



# McLean Project for the Arts

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### **McLean Project for the Arts Announces Leadership Transition**

**McLean VA:** The Board of Directors of the McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Lori Carbonneau as MPA's new Executive Director.

MPA is executing a well-planned leadership transition, as Lori Carbonneau becomes MPA's Executive Director concurrent with Susan Corrigan's retirement from the role. This transition enhances MPA's ability to continue its important visual arts programming for residents of the McLean community and the Greater Washington DC area.

Prior to her appointment as MPA's Executive Director, Ms. Carbonneau was MPA's Director of Information Strategies, Membership and Special Events Management. In that role, she planned and implemented a Customer Response Management (CRM) system for MPA. Ms. Carbonneau also was instrumental in planning MPA events including MPAartfest, the organization's annual visual arts festival held in McLean Central Park every October.

Through her business and volunteer experience, Ms. Carbonneau has attained a depth of knowledge and expertise in the areas of membership development, enhancing the customer experience and information management systems that will certainly benefit MPA's future. During the course of her career, she has held leadership positions with several noteworthy organizations including: McKinsey & Company, Dell Computer Corporation, and Bausch & Lomb. Ms. Carbonneau is a graduate of Princeton University and earned an M.B.A. from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. Within the community, she is a member of McLean's New Dominion Women's Club. She volunteers with non-profit education and workforce development organizations in Fairfax County as well. Ms. Carbonneau was raised in the area, attended Fairfax County Public Schools and lives in McLean with her family.

Ms. Corrigan, a respected leader in the national and international nonprofit sector, has made a lasting contribution by expanding several of MPA's art education programs. Under her guidance, the growth of ArtReach student tours, art classes, summer art camps and STEAM (STEM + Art) initiatives allows MPA to reach more people in our community, including students from Title I schools, seniors and individuals with special needs.

We thank both Susan Corrigan and Lori Carbonneau for achieving this effective organizational transition, bolstering MPA's continuing efforts to provide outstanding visual arts exhibitions, education and programs.

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**About McLean Project for the Arts (MPA):**

McLean Project for the Arts (MPA), a 501(c)(3) organization, was founded in 1962 by a dedicated group of visionary artists who understood the importance of contemporary art as a way to engage and enlighten people. MPA continues to exhibit exceptional contemporary artwork created by established and emerging artists throughout the Mid-Atlantic Region in MPA's three galleries located in the McLean Community Center (MCC) in Northern Virginia.

MPA's highly regarded *ArtReach* program takes art lessons into Fairfax County Public Schools and senior centers. *ArtReach* also brings students, seniors, those who are physically challenged and those with special needs into the MPA galleries for exhibition tours and hands-on art activities.

Additionally, MPA provides a range of opportunities to learn about and create visual art. MPA's education programs for adults bring innovative and informative art historians, curators, artists, and art experts into the heart of McLean for enlightening and informative presentations in MPA's Emerson Gallery. MPA offers a wide variety of art classes and workshops taught by professional artist-educators for adults, teens and children in MPA's Susan B. DuVal Studio at the McLean Community Center.

Visit **McLean Project for the Arts** at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean, VA 22101, or at <http://www.mpaart.org/> or call MPA at 703-790-1953 to learn more.

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