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Main Line Art Center Brings Glamour and Stardust to the Gallery for David Bowie-Inspired Fundraiser

Spring Gala Exhibition: April 30-June 5, 2016

Bauhaus to Bowie Preview Party: Friday, April 29, 6:30-10 pm | *Tickets Available*

Artist Reception & Sensory Garden Party: Saturday, June 4, 1-3 pm | *Free*

HAVERFORD, PA (March 31, 2016)—Expect glitz and glamour, a sprinkling of stardust, and a lot of art to fall in love with at Main Line Art Center's 2016 Spring Gala Exhibition and Fundraiser Preview Party, *Bauhaus to Bowie*. Inspired by David Bowie, the high-energy party on Friday, April 29 from 6:30 to 10 pm, kicks off the Center's main fundraiser, the *Spring Gala Exhibition*, which opens to the public April 30 and runs through June 5.

At first glance, a David Bowie-inspired gala might seem like a surprising choice for Main Line Art Center, located in Haverford. Certainly his music and colorful style has inspired thousands of people, but it is what inspired **him** that truly moved the committee. An avid art collector and a visual artist

himself, Bowie once told a reporter, " Art was, seriously, the only thing I'd ever wanted to own. It can change the way that I feel...."

With a wide range of 2 and 3-D artwork in a variety of styles and price points, the *Spring Gala Exhibition* certainly has something for everyone...from the next-generation collector or art-buying novice, to the seasoned supporter. Juried by Sharon Ewing, the Director of Gross McCleaf Gallery in Philadelphia, the exhibition features works by over 100 professional artists from the region. Committed to making art more accessible and the art-buying process easy and fun, the *Spring Gala Exhibition* begs visitors to fall in love with a work of art and simply make it their own. Just as Bowie would have done.

For those looking for first dibs on the artwork, *Bauhaus to Bowie* offers an exclusive preview of the exhibition in a party atmosphere that will bring out the *Rebel Rebel* in anyone. Indulge in creative cocktails and hors d'oeuvres by Peachtree & Ward, don fantastical face painting by Peanutbutter, and take a selfie in the Bowie Booth as Bowie-inspired beats spun by EBE Events & Entertainment in the gallery beckon you to *put on your red shoes and dance*. In the big tent, the next generation of rock stars and art collectors collide for special performances by the School of Rock Main Line, as guests bid on exciting experiences and memorabilia in the silent auction. Back by popular demand for a second year, the party will feature Red Dot Reserve, an exciting twist on art-buying that puts the power of the red dot, the traditional symbol that a work has sold, in the hands of guests. Those who acquire their artwork before 8:30 pm using their red dots will be exclusively eligible for a grand prize. Artwork can be picked up following the close of the exhibition on June 5, 2016.

The *Spring Gala Exhibition* and *Bauhaus to Bowie* are supported Pioneer Partner, Wilkie Lexus, Producing Partners Pansini & Mezrow Trial Attorneys, The Bryn Mawr Trust Company, High Swartz LLP, and Wendy and Mort Branzburg, as well as Catalyst Partners, The Shipley School, Waldren Capital Advisors, Peachtree & Ward Catering and Events, and School of Rock Main Line. Main Line Today is the official Media Partner.

Proceeds from sales benefit the Art Center's Programs, including award-winning Accessible Art Programs for children and adults with disabilities and at-risk youth.

Tickets for *Bauhaus to Bowie* are available online at www.mainlineart.org or by phone by calling 610.525.0272 ext. 112. Early admission tickets (6:30 entry) are \$200 per person, general admission tickets (7 pm entry) are \$150 per person, and young friend/under 40 tickets are \$100 per person or \$150 for two tickets. New this year, young friend tickets are only \$75 per person with the purchase of two full price tickets.

Beginning April 30, the *Spring Gala Exhibition* is free and open to the public. Main Line Art Center's galleries are open Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm and Friday through Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm.

During the *Spring Gala Exhibition*, artwork created by Accessible Art participants will be on exhibit in the Center's Welcome Gallery, as well as at Marple Library and Ludington Library. A pioneer in arts accessibility, Main Line Art Center has offered Accessible Art Programs for over 52 years for children, teens, and adults with physical and developmental disabilities, at-risk youth, and those with financial difficulties. These award-winning programs are offered on-site at the Art Center, as well through partnerships with ARTZ Philadelphia, the Center for the Blind

and Visually Impaired, Elwyn, theVillage, and PA School for the Deaf. A free Artist Reception and Sensory Garden Party is planned for Saturday, June 4 from 1 to 3 pm at Main Line Art Center to honor the inspiring artists in the exhibitions.

Main Line Art Center is a home for everyone to discover, create, and experience visual art. A frequent recipient of *Best of Awards* for its beautiful galleries and high-quality art instruction, the Art Center's visual art classes, Accessible Art Programs for artists with disabilities, 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 experiences. Last year we inspired 16,000 people at Main Line Art Center and touched the lives of over 80,000 through 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 the *Spring Gala Exhibition* or *Bauhaus to Bowie*, please visit www.mainlineart.org or call 610.525.0272.

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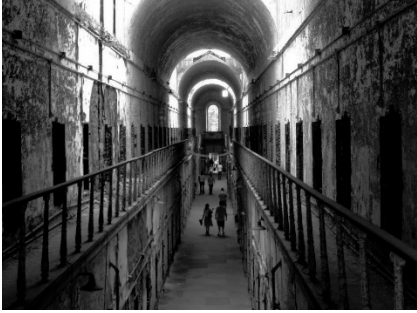
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