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**STATE MUSEUM INVITES PENNSYLVANIA ARTISTS TO PARTICIPATE
IN ANNUAL ‘ART OF THE STATE’ EXHIBIT**

Harrisburg, PA – Artists throughout the state are encouraged to apply for an opportunity to showcase their work in Art of the State: Pennsylvania 2009, a juried art exhibition that is open to state residents and will run from June 28 to Sept. 20 at The State Museum in Harrisburg. “The 42nd annual Art of the State exhibit will provide a showcase for artists across the state and allow visitors of The State Museum to view the work of many talented artists,” said Barbara Franco, executive director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, which oversees The State Museum. “This is a wonderful opportunity for the established or emerging artist to exhibit their work and receive statewide recognition.”

Artists can compete in five categories: painting, works on paper, photography, sculpture and craft. For the first time, submissions will be done by digital images. Applications are available at www.statemuseumpa.org and by calling the museum at (717) 783-9904 or the Greater Harrisburg Arts Council at (717) 238-5180.

The application deadline is March 1.

Among the awards are the \$250 Rose Roy Memorial Award Honoring Volunteerism and the \$250 William D. Davis Memorial Award for Drawing. The State Museum offers a \$2,000 Purchase Prize.

Art of the State: Pennsylvania 2009 is co-sponsored by The State Museum of Pennsylvania and the Greater Harrisburg Arts Council.

Jurors, including the organization with which they are affiliated, include painter Patricia Bellan-Gillen of Burgettstown (Carnegie Mellon University), photographer David Graham of Philadelphia (The

University of the Arts), sculptor H. Theodore Hallman, Jr. of Lederach (retired from Moore College of Art and Ontario College of Art and Design), and Corrine Topper of Lancaster (Susquehanna Art Museum).

Awards will be presented at an opening reception on Saturday, June 27.

For more information about the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission—the official history agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania—visit www.phmc.state.pa.us.