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**Celebrating Artists of All Ages and Abilities at
Main Line Art Center's Sensory Garden Party
Saturday, June 3, 1-4 pm | FREE**

Children's Book Reading: 2 pm

Theatre Performance: 3 pm

Interactive Art Projects, Ceramics Sale & More Throughout (1-4 pm)

HAVERFORD, PA (May 16, 2017) —On Saturday, June 3 from 1 to 4 pm, Main Line Art Center in Haverford will honor the artists in their Accessible Art Programs for artists with disabilities, at-risk youth, and low-income families, as well as those featured in the *Spring Gala Exhibition*, with a festive and free Sensory Garden Party. During the party, the Art Center will also acknowledge the founding graduates of the Center's Certificate Program, as well as students from local public and private schools who have been nominated by their art teachers to receive awards for artistic potential and excellence.

Set in the Art Center's picturesque Sensory Garden which was established in 2014 in honor of

the Art Center's 50th anniversary of their Accessible Art Programs, the party features a full lineup of family-friendly activities and entertainment including:

- **Book reading with local children's book author**, entrepreneur and former television host, Nahjee Grant at **2 pm**.
- **Performance of *The Bremen Town Musicians*, presented by Enchantment Theatre Company** through their Enchantment Everywhere program at **3 pm**.

Throughout the Sensory Garden Party (1-4 pm)

- **Hands-on art projects for kids and adults** presented by Main Line Art Center.
- **Live drawing with international artist Paul Santoleri**, recipient of the 2017 Meyer Family Award for Contemporary Art.
- **Interactive art by Leo Hylan, Main Line Art Center's 2016 Digital Artist in Residence**, who works in a plethora of media including programming, photography, filmmaking, video art (installation and VJ), and electronic music.
- **Ceramic popcorn bowl fundraiser and annual ceramics sale** benefitting Main Line Art Center's award-winning programs.
- **Yarn installation with Pennsylvania School for the Deaf** and teaching artist and "yarn bomber" **Jessica Curtaz**.

During the Sensory Garden Party, Main Line Art Center will also present their first annual Main Line Young Artist Awards to local public and private students nominated by their teachers to receive recognition for artistic potential and excellence. Each nominated student will receive a certificate and Membership to Main Line Art Center's creative community where they can continue to develop their skills. Main Line Art Center will also acknowledge the founding graduates of the Art Center's Certificate Program. Developed in 2015, the program provides artists with an affordable, structured plan of learning with critical feedback and professional guidance in a supportive and nurturing environment.

The Sensory Garden Party also serves as a closing reception for Main Line Art Center's Accessible Art Exhibitions Presented at Marple and Ludington Libraries, as well as in the Center's Welcome Gallery. Now in their 53rd year, Accessible Art Programs are offered on-site at Main Line Art Center, as well through partnerships with ARTZ Philadelphia, Association for Frontal Temporal Disorder, Carelink, Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, The Children's School at St. John's, Kaiserman JCC, PA School for the Deaf, theVillage, and Yeshiva Lab School. The Art Center's award-winning Accessible Art Programs instill participants with a sense of belonging, accomplishment, and pride, and are generously supported by CCRES, 1830 Family Foundation, Bill and Bobbie Family Foundation, Elsie Lee Garthwaite Memorial Foundation, George W. Rentschler Foundation, Harriet G. Fredericks Foundation, Karen Lotman, and Victory Foundation.

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. Additionally, the Art Center grants over \$10,000 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, 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 Sensory Garden Party, or the Accessible Art Programs, please visit www.mainlineart.org or call 610.525.0272.

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