

## ACCREDITATION

The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts is authorized by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the State Department of Education to offer the following degrees: a Master of Fine Arts degree and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art degree. It is also chartered to offer a Certificate that represents the completion of a 120-credit program in the fine arts.

The Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts is also accredited by its national arts accreditation organization, the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) to offer the degrees of Master of Fine Arts and the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art with a major in Fine Arts, as well as the Certificate and the Post-Baccalaureate non-degree programs. NASAD is a specialized accrediting agency for schools of art and design and is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Through a long-standing agreement with the University of Pennsylvania, Academy students may obtain a BFA from the University of Pennsylvania after having obtained 90 studio arts credits in the Academy's Certificate Program.

With the addition of an undergraduate degree program to supplement its long established studio art program leading to its Certificate, the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts is now an official "Candidate for Accreditation" by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (267) 284-5000. This status was granted in March, 2010.

From the Middle States Commission on Higher Education:

*"Candidate Accreditation is a status of affiliation with a regional accrediting commission which indicates that an institution has achieved recognition and is progressing toward, but not assured of, accreditation. It has provided evidence of sound planning, seems to have the resources to implement the plans, and appears to have the potential for obtaining its goals within a reasonable time."*