

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

Main Line Art Center receives \$10K grant

From a press release

HAVERFORD » Main Line Art Center in Haverford is a recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Challenge America Award of \$10,000 to support Panorama 2016: Image-Based Art in the 21st Century. Main Line Art Center is one of only 32 organizations in the Greater Philadelphia Area to receive a grant from NEA during their first funding round for fiscal year 2016.

NEA's Challenge America Award supports projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnic-

ity, economics, or disability. Main Line Art Center's award will support its second annual program Panorama 2016: Image-Based Art in the 21st Century, a celebration of traditional and contemporary modes of image-making including photography, printmaking, digital media, and gaming technologies highlighted by a free community festival, guest artist exhibitions, artist-led lecture-demos, workshops, and interpretive materials. Panorama 2016 will take place September to November 2016 at Main Line Art Center as well as at Creative Partner locations in the

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Greater Philadelphia Area. Additionally, Panorama will have virtual components allowing anyone with internet access to participate.

"We are honored that the National Endowment for the Arts has chosen to support Panorama 2016," says Amie Potic, executive director for Main Line Art Center. "The focus of Panorama is to engage people of all ages and abilities in collective, creative experiences while encouraging communal appreciation for new and traditional approaches to image-making. Panorama 2015 encompassed over 60 events presented by the Art Center and our 35+ creative

partners over the course of 2 months. With this award we can serve more people in the Greater Philadelphia area and infuse the Main Line with innovative energy."

For more information on projects included in the NEA grant announcement, go to arts.gov.

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 Main Line Art Center is to inspire and engage people of all ages, abilities, and economic means in visual art through education, exhibitions, and



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An image from the Panorama Festival 2015 at the Main Line Art Center.

experiences. 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 Pannure 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, visit www.mainlineart.org or call 610-525-0272.