

What is Artists Equity Association?

Artists Equity is a non-profit organization for professional fine artists. AE was founded as a mean's for fine artists to work collectively to address the concerns of the profession. Philadelphia Tri/State Artists Equity has been working since 1947 to advance and serve the profession of the fine artist in the Greater Philadelphia area, and in New Jersey and Delaware.

Historically, Artists Equity championed improved economic and working conditions for artists, as well as the protection and expansion of artists' rights. AE's accomplishments include the successful establishment of a 1% for art ordinance in Philadelphia (the first of its kind in the country), the organization of a Symposium for Health Hazards in the Visual Arts at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the sponsorship of many celebrations of the fine arts throughout the Delaware Valley. Artists who founded AE knew that the profession needed a trade association improve economic and working conditions for fine artists. Distinguished artists, past and present who have been members of AE include Benton Spruance, Sam Maitin, Ethel Lunenfeld, and many others.

Why should you support Artists Equity?

Artists are a valuable national resource. We must be recognized as serious professionals who deserve to work in an environment conducive to creativity, to be compensated accordingly and to be protected by enlightened laws and public policy. When we speak with one voice, we can influence the conditions that affect all our lives.



Mission: To advance and serve the profession of the visual fine artist in the tri-state region.

Benefits of an AE Membership

- An opportunity to participate in the AE Anniversary Exhibition and smaller Select Exhibitions, with no entry fees
- The Mentors Program and Peer to Peer Resource Sharing
- You will receive "Equity" the AE newsletter and be included in the member list published each February
- You will also receive a subscription to *Art Matters*, the regions art newspaper delivered to your home (a \$19.95 value)
- Discounts at local art supply stores including Utrecht, Rubensteins, Amoeba, Rainbow Arts & Crafts; visit <http://www.artistsequity.org/links.html> for a full listing
- Networking opportunities
- Best Practices for artists including topics such as business matters, copyright, and licensing
- Invitations to participate in programs, lectures, and panels with topics of interest to artists: The Gallery Scene, marketing and promoting your work, copyright, critiques by curators and jurors, and much more.
- You will also be supporting legislative advocacy for fine artists

Additional Benefits of an AE Membership

- Hotline for ethics problems
- Hotline for art health hazards

For more information about Artists Equity visit the web site www.artistsequity.org

Artists Equity is governed by a member elected, all artist volunteer board.

Ask your friends to support you by joining *Friends of Artist Equity*. It is an easy way for them to help us help you.

For more information visit the web site www.friends-of-ae.org or send a SASE to:

FRIENDS of AE
P.O. Box 176
Spring House, PA 19477

ARTISTS EQUITY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

JUNE 1 2008-DECEMBER 31, 2009

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

E-mail address: _____

Web site url: _____

Phone: () _____

Your Primary Medium(s): _____

CHECK YOUR INTEREST:

- Serving on a Committee / Board of Directors
 Writing / Editorial
 Promotion / Advertising
 Outreach / Planning / Other _____

Membership Information:

Is your membership New **or** Renewal

Classification (check one):

- Active Member \$40.00 annual dues
 Joint Members \$60.00
annual dues for two members living at the same address
 Member age 65+, \$30.00 annual dues

All dues must be paid prior to the entry date to enter exhibits and to receive other benefits. Please Note dues do not include membership in National Artists Equity Association. Membership is nontransferable.

SEND your completed application and a check (made payable to: Philadelphia/Tri State Artists Equity Association) to: **ARTISTS EQUITY**

**22 Laurel Gate Place
Millersville, PA 17551**

Dear Colleague,

Artists Equity's mission is to advance and serve the profession of the fine artist in the tri-state region. AE works to build respect for visual artists through exhibits, advocacy, policies to protect artists, and educational programs. By joining Artists Equity, you will help us meet these goals.

Artists Equity organizes member exhibits at regional museums, university galleries and public spaces which give artist members an opportunity to be seen by a broad public. In the past we have been able to partner with the Woodmere Art Museum, the Berman Museum of Art at Ursinus College, Villanova University, the Art Institute of Philadelphia, the American College, Gloucester County College in New Jersey, the Noyes Museum, and the Federal Reserve Bank in Philadelphia.

Join and you'll receive the benefits of membership like a subscription to *Art Matters*, opportunities to participate in AE shows, *Equity*, the informative AE Newsletter, the Mentors Program, Peer to Peer Resource Sharing, invitations to the gallery scene and marketing programs, and the intangible (such as taking part in a mission of gaining equity for fine artists).

Artists Equity is one of the few organizations that addresses the concerns of the professional fine artist. Please accept this invitation to join. Artists Equity needs your support and commitment.

Sincerely,



Karen Kappe Nugent
Artists Equity President



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