



First Lady Mary Pat Christie Highlights New Jersey Resident E.B. Lewis's Artwork During Black History Month Exhibition

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Trenton, NJ - First Lady Mary Pat Christie today celebrated the artistic talents of Earl Bradley (E.B.) Lewis, an award-winning illustrator of more than 50 children's books, during a Black History Month presentation of his works at Drumthwacket, the Governor's official residence in Princeton. Lewis, a Mays Landing resident, has created a true treasure trove of watercolor pieces for books including Alice Schertle's *Down the Road*, Tolowa M. Mollel's *My Rows and Piles of Coins*, Garvin Curtis' *Bat Boy and His Violin*, and Jacqueline Woodson's *The Other Side*. His artwork is currently being exhibited at Drumthwacket through March 15, 2012.

"I am delighted to showcase the incredible talents of New Jersey resident, E.B. Lewis, here at Drumthwacket," said Mrs. Christie. "Mr. Lewis's expressive works truly bring to life the characters of the books he illustrates and we are proud to share his creative gifts with our residents through this wonderful presentation. I'm proud that the Governor and I are able to use Drumthwacket to feature amazing artists from across the state."

Lewis displayed his artistic promise as a young third grader, deeply inspired by two of his artist uncles. As a sixth grader, he attended the Saturday morning Temple University School of Art League and studied with Clarence Wood. Lewis, a Temple University graduate, taught art in public schools for twelve years and is currently teaching at the University of Arts in Philadelphia while continuing to paint and illustrate. In 2003, the Kerlan Collection at the University of Minnesota purchased a collection of original watercolors from Lewis's first twenty-five children's books. Lewis is a member of The Society of Illustrators in New York City.

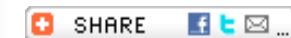
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Briggs. The exhibition includes: "Reginald," from The Bat Boy and His Violin; Down the Road; "Clover," from The Other Side; Children of Jacob; Virgie Goes to School with Us Boys; "Ada Ruth," from Coming on Home Soon; My Rows and Piles of Coins and "MBI," from The Magic Tree.

The Drumthwacket Foundation has an active art loan program in partnership with many New Jersey museums and private individuals. The program provides the opportunity to feature the works of New Jersey artists and New Jersey themed works of art to the public at the Governor's Mansion.

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