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Main Line Art Center's Spring Exhibition, *Art in Action*, Features Community Artists and a Community-Driven Scholarship Drive

Spring Exhibition: April 29-June 2, 2018

Opening Celebration and Scholarship Drive Kick-Off: Saturday, April 28, 6:30-9 pm | Free
Sensory Garden Party: Saturday, June 2, 1-4 pm | Free

HAVERFORD, PA (April 10, 2017)—With a focus on community, Main Line Art Center opens their spring exhibition, *Art in Action*, on Saturday, April 28, with an evening featuring live artmaking and a live auction in support of their scholarship drive. This free event will offer an exclusive first look at the spring exhibition and will feature live artmaking demos by the exhibiting artists. Along with works for sale, a select donated piece from each artist will be up for auction at the event.

For the first time in the Center's history, the opening of *Art in Action* will also kick-off a scholarship drive of the same name. Using the crowdfunding platform gofundme.com, the Center aims to provide more than \$35,000 in scholarships to students with disabilities and those facing economic difficulties in the community. In past years, the Center has granted up to \$12,000 in scholarships, but there is high-demand and those funds are quickly depleted. In lieu of buying tickets to the opening event, attendees will be encouraged to donate to the campaign. The campaign will run through the month of May, ending on June 2, the day of the Center's annual Sensory Garden Party, a free family-friendly event honoring the inspiring artists in the accessible art programs for children and adults with disabilities.

"These scholarships provide need-based tuition assistance to children, adults, seniors, veterans, and families, many of whom otherwise would not have the opportunity to experience the power of artmaking, to build confidence, self-esteem, creativity, and a sense of community," said Thomas Scurto-Davis, Interim Executive Director of Main Line Art Center. "Our tuition assistance programs also support the Center's accessible art programs for adults and children with disabilities, many of which are provided for free, or at little cost to participants."

The *Art In Action* exhibition will feature the work of Jessica Curtaz (in collaboration with The Pennsylvania School for the Deaf), Ariel Edwards, Elaine Lisle, Deirdre Murphy and Scott White (in collaboration with a student from The Shipley School), and Bernice Paul. Paul will celebrate her 101st birthday this month and is the Center's oldest practicing artist and student! These artists each represent a different facet of our creative community: accessible art programs, teachers, students, members, and staff; together they embody the Center's vision of art for everyone. Through *Art in Action*, the Center hopes to raise scholarship funds, celebrate their artistic community and honor their vision of making art accessible to everyone.

Art in Action is sponsored by **Bryn Mawr Trust, High Swartz LLP, Attorneys at Law, Suburban Square, Joshua's Catering, Dis-Comfort Zone** and **The Shipley School**. **Main Line Today** is the official Media Partner.

Beginning April 29, *Art in Action* is free and open to the public. Main Line Art Center's galleries are open Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 9 pm and Friday through Sunday from 9 am to 5 pm. A free public Sensory Garden Party will be held on Saturday, June 2 from 1-4 pm and features family-friendly art activities, live art experiences, and more. For details visit www.mainlineart.org.

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, Main Line Art Center offers educational classes and workshops for all ages, abilities, and economic means and presents innovative exhibitions and events in our galleries and throughout the community. 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 53rd 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.

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