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Main Line Art Center Launches Certificate Program

HAVERFORD, PA (July 23, 2015) — Just in time for *back to school*, Main Line Art Center is launching a new Certificate Program this fall that promises artists an affordable yet high-quality structured plan of learning--without the hassle or price tag of heading downtown. Perfect for artists looking to deepen their studio practice and take their work to the next level, those returning to art after a hiatus, or those simply looking for more structure and confidence, the Certificate Program will reward those focusing their studies at the Art Center with special recognition, virtual exhibitions, and more.

Completed in as little as two years, or at an artist's own pace, the Certificate Program combines a continuum of learning with critical feedback and professional guidance in a supportive and nurturing environment. Artists will first define their area of focus - fine arts (general 2D & 3D studies), drawing, painting, or sculpture – and then will meet with a Mentor Artist to plan their schedule. The Certificate Program curriculum includes four core classes, three electives, two professional development workshops, meaningful hands-on volunteer opportunities, and 2 additional appointments per session with their Mentor Artist. Like all of Main Line Art Center's programs, the program will be tailored to meet the needs and level of each participant.

Artists who complete the Certificate Program will finish with a portfolio or body of work, receive a virtual exhibition on Main Line Art Center's new website, receive special recognition in onsite exhibitions, and will be eligible for special discounts, opportunities,

and other benefits.

Main Line Art Center is now accepting Founding Artists into the Certificate Program. Scholarships and tuition assistance are also available. For more information or to enroll, contact Stacie Brennan, Education Director, at 610.525.0272 ext. 123.

Main Line Art Center is the community's home to discover, create, and experience visual art. A frequent recipient of *Best of Awards* for its beautiful galleries and high-quality art instruction, the Center's visual art classes and contemporary and innovative exhibitions stimulate creativity, conversation, and joy. The mission of the Art Center is to inspire and engage artistic creativity for all ages and abilities and celebrate and strengthen the essential role of visual art in community life. Last year 16,000 people found inspiration at Main Line Art Center, including artists with disabilities in the Center's Accessible Art Programs, now in their 51st year, and 80,000 others were touched through the Center's programs in the community.

Main Line Art Center is located at 746 Panmure Road in Haverford, behind the Wilkie Lexus dealership just off of Lancaster Avenue. The Art Center is easily accessible from public transportation and offers abundant free parking. For more information about Main Line Art Center's Certificate Program, please visit www.mainlineart.org or call 610.525.0272.

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