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PAFA and Temple University's Tyler School of Art and Architecture Announce New Partnership

Collaboration expands academic programs, creates new opportunities, and strengthens Philadelphia's Avenue of the Arts

Philadelphia, PA — September 12, 2025 — The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts (PAFA) is pleased to announce a new partnership with Temple University's Tyler School of Art and Architecture. Beginning October 15, Tyler will lease space in PAFA's Samuel M.V. Hamilton Building, expanding academic programs, launching a critic-in-residence initiative, and providing Tyler graduates with valuable studio opportunities.

The partnership also grants Tyler students, faculty, and staff access to the PAFA Museum and its renowned collections, enhancing academic and professional development across both institutions.

"For more than two centuries, PAFA has shaped artists and contributed to Philadelphia's cultural vitality," said Don Caldwell, PAFA Board Chair. "This partnership with Temple and Tyler aligns two distinguished institutions to strengthen opportunities for students and deepen Philadelphia's role as a national center for the arts."

PAFA looks forward to advancing this collaboration and its impact on the arts community.

About the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts (PAFA)

Founded in 1805, PAFA is America's first school and museum of fine arts. PAFA's mission is to promote the transformative power of art and art-making by inspiring students, artists, and audiences through exceptional exhibitions, education programs, and a world-class permanent collection of American art. PAFA's distinguished alumni include some of the

nation's most celebrated artists, and its dual role as a museum and art school uniquely positions it to shape the future of American art.

About Temple University's Tyler School of Art and Architecture

Established in 1935, the Tyler School of Art and Architecture at Temple University is one of the nation's leading centers for the study of visual arts, design, and built environments. With programs spanning fine arts, design, architecture, and art education, Tyler fosters creativity, critical thinking, and innovation. Tyler's faculty, students, and alumni are deeply engaged in shaping cultural and civic life locally and globally, reflecting Temple University's mission as a comprehensive urban public research university.

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