

Pratt Fine Arts Center's mission is to foster a creative, inclusive art-making community, providing access to quality education and professionally equipped studios for everyone.

We are seeking Board members to join us in promoting the joy and transformative power of art and actively support the development of visual artists in our region. **To learn more about Pratt Fine Arts Center and our Board opportunities, please follow this [link](#).**

## **Mission**

**To foster a creative, inclusive art-making community, providing access to quality education and professionally equipped studios for everyone. We promote the joy and transformative power of art and actively support the development of visual artists.**

## **Programs:**

Pratt offers art classes for all ages, all skill levels, and all abilities. Students receive professional artist instruction in an environment that allows participants to expand their skills as widely as their aptitudes and imaginations permit.

Pratt also offers independent access to its professionally equipped studios, providing shared access to the resources required for artists and hobbyists to pursue their crafts.

Pratt is the only facility in the Northwest where absolute beginners and established professional artists work side-by-side creating art in: glass; metal, stone and wood sculpture; jewelry and metalsmithing; painting; drawing; printmaking; and mixed media.

## **History:**



Pratt Fine Arts Center serves as a **lasting tribute to Edwin T. Pratt**, a man who relentlessly championed open and equal access to educational and housing opportunities for all of Seattle's residents. Pratt Fine Arts Center honors his memory by continuing to pursue its mission of making art education accessible to everyone, for people of all ages, all skill levels, and all backgrounds.

Operating as a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization since 1976, Pratt has had a huge impact on the creative health of our community and launched the careers of many established local, regional, and nationally known artists. What began as a small arts center with big dreams has grown to become a beloved resource for thousands of students and hundreds of working artists annually.

Pratt has catalyzed artmaking for 47 years. Below is a tour of Making our Mark, a commemorative exhibition at Bellevue Arts Museum featuring work from nearly 300 talented teaching artists throughout Pratt's influential history. You can also see a **video** about Pratt and our history, and learn more about our current operation, by clicking on Pratt's most recent **Impact Report**.

### **Commitment to Racial Equity:**

Pratt Fine Arts Center recognizes that institutional racism, through conscious and unconscious practices, creates vast disparities in access to publicly funded services, including arts education and support for artists. We have committed to racial equity as a core value and ongoing practice, allocating resources to the breakdown of systemic barriers and the development of equitable solutions organization-wide. To learn more, [click here](#).

### **Pratt + YOU! Board opportunities:**

As Pratt Fine Arts Center looks towards our 50th anniversary and embarks on our new strategic plan, we are excited to expand our board of trustees.

As a community-centered arts organization, we are committed to building and maintaining a board that is reflective of the community we serve and equipped with the capacities to support Pratt's long-term financial and organizational health.

We welcome prospective board members with prior nonprofit board experience, and are equally committed to supporting skill development for people who are new to board service.

**Key characteristics and capacities:**

- A deep commitment to Pratt’s mission and values. You believe in the power of art making and the importance of sustaining a creative, inclusive art-making community for beginners and professional visual artists alike.
- You are excited to champion Pratt’s mission and work to grow the organization’s network of students, artists, volunteers, donors, and community partners.
- A commitment to anti-racism and abundant inclusion.
- Experience with one or more of the following:
  - Strategic planning, particularly for nonprofits
  - Finance
  - Legal expertise
  - Marketing
  - Community outreach and engagement
  - Volunteer coordination
  - Facilities and building maintenance
  - Fundraising and revenue development
  - Event planning
  - Training and/or leading with DEIAB
  - Regional cultural expertise

**Time Commitment:**

Board meetings are held every other month (6 per a year) on the evening of the third Wednesday of the month. In addition, board members support an annual day-long board-staff retreat and serve on a board committee.

Board members serve a 3-year term, with an option to renew for a second 3-year term. Most board members serve for 6 years.

In addition, board members are expected to support Pratt through classes, our annual Open House (Fall), and Auction (Spring).

**To apply:**

Please fill out the application form - <https://forms.gle/EbePcnkxhWk1sdo9>

We will contact you with the email that you will provide us.

**Interested in learning more?**

Please email Pratt Board President, Dian Hartono for an initial conversation about you and Pratt:  
[dian.hartono@gmail.com](mailto:dian.hartono@gmail.com).