The Professional Artist Membership Program (PAM) supports and promotes a select group of Main Line Art Center Members, to aid in their career development.

Important Dates

Application OPEN for PAM program: August 1 - September 17
Notification of acceptance into program: Friday, September 27
Official program start date: Tuesday, October 1
Payment Due: Friday, October 18
Notification of acceptance into exhibition: Friday, November 1
Exhibition: March 13 - April 12
Opening Reception: Friday, March 13

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How it Works

Application for consideration is facilitated through slideroom.mainlineart.org. We cannot accept paper applications. The application period will be open August 1 - September 17. **The revised PAM program for 2020 will cost $75 (plus a $10 processing fee for slideroom) for the YEAR. You must already be a member of the Art Center to be eligible.** The combined program cost of the Professional Artist Membership and regular Art Center membership will be $125 (regular) or $120 (senior) for 2020. **Membership payment is due October 18 and payment must be received in order to be considered for the exhibition.**

Artists will provide 5 - 7 images of their work created within the past 3 years, an artist statement, bio, and CV. Acceptance into the program is based on quality of work, exhibition experience including but not limited to: gallery representation, inclusion in notable exhibitions, participation in museum collections, and regular art sales. Please be as specific as possible in your application.

Admission into the program is by juried selection, on an annual basis in September. It will be a selective group, and only 50 PAMs will be accepted each year. The 2020 exhibition will be juried, and a maximum of 25 artists will be chosen to participate to present 1 to 3 pieces contingent on space. The exhibition jurors will select pieces from each of those artists for the exhibition. (substitutions for sold or new work can be made if necessary). The jurors are TBA.

Program Benefits

- PAMs are eligible for "PAM of the Month" in which one piece from a chosen artist will be highlighted for the month at the Art Center. PAM of the Month will also be included on the website homepage.
- Opportunity to join PAM exclusive Facebook group that will enable more sharing and independence among PAMs.
- The PAM page will have a new home on the Art Center’s website under Exhibitions.
- PAMs receive 65% commission on all artwork sales at the Art Center.
- Bi-Monthly peer critique nights at the Art Center with light refreshments.
- PAMs juried into the PAM exhibition may exhibit 1-3 pieces/all PAMs can participate in Annual Members Exhibition, potential Welcome Gallery Open Calls, and other exhibition opportunities as available.
- Opportunities throughout the year to register for exclusive PAM trips and outings.
- PAM artists are represented on the MLAC website with their own web page including: 3 images, biography, artist statement and link to artist’s own website.
- All PAMs receive monthly PAM Newsletter which includes exhibitions, events, and opportunities in and around the area that are beneficial to their artistic growth.
- Discounted rates for lectures, professional development opportunities, and events.
- Social media posts and shout outs highlighting PAMs on Art Center social outlets.