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**Main Line Art Center Highlights Professional Artist Members
in Annual Exhibition and Teaching Artists in the Welcome Gallery**

Professional Artist Member Exhibition: January 13, 2017 - February 11, 2017

Opening Reception: Friday, January 13, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Curatorial Walkthrough with Juror: Thursday, January 26, 10-11:30 am

Teaching Artist Exhibition in the Welcome Gallery: January 7 – February 9, 2017

HAVERFORD, PA (December 22, 2016)—Main Line Art Center is excited to present the 2017 Professional Artist Members Exhibition, on view in the Art Center's award-winning galleries from January 13 to February 11. Juried by Ross Lance Mitchell, Director of Barnes-de Mazia Education and Outreach Programs for the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia, the exhibition showcases paintings, photographs, sculpture, and mixed media artwork by a selection of Main Line Art Center's 2017-2018 Professional Artist Members.

The Professional Artist Member Program, now in its sixth year at Main Line Art Center, provides a juried group of artists from the Greater Philadelphia area with a variety of exhibition, educational, and networking opportunities that support the artists as well as exposes them to collectors, curators, and designers. Over the course of the two-year membership, Professional Artist Members are promoted on the Art Center's new website as well as through their social networks. They are also given access to professional development training, networking events, critique seminars, and are eligible for solo and group shows.

The Professional Artist Members Exhibition will open with a reception on Friday, January 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, and a curatorial walkthrough with the juror is scheduled for Thursday, January 26 from 10 to 11:30 am. All events are free to the public. The gallery at Main Line Art Center is open Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, and Friday through Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. Many of the works featured in the exhibition are available for purchase.

The following Professional Artist Members will be included in the exhibition:

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| Ellen Abraham | Barbara Dirnbach | Adam Levin |
| Lauren Acton | Marlene B. Dubin | Dale Levy |
| Lori Banks | Laura Ducceschi | Sandi Neiman Lovitz |
| John A. Benigno | Terri Fridkin | Kay Moon |
| Agathe Bouton | Michael Froio | Nancy Neill |
| Bill Brookover | Oki Fukunaga | Rinal Parikh |
| Anne Caramanico | Linda Dubin Garfield | Doris Peltzman |
| Ellen Carver | Barbara Glickman | Susanne Pitak Davis |
| Linda Celestian | Beth Gotfried | Mary Powers Holt |
| Lesa Chittenden Lim | Linn Greenberg | Glynnis Reed |
| Jim Conner | Gary Grissom | John Rodgers |
| Chris Cox | Dwight Harris | Deb K. Simon |
| Constance Culpepper | Melissa Husted-Sherman | Andrea G. Snyder |
| Patricia Danzon | Jack Knight | Helge Speth |
| Richard Davidson | Neila Kun | Armen Yepoyan |
| M. Pia De Girolamo | Diane Lachman | |
| Melanie Dion | Deborah Leavy | <i>List incomplete</i> |

In the Welcome Gallery from January 7 to February 9, Main Line Art Center will also highlight the work of a selection of its talented Teaching Artists. The exhibition will feature the work of Deena Ball, Joseph Iacona, Dori McClennen, Marea Palmer-Loh, Gillian Pokalo, Andrea Snyder, Christine Stoughton, and Josephine Tsai. All of the exhibiting artists are teaching programs during the Art Center's Winter session which begins in January with new offerings throughout the session.

Main Line Art Center is the community's home to discover, create, and experience visual art. 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. Committed to increasing the visibility and accessibility of art, the Art Center presents innovative exhibitions and events in the community, including *Panorama: Image-Based Art in the 21st Century*, a Greater Philadelphia-wide celebration of the photographic image and digital media. Main Line Art Center's educational offerings for all ages, abilities, and economic means span from traditional to contemporary, and are all held to the highest level of excellence. In 2015, Main Line Art Center received the Commitment to Cultural Access Award from Art-Reach for the Center's Accessible Art Programs for children and adults with disabilities, now in their 52nd year. Additionally, the Art Center grants over \$12,000 in need-based scholarships annually. Last year, Main Line Art Center engaged 21,000 people through classes, exhibitions, and Summer Art Camp, and touched the lives of over 78,000 through Exhibitions in the Community and festivals across the Philadelphia area.

Main Line Art Center is located at 746 Panmure Road in Haverford, PA, just off of Lancaster Avenue. The Art Center is easily accessible from public transportation and offers abundant free parking. For more information about the Professional Artist Member Exhibition or the Teaching Artist Exhibition, visit www.mainlineart.org or call 610.525.0272.

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View of Peter's Mountain from Sherman's Creek, Duncannon, Pennsylvania

Michael Froio

2016

*Featured in the Professional Artist Members Exhibition



Melissa

Glynnis Reed

*Featured in the Professional Artist Members Exhibition



Distant Land

Joseph Iacona

2016

*Featured in the Teaching Artist Exhibition