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State Museum Offers Insiders' Tour for Harrisburg's Gallery Walk

Harrisburg - To complement this year's "Art of the State" exhibition, The State Museum of Pennsylvania will offer its third and final "Artists Conversations" on Sunday, Sept. 8, at 1 p.m. This special insiders' tour will be held in conjunction with Harrisburg's annual Gallery Walk.

Award-winning artist Ted Walsh and awards juror Lucy Gans, professor of art, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., will offer visitors their perspectives of the exhibition.

Walsh earned an MFA in painting from Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts (PAFA) and has taught art classes at Drexel University and PAFA. His work "Danger Weather" won first prize in the painting category in this year's exhibition. He has shown his work in a number of private and commercial galleries.

Gans received her MFA from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y., and is a professor and chair of Lehigh's Department of Art, Architecture and Design. She is an affiliated faculty member of the Women's Studies Program. Her work has been exhibited throughout the U.S.

Gallery Walk, organized by the Art Association of Harrisburg to highlight the city's many artistic venues, also marks the closing of "Art of the State," the official, statewide juried competition for Pennsylvania artists. This year's show features 137 pieces by 113 artists from 31 counties.

Following the "Artists Conversations" tour, the Susquehanna Art Museum will host a free reception for its Doshi Gallery exhibit entitled "Construction/Deconstruction" at The State Museum. The exhibit continues through Dec. 1.

Gallery Walk programs – including The State Museum's "Artists Conversations" – are free to the public, and no reservations are required. The State Museum will extend its hours for Gallery Walk; hours for Sept. 8 are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The State Museum of Pennsylvania, adjacent to the State Capitol in Harrisburg, is one of 25 historic sites and museums administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission as part of the Pennsylvania Trails of History®. The State Museum offers expansive collections interpreting Pennsylvania's fascinating heritage.

With exhibits examining the dawn of geologic time, the Native American experience, the colonial and revolutionary era, a pivotal Civil War battleground, and

the Commonwealth's vast industrial age, The State Museum demonstrates that Pennsylvania's story is America's story.

Museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children and senior citizens.

For more information about the museum, visit www.statemuseumpa.org.

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