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Davenport, IOWA (October 2012) On Saturday, November 3 from 12:30pm to 4:30pm, Portrait of Maquoketa: The Dimensional View artist Rose Frantzen will lead an art demo at the Figge. Portrait of Maquoketa is a new, multi-dimensional installation that includes 180 portraits of Maquoketans and a 315 square foot landscape view of Maquoketa. Major funding for this exhibition has been provided by the Riverboat Development Authority, US Bank, Dr. Ralph and Jennifer Saintfort and SSAB.

Rose Frantzen will demonstrate the alla prima approach to portrait painting that she used in her Portrait of Maquoketa project. Frantzen demonstrates in front of crowds as large as 750 at events across the country, such as the Portrait Society of America Conference and American Artist's Weekend with the Masters. This is a special opportunity to see Frantzen paint. This event is free with membership or paid admission.

A native of Maquoketa, Iowa, Rose Frantzen has gained national and international acclaim for her oil paintings from life that bring contemporary and innovative perspectives to a traditional alla prima approach. In addition to landscapes, still lifes, and figurative works, Frantzen often moves to the allegorical, including abstract or surreal settings that present the subject as an archetypal character seen on his or her own internal stage. For these multi-dimensional works, she incorporates diverse stylistic elements along with gilding, stained glass, and mosaic.

Frantzen is a frequent guest lecturer and panelist, discussing art and the artist's life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, at museums and national art conventions. Her paintings have been featured in numerous national and international art magazines and journals, and she demonstrates portrait painting each year as a faculty member for the Portrait Society of America and for the annual

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Weekend With the Masters conference. Her work has been shown at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery, Butler Museum of Art, the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, the Dubuque Museum of Art, the Denver Historical Museum, the World Food Prize and the Portrait Society of America's International Portrait Competition.

Frantzen studied at the American Academy of Art in Chicago, the Palette & Chisel Academy with Richard Schmid and at the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, studying anatomy with the late Deane G. Keller.

### About the Figge Art Museum

The Figge Art Museum is located on the riverfront in downtown Davenport at 225 West Second Street. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday and Sundays 12-5 p.m. Thursdays the museum is open until 9pm. Admission to the museum and tour is \$7. Admission is free to Figge members and institutional members. To contact the museum, please call [563.326.7804](tel:563.326.7804) , or visit our website, [www.figgeartmuseum.org](http://www.figgeartmuseum.org) .

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