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Main Line Art Center Presents:
Armen Yepoyan's *Distracted by Abstraction: Figuratively Speaking*
June 15 – July 16, 2018
Opening Reception: Thursday, June 21, 2018, 6:00-9:00 pm

HAVERFORD, PA (June 5, 2018) — Main Line Art Center is proud to present the colorful paintings of Armen Yepoyan in a special Summer Gallery Rental Series exhibition titled, *Distracted by Abstraction: Figuratively Speaking*, on view in the Karen and Herbert Lotman Foundation Gallery from June 15 to July 16. An opening reception with the artist will be held on Thursday, June 21 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, free and open to the public.

Yepoyan, a local Wynnewood resident, will show a series of new works on canvas that he describes as a collision of the figurative and abstract, two genres he has explored extensively over the last decade. His acrylic paintings often depict stylized figures on abstract backgrounds that represent his interpretation of nature, leaving the decision of where they are based up to each viewer. An architect and fine art graduate in his native Republic of Armenia, Yepoyan has a unique ability to marry the structural elements of his subjects with the abstract elements of the world around them.

“Looking at a new, white canvas brings a feeling of peace, calmness and purity,” says Yepoyan, “My goal is to utilize the space with vivid colors and abstract compositions that will ultimately leave the same effect of tranquility on the finished artwork.”

Since permanently relocating to the U.S. in 1994, Yepoyan has exhibited extensively in galleries, museums and art centers nationwide, including 10 solo shows to date. His work is part of private and public collections worldwide, including the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia in Washington, D.C., and several corporate commissions, and has been featured in a number of art journals and publications including *Art in America*, *Washington Times*, and *World & I*.

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. 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.

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