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***Philip Pearlstein: Seventy-Five Years of Painting* at Susquehanna Art Museum**

Harrisburg, PA – The Susquehanna Art Museum announces an upcoming survey exhibition of paintings by internationally acclaimed master realist Philip Pearlstein (b. 1924, Pittsburgh, PA). This groundbreaking collection includes the artist's earliest works through the development of the modern figure paintings for which he is best known. ***Philip Pearlstein: Seventy-Five Years of Painting*** will be on view in the Susquehanna Art Museum's main gallery February 11 – May 21, 2017.

Working only from life, never photographs, Pearlstein has become renowned for realistic depictions of models in complex interiors. The ability to look objectively at the human body as an object in the scene, one element of an overall composition, has characterized Pearlstein's larger-than-life paintings for decades.

Among Pearlstein's honors are a National Endowment for the Arts grant, a Guggenheim Foundation fellowship, and election to the American Academy of Arts and Letters, where he served as President from 2003 - 2006. He has been a dedicated teacher throughout his career, notably at Pratt Institute and Brooklyn College of The City University of New York. In 2008 he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from The National Academy, New York, and the Scholastic Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award. His works are found in the collections of over seventy museums in the United States, including the Art Institute of Chicago, the Corcoran Gallery of Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art and the Whitney Museum of American Art. Pearlstein, age 92, currently lives and works in New York City. He is represented by the Betty Cuninghame Gallery.

Philip Pearlstein: Seventy-Five Years of Painting opens with a Members' Only Preview on Friday, February 10th from 5 - 7 pm. The exhibit will be on view to the general public starting on Saturday, February 11 and continuing through Sunday, May 21, 2017.

A very special *Evening with Philip Pearlstein* will take place on Thursday, February 9. For more information on this special event, please contact Alice Anne Schwab at ASchwab@SusquehannaArtMuseum.org

This exhibition is sponsored by a generous contribution from FMA Advisory, Inc.

The Susquehanna Art Museum offers innovative and engaging exhibitions enjoyed by visitors of all ages. As Harrisburg's only dedicated art museum, it is a cultural anchor for central Pennsylvania. Located at 1401 N. 3rd Street in historic Midtown Harrisburg, SAM is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday from noon to 5 pm.

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