



### ***PAAM Collection & Exhibitions Backgrounder***

Provincetown Art Association and Museum (PAAM) maintains nearly 3,000 pieces of 20<sup>th</sup>- and 21<sup>st</sup>- century impressionist, abstract expressionist, modernist and contemporary American artwork created by more than 600 artists who studied, created and lived on the tip of Cape Cod.

Pieces from PAAM's growing permanent collection not only tour the U.S., but also serve as focal points for on-site exhibitions that draw more than 45,000 visitors annually --making PAAM the most widely visited museum on Cape Cod. PAAM actively seeks new additions to its collection, just as it has done since the 19th century, earning the organization praise among scholars and critics who consider the PAAM holdings an invaluable resource within the art community. PAAM is accredited by the American Association of Museums (AAM), the highest national recognition for a museum. Accreditation signifies excellence to the museum community, governments, funders, outside agencies and the museum-going public.

A carefully selected exhibition schedule balances contemporary and historic works of art:

#### **COLLECTION / TOURING EXHIBITIONS**

PAAM's exhibitions are further enhanced by artwork loaned from other well-known museums including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Corcoran Gallery of Art, and the Museum of Modern Art, enriching PAAM's annual exhibition schedule.

#### **SCHOOL EXHIBITIONS**

Exhibitions featuring works created by elementary through high school students, local educators, and Museum School faculty are regularly mounted in the galleries and Museum School studios, celebrating PAAM's diverse educational community.

#### **MEMBERS' JURIED EXHIBITIONS**

Artist-members display their work in open, juried, and invitational exhibitions throughout the year. In many cases, participating artists earn local gallery representation, or their work is included in the museum's permanent collection as a result of having shown at PAAM.

#### **COLLABORATIVE EXHIBITIONS**

PAAM's collaborative exhibitions highlight works by artists from the Massachusetts College of Art and Provincetown's Fine Arts Works Center, offering fresh perspectives from some of the country's most talented emerging creative minds.

*Provincetown Art Association and Museum was founded in 1914 and is dedicated to promoting and cultivating the practice and appreciation of all branches of the fine arts, to assemble and maintain in the town of Provincetown a collection of works of art, to hold exhibitions, and to promote education of the public in the arts through forums, concerts, and similar activities.*