

WILLAMETTE ART MODELS GUILD

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I. MISSION STATEMENT

The Willamette Art Models Guild (WAMG) was established in 1996 as an association of independent and individual fine art models, formed for the mutual aid and protection of its members.

II. INTRODUCTION

The goals of this organization include promoting and securing good working conditions and fair compensation for professional art modeling. WAMG encourages a membership that is professional in its relations to area artists, teachers, institutions, and other employers, as well as colleagues of art models. In addition, the Guild offers support to its member through open discussion and education of drawbacks, rewards, and other nuances related to our field. WAMG provides a community that stems from the shared experience and common goals of its members. Finally, as an integral part of the art community, WAMG endeavors to support and promote the arts in general.

III. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ART MODELS

Personal Respect: The modeling session shall be conducted with dignity. Instructors or session organizers are responsible for the conduct of their students or participants.

Working Conditions: The studio environment must be safe, clean and reasonably comfortable.

Posing Standards: Poses must be acceptable to the model, adequate breaks are required, and session length must be reasonable.

Contractual Agreements: Payment is due at time of session, or by a previously agreed upon schedule, and is expected for cancellations within 24 hours of scheduled sessions. Models should provide at least 24 hours notice of cancellation, and suggest an alternate. Models will arrive on time and not leave early. Sessions will not go beyond the scheduled time.

Consent of Photography: No photograph will be taken without prior notice to and agreement of the model. No photograph will be exhibited or submitted for publication without the model's written and witnessed consent.

Sexual Harassment: Any inappropriate physical conduct in the work place, under any circumstances, is not tolerable. Though WAMG is not a regulatory body, it is a forum wherein models share information and discuss their work experience.

Artists' Privacy: Artists' work and ideas are private and need not be shared. Art models will respect requests for confidentiality.

IV. SERVICES

For individuals interested in becoming art models, WAMG provides resource materials on the art of modeling as well as information on employment opportunities available in the area.

For professional models who choose to become Guild members, WAMG offers year-long placement on the *Freelance Art Models List*, a quarterly publication, currently sent to over 80 greater Portland area art model employers, that provides the art community with a reliable means of contacting experienced art models for employment purposes. Each potential employer is carefully screened before being entered in the list-receiving database, and those who do receive the list are instructed on its responsible use. Before being placed on the *Freelance Art Models List*, each art model is asked to supply two professional modeling references.

WAMG also publishes *The Nude Examiner*, a free newsletter sent to all area art models regardless of membership status.