



McLean Project for the Arts

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Breaking News: McLean Project for the Arts to open second location in downtown McLean

McLean, VA: In December, 2016, McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) will open a second location at 1446 Chain Bridge Road in the space between CVS and Kazan Restaurant at Chain Bridge Corner Shopping Center in downtown McLean. MPA, in residence at the McLean Community Center (MCC) for more than 25 years, must relocate temporarily while the MCC undergoes a major renovation in spring, 2017. Until then, MPA's existing galleries and DuVal Studio in the MCC will remain open and active. The new location, called **MPA@ChainBridge**, will have an exhibition gallery as well as art education space. Once the renovation begins, MPA@ChainBridge will serve as MPA's primary gallery, classroom and office space for about two years.

A number of exhibitions and events are planned for the new location. The inaugural exhibition, scheduled for early December, will feature large-scale photography by David A. Douglas. An opening reception is planned and will be free and open to the public. Plans for a pop-up party are also in the works.

"We're thrilled about our new gallery space, and we are grateful to McLean Properties for helping us find this wonderful location in downtown McLean," said Lori Carbonneau, MPA's Executive Director. "MPA will continue with its mission to exhibit contemporary art by critically acclaimed mid-Atlantic artists and offer the high-quality educational programs and art classes that we're known for. We'll be doing that in both locations until next spring. We hope to see old friends and make lots of new ones while we're here."

Vidal Sadaka, Principal of McLean Properties commented, "For years we have been so impressed with MPA's ArtReach program that brings school children, seniors and people with disabilities into the galleries for art education. We are excited to help this amazing program continue its remarkable growth while the McLean Community Center undergoes its renovation."

McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) is one of the region's most respected visual arts centers. MPA was founded in 1962 as the "Emerson Gallery" by a dedicated group of visionary artists who understood the importance of contemporary art as a way to engage and enlighten people.

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Each year MPA provides 15 outstanding contemporary arts exhibitions that showcase the work of emerging and established artists based in the Mid-Atlantic region. MPA offers more than 160 art courses and Summer STEAM Camp, taught by highly qualified MPA faculty. MPA's award winning ArtReach program educates more than 3,000 students, in partnership with the Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax County community centers, senior programs, and community organizations serving K-12 students, seniors, and people with special needs. Each October, MPA presents MPAartfest, an annual outdoor visual arts festival attended by thousands of DC metro area residents.

MPA is supported through grants from the Arts Council of Fairfax County, National Endowment for the Arts, The Virginia Commission for the Arts, and many other generous individuals, companies and foundations.

McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit contemporary visual arts organization located within the McLean Community Center at 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA. For more information, visit www.mpaart.org or call (703) 790-1953.

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