

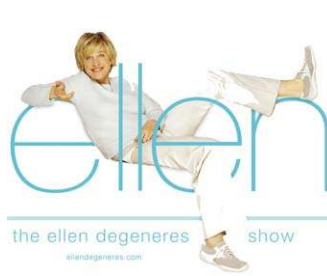


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Ellen's Wacky Chair Contest

A Partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Delaware and the Delaware State Fair



Dover, DE – Whenever Ellen Degeneres is involved, things are sure to get wacky! The Biggs Museum is proud to serve as a partner and supporter alongside the Boys & Girls Club of Delaware, the Biggs Museum, WMDT 47 News, and Tyndall's Casual Furniture for Ellen's Wacky Chair Contest. All ten Boys & Girls Clubs from Delaware are competing for a chance to have their wacky Adirondack chair appear on the Ellen Degeneres Show in September 2009.

In June 2009, ten local artists visited each of the Boys & Girls Clubs in Delaware to brainstorm and sketch their "wackiest" ideas to decorate an Adirondack chair. All chairs were donated by Tyndall's Casual Furniture of Lewes, Delaware. The local artists incorporated all of the children's ideas to design and create a wacky chair.

All ten chairs will be on display beginning Thursday, July 23rd in the 4H and FFA Building/Centre Ice Rink at the Delaware State Fair in Harrington, DE. Following the Delaware State Fair, the ten chairs will be on display in the Biggs Museum in Dover, DE for the remainder of the month of August.

The local community is invited to vote for their favorite wacky chair while supporting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware and the Biggs Museum. Votes can be casted on-line by visiting the WMDT web-site, www.wmdt.com or the Boys & Girls Club of Delaware's web-site at www.bgclubs.org. The first vote is free of charge and each subsequent vote will be a \$1 donation to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware and the Biggs Museum. On Monday, August 31st, the winning chair will be announced. The winning artist, child, and their family will attend an episode of the *Ellen Degeneres Show*

when Ellen will sit in the “Wacky Chair.” In addition, every voter is entered for a chance to win two tickets to the *Ellen Degeneres Show*, which includes airfare and hotel.

Registration Information

All events and programs are held at the Biggs Museum. Pre-registration and prepayment (where applicable) are required for all programs and events (including *Biggs Kids* and *Mini-Masters*). Pre-registration can be completed by:

Phone: (302)674-2111, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On-Line: visit the Gift Shop at www.biggsmuseum.org. Visit the Education Section to register for *Biggs Kids* and *Mini-Masters*.

Pre-registration for *First Friday* programs are accepted only by phone.

About the Museum

The Biggs Museum seeks to serve a diverse public as a regional museum of fine and decorative arts, made from 1700 to present, representing the State of Delaware and the surrounding Mid-Atlantic region. The Biggs Museum engages audiences through a compelling program of temporary exhibitions and programming. The Biggs Museum encourages the development of creativity and an appreciation for art by offering a comprehensive slate of educational programming for all ages. The Biggs Museum of American Art is a private, non-profit 501(c) (3) organization.

Hours of Operation: Tuesday through Saturday; 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Sunday; 1:30 p.m. until 4: 30 p.m.

Admission: Biggs Museum is free to the public year-round. Fees may apply to certain programs and special events.

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Top Images:

Left: Oak Orchard Boys & Girls Club

Center: Ellen Degeneres Show logo

Right: Milford, Delaware Boys & Girls Club