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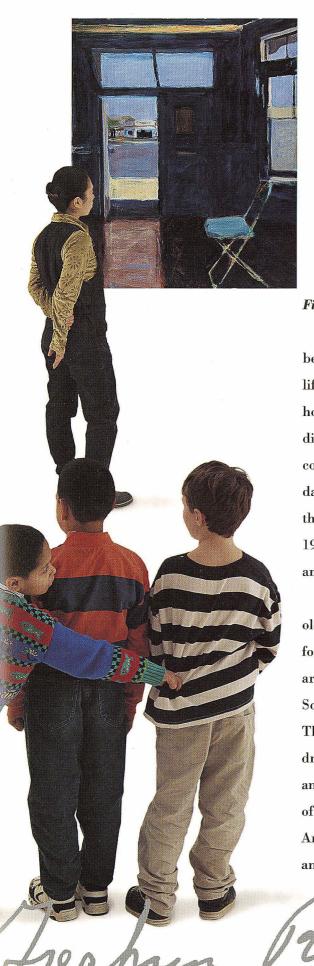
The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, America's first art museum and school of the fine arts, has always set a standard for education in American visual art. It continues to do so and remains an integral part of the Philadelphia community.

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#### Fiscal 1995/96 Year in Review

The arts are alive and well, despite decreasing public funding, because the private sector values the importance of quality of life within a diverse community. In today's world of two income households and electronic media, the arts and culture are shedding their elitist trappings and moving into the mainstream of community life. From opera to art museums, from orchestras to dance companies, there is an awakening and a popularization of the fine and performing arts on a scale not seen since the early 1960's. Importantly, there is a growing diversity among audiences and artists.

The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, the nation's oldest fine arts institution, has maintained its vitality since its founding in 1805 by balancing strength of tradition with changing artistic vision. True to its founding principles, the Academy's School provides a classical grounding in the training of artists. The School is famous for emphasizing a solid foundation in drawing and media application, combined with expert mentoring and the individual freedom to develop ones own style and manner of artistic expression. The Pennsylvainia Academy of the Fine Arts is, and has always been, a chronicler of our artistic heritage and a forum for its growth and evolution. 3

#### Strengthening The Academy School

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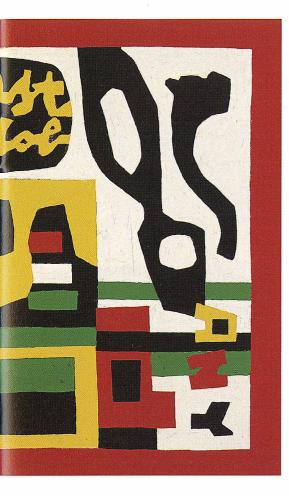
The continuing strength of the Academy School in its Certificate, Graduate, and collaborative Bachelor of Fine Arts programs (with the University of Pennsylvania and the University of the Arts) was evidenced by strong enrollment demand and the School's reaccreditation by the National Association of Colleges of Art and Design for another ten years. The Master of Fine Arts program received final approval by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is attracting applicants from across the nation in only its fifth year. Reflecting the recognition of the Academy faculty in the art world, the Philadelphia Museum of Art mounted a one-person exhibition of works by faculty member Sidney Goodman.

During the year, more than 1,000 people enrolled in the Academy's evening and summer, continuing education and personal enrichment classes.

Reinforcing the Academy's role as a forum for artistic







expression, artist and educator Neil Welliver delivered the commencement address and noted art critic, philosopher, writer and professor of philosophy at Columbia University, Arthur C. Danto, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. 5

#### Diversifying Audiences: The Museum of American Art

The year was one of growth and critical acclaim for the Academy's Museum of American Art. The Museum diversified its audiences and provided innovative programs and exhibitions. From the exhibition of works by the "electronic age" Korean-American artist Nam June Paik to the internationally praised presentation of American modernists, titled "To Be Modern: American Encounters with Cezanne and Company," the Museum saw unprecedented growth in attendance and media recognition. Complementing the Philadelphia Museum of Art's blockbuster "Cezanne" exhibition, "To Be Modern" was touted in the local, national and international news media as one of two must-see exhibitions

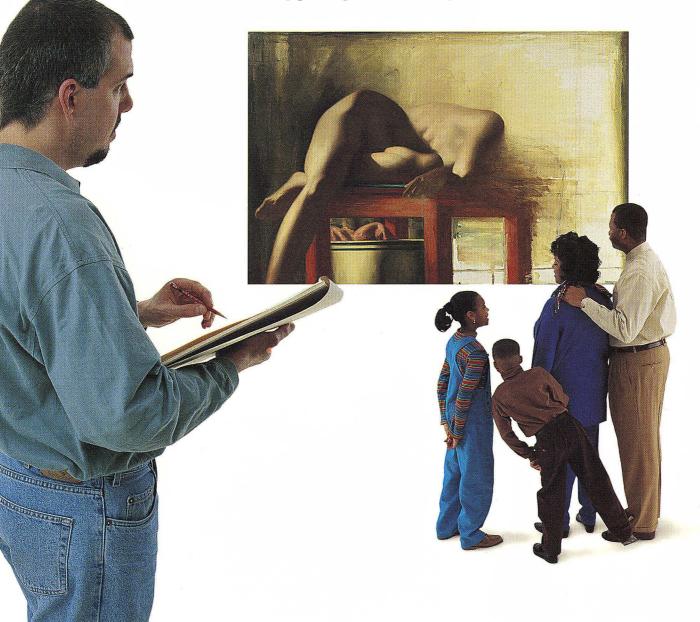


that made Philadelphia the "Summer art capital of the nation."

Another important factor in diversifying the Museum's audience this past year was the artistic popularity of the Morris Gallery Series, which featured an ethnically and artistically diverse series of small exhibitions by emerging Philadelphia artists.

Drawing on one of the unique strengths as an Academy, the Museum and School together presented a comprehensive

> exhibition and series of Master Classes by esteemed area artist, Nelson Shanks. Internationally acclaimed, Mr. Shanks brought his experience and expertise, along with some of his most noteworthy paintings to the Academy.



#### Institutional Growth and Community Outreach

Museum admissions grew by 30 percent to nearly 75,000. More than 19,000 school children participated in the Museum Visit Program. A comprehensive classroom and Museum-based learning project was developed in cooperation with the Philadelphia School District. The program enlivens regular public and parochial school class studies in geography, history, English, mathematics and science by using the Museum's collection as a teaching aid. The program also aids teachers in



improving students' reading and writing skills through special classroom workshops and lesson plans. The majority of participating students are from inner-city schools and are sponsored by foundation and corporate underwriting.

The John McShain Charities, Inc. generously provided funding for the implementation of an advanced art enrichment program for local high school students. Held in the Academy's renowned cast studios, this unique, innovative program focuses on drawing, painting, sculpture, and portfolio building. The McShain Program is coordinated and instructed by an Academy





faculty member who is assisted by two specially trained graduate students from the School's Master of Fine Arts program.

Funding for a second, unique advanced art enrichment program at the Academy for high school students is provided by The Connelly Foundation. This innovative program focused on American art history, art criticism, art making, diversity in American art and the traditions of excellence in the Academy's collection and School. The Connelly Program is coordinated in a joint Museum and School effort by a faculty member and a Museum Education Specialist. A team of specially trained Master of Fine Arts students teach in this program as well.

The Women's Committee of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, a standing committee of the Board of Trustees, has played a major role in community outreach and fundraising since the Committee's inception in 1950. In addition to the highly

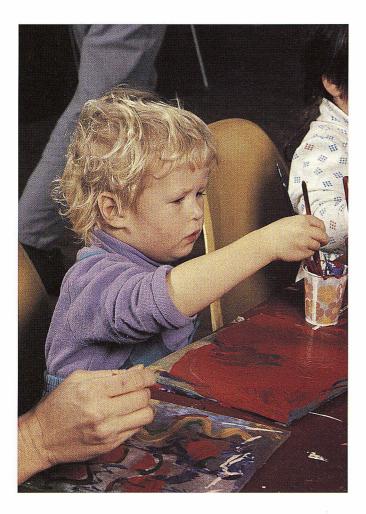
successful USArtists Exposition and Sale of American Art, fundraising for the year included the Preview Party for the Annual Student Exposition, Art Safaris to east coast cities, as well as extended art adventures through the U.S. and abroad. Also, the Women's Committee concerned itself with non-academic affairs of Academy students by hosting an annual Holiday Luncheon in December and a Graduation Luncheon in May.

Showcasing exclusively American fine arts, the fifth annual USArtists Exposition brought together galleries, artists, sponsors and visitors from across the region and country in October. The opening Preview Gala benefit boasted the largest audience and gift to the Academy in its history. USArtists, as the only art fair of its kind in the country, continued to generate farreaching exposure to the City's development as a major arts center.



The Pennsylvania Academy is greater than the sum of its parts. More than a school for developing artists, more than a repository for artistic treasures, it is an integral part of our shared experience.

The 1995/96 fiscal year was one of significant excitement and accomplishment for our students, faculty, members, visitors and all who value the creation and preservation of the visual arts.



#### **Painting Key**

Cover, Page 1	Stuart Davis, <i>Table with Pipe</i> 1922 Oil on canvas
Page 2, left	Milton Avery, Nude with Blue Cloth 1944 Oil on canvas board
Page 2, right	Morris Blackburn, Appalachian Spring I 1946-47
Page 3	Oil on canvas Richard Diebenkorn, Interior with Doorway 1962
Page 4-5	Oil on canvas Stuart Davis, <i>Letter and His Ecol</i> 1962
Page 6, top	Oil on canvas Jacob Lawrence, Dream Series # 5: The Library
Page 6, bottom	1967 Tempera on board Sidney Goodman, <i>Nude on a Red Table</i> 1977-80 O'l
Page 7	Oil on canvas Stuart Davis, <i>Ultra-Marine</i> 1943 Oil
Page 8, left	Oil on canvas Arthur B. Carles, <i>White Callas</i> 1925-27 Oil on canvas
Page 8, right	Red Grooms, A Room in Connecticut 1984 Oil on canvas and acrylic on Plexiglas with aluminum frame



Acquisitions, Exhibitions, Publications Acquisitions 1995-96

#### Gifts

George R. Bunker In the Quarry 1956 Collage on cardboard Landscape 1973Serigraph Still Life with Bottles 1951 Lithograph on Rives paper Study Related to "Back Shore, Baker" ca. 1963 Pastel and collage Transaction 1980 Collage Gift of George R. Bunker Living Trust, 1995.7.1-5

Donald E. Camp Dr. William Roberts, Counselor, North America, Baha'i Faith 1992 Earth pigment and casein monoprint on Arches paper Gift of Margot and Nathaniel Litt, 1995.8

Lucy Hayward-Barker Male Nude Leaning 1896 Oil on canvas Woman with Tilted Head ca. 1895 Oil on canvas Gift of Lucy H. McCargar-White, granddaughter of the artist, 1995.9.1 and 2 Albert B. Serwazi Sketch for "Red Table Cover" 1939 Graphite, watercolor, gouache and pastel on paper Gift of William H. Campbell, 1995.11

Stuart Shils On the Delaware 1994 Oil on Rives BFK paper Gift of Benjamin W. and Deborah T. Mangel, 1995.10

Marianna Sloan Chickens ca. 1900 Landscape with Trees ca. 1905 Gouache on illustration board Gift of William P. Starr, Jr., in memory of Suzanne A. Starr, 1996.2.1 and 2

#### Purchase

Horseless Table (from Kinship Series) 1994 Lithograph on white Rives BFK paper Museum of American Art of the Pennsylvania Academy Purchase Prize from the 98th Annual Fellowship Exhibition, 1996.1

#### **Exhibitions**

Whistler vs. Sargent: Cosmopolitan Aesthetic Dialogues October 1995 through February 1996

Electronic Super Highway: Nam June Paik in the 90s October 1995 through January 1996

Contemporary Still Lifes February through April 1996

Artist's Choice: Sidney Goodman February through April, 1996

Annual Student Exhibition and Graduate Thesis Exhibition May 10 through June 2, 1996

Two Centuries of Collecting at the Museum of American Art (continuous exhibition of the Permanent Collection)

To Be Modern: American Encounters with Cezanne and Company June 14 through September 29, 1996

#### **Publications**

To Be Modern: American Encounters with Cezanne and Company Sylvia Yount and Elizabeth Johns Museum of American Art of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Distributed by University of Pennsylvania Press

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Perhaps the most significant accomplishment of the year was the Academy's repayment of internal debt to the unrestricted endowment fund — an accomplishment that serves as the basis for optimism as the Academy approaches the 21st Century. In recognition of progress and efforts to stabilize operations and develop sound strategic plans for the future, the Academy applied for, and recieved, a two-year operating grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts, as well as a two-year operating grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. The Pew grant was one of a select few awarded to area cultural institutions under the Trusts' stringent, new Philadelphia Cultural Leadership Program.

While fiscal year 1995/96 was a success for many reasons, much remains to be done. Museum membership must be increased; the acquisitions program must be advanced; exhibitions and programs must continue to focus on meeting the interests and needs of the community; and the Academy must solve the problem of insufficient space for both the School and the Musuem. The track record of four consecutive years of stable operations and growing public interest is encouraging as



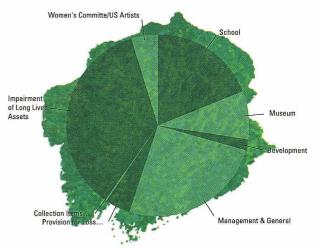
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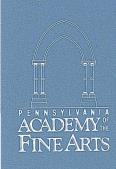
otal Support and Revenue	$15,\!171,\!674$	Trust Income
Women's Committee/USArtists	289,363	Tuition and Fees
Other Income	276,251	
Restricted Fund Support	1,466,276	
Museum Admissions	216,109	Net Sales
Net Sales	301,378	Museum Admissions
Tuition and Fees	2,724,060	
Trust Income	143,318	Restricted Fund Support
Bequest Revenue	8,500,000	
Unrestricted Gifts and Grants	1,254,919	Women's Committee/USArtists Other Income
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#### **Operating Expenses**

Excess Revenue Over Expense	631,690
Total Operating Expenses	14,539,984
Women's Committee/USArtists	668,446
Impairment of Long Lived Assets	5,170,086
Collection Items Purchased but not Capitalized	37,015
Provision for Loss on Invested Funds	645,000
Management and General	3,755,269
Development	247,271
Museum	1,247,812
School	2,769,085



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