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New Student Exhibit Focused on Fairy Tales Opens February 6, 2009 at Scranton's Everhart Museum

Scranton – December 18, 2008: Intrigued by fractured fairy tales? The Everhart Museum's latest Gallery One exhibit, ***Happily Ever After?: Student Art at the Everhart***, highlights the work of area students who rewrote unexpected endings to their favorite fairy tales in humorous and thought-provoking artworks. Through these collaborative efforts, the Everhart nurtures creativity and showcases artistic excellence in the community. The schools involved in this exhibition include: Abington Heights High School, Blue Ridge Elementary School, John Marshall Elementary School, Moscow Elementary Center, Mountain View Elementary School, Scranton High School, and South Scranton Intermediate School. ***Happily Ever After?*** is on display in the Everhart Museum's Gallery One February 6 through May 25, 2009.

The twenty-nine artists represented in the exhibit range from elementary to high school age students. Nezka Pfeifer, Everhart Curator, said she "believed that children are really inventive and that this was a golden chance to give them the opportunity to play the role of a Brother Grimm and rewrite a fairy tale from their perspective. The teachers who participated in this project also need to be commended because many of them took the opportunity to tie the project into their curriculum and developed a strong component for their students. Using drawings, mixed media, collage, photography, and paintings, the student artists participated in a juried exhibit with Everhart staff, who were very impressed by the humor and surprising twists, as well as the new meanings given to the morals of the stories." Fairy tales referenced in the student show are: "Jack & the Beanstalk," "The Gingerbread Man," "Peter and the Wolf," "Snow White," "Cinderella," "Rapunzel," "Peter Pan," "Pinocchio," "The Princess and the Pea," "Beauty and the Beast," "Little Red Riding Hood," "Thumbelina," "The Frog Prince," "The Three Pigs," "Rumpelstiltskin," and "Peter Rabbit."

Happily Ever After?: Student Art at the Everhart, complements the exhibit ***Fairy Tale Art: Illustrations from Children's Books Fairy Tale*** which features fifty-nine original illustrations from well-loved classic fairy tales, as well as modern variations. Included are traditional stories such as "The Firebird," "Cinderella," "Sleeping Beauty," and "Little Red Riding Hood" alongside modern interpretations such as "Cinderella's Dress," "Child of the Faerie: Child of the Earth," and "The Hungry Coat." Magical settings for these stories are expressed in a variety of medium: watercolor, acrylic, colored pencil, and mixed media. ***Fairy Tale Art*** is on loan from Smith Kramer Fine Arts and is on display at the Everhart Museum February 6 through May 25, 2009.

Closed during the month of January 2009, the Everhart Museum will reopen on February 1, 2009 on the following schedule: Noon-4:00 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Monday; 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Saturday; and Noon-5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5/adults, \$3/students & seniors, \$2/children 6-12, and free to Everhart Museum members. For more information, contact the museum at 570-346-7186 or email general.information@everhart-museum.org.

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About the Everhart Museum: Founded in 1908, the Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art is the largest general museum in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Everhart Museum, located in Nay Aug Park in Scranton, is a not-for-profit institution dedicated to the collection, care and display of a diverse array of artifacts, including natural history, science and fine arts. Through our exhibits and programs, the Everhart Museum has become an invaluable regional resource for educational and cultural opportunities. General support for the museum is received from the Lackawanna County Office of Education & Culture, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and the City of Scranton. For more information on the museum visit our website at www.everhart-museum.org or contact us at 570-346-7186.