8284 in Wilmington or (302) 736-7436 in Dover.

2011 INDIVIDUAL ARTIST FELLOWS

Masters (\$10,000 award)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Artistic Discipline</u>
Richard Rothrock	Wilmington	Visual Arts - Sculpture

Established Professional (\$6,000 award)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Artistic Discipline</u>
Chad States	Rehoboth Beach	Visual Arts: Photography
Colette C. Gaiter	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Work on Paper
Heidi J. Lowe	Lewes	Visual Arts: Crafts
John D. Smith	Newark	Music: Solo Recital
Judith E. Goldsmith	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Painting
Rachel Simon	Wilmington	Literature: Fiction
Raye Jones-Avery	Wilmington	Jazz: Performance
Russell Endo	Smyrna	Literature: Poetry

Emerging Professional (\$3,000 award)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Artistic Discipline</u>
April (A.D.) Loveday	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Work on Paper
Delainey Barclay	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Painting
Elisabeth Bard	Newark	Visual Arts: Photography
Ellen L. Durkan	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Sculpture
Gail Comorat	Lewes	Literature: Poetry
James A. Smith	Rehoboth Beach	Literature: Creative Nonfiction
Joy S. Robinson	Wilmington	Folk Art: Craft
Kevin J. Cope	Newark	Music: Composition
Mary Margaret Pauer	Bridgeville	Literature: Fiction
Michael Miller	Felton	Folk Art: Music

Honorable Mentions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Artistic Discipline</u>
Scott Davidson	Wilmington	Jazz: Performance
Russell Reece	Bethel	Literature: Creative Nonfiction
Joanne Reinbold	Wilmington	Literature: Fiction
Mary Kennedy	Wilmington	Literature: Fiction
Lara Zeises	Wilmington	Literature: Fiction
Linda Blaskey	Lincoln	Literature: Poetry
Kate Ransom	Wilmington	Music: Solo Recital
Gina Bosworth	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Crafts
Katie Lillard	Middletown	Visual Arts: Painting
Kyle Ripp	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Painting
Constance Simon	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Painting
Ellen Priest	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Painting
Sally Van Orden	Newark	Visual Arts: Painting
Phillip M. Scarpone	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Sculpture
Dennis Beach	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Sculpture
Catherine Drabkin	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Work on Paper

The next deadline for Individual Artist Fellowships applications is August 1, 2011.

The Delaware Division of the Arts is an agency of the State of Delaware. Together with its advisory body, the Delaware State Arts Council, the Division administers grants and programs that support artists and arts organizations, educate the public, increase awareness of the arts, and integrate the arts into all facets of Delaware life. Funding for Division programs is provided by annual appropriations from the Delaware State Legislature, and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.