



McLean Project for the Arts

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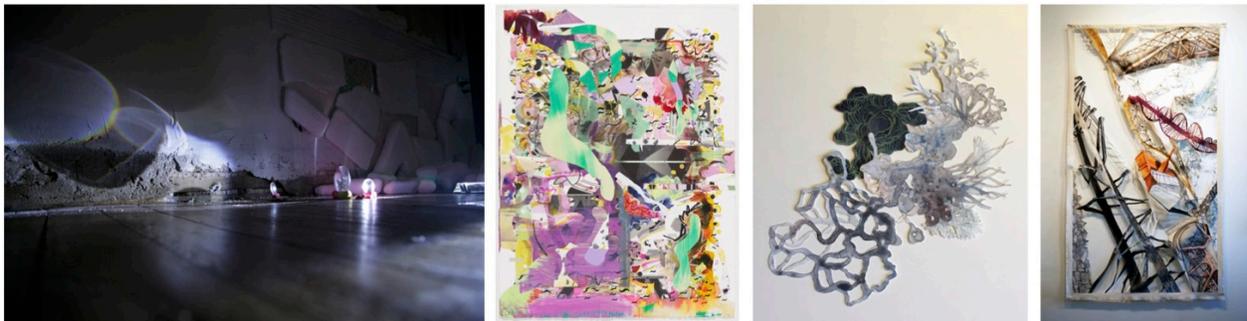
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MPA Announces New Exhibitions Opening November 17

McLean, VA: McLean Project for the Arts opens three new exhibitions on November 17th in the Emerson, Atrium, and Ramp Galleries. These exhibitions will be on display from November 17 – December 23, 2016. The **Opening Exhibition Reception** will be held on **Thursday, November 17th** in the MPA galleries from 7-9pm.

Emerson Gallery: *Abundance: Works by Mei Mei Chang, Amy Boone McCreesh, Leslie Shellow and Jungmin Park.*

This curated exhibition features four artists whose inclusive approaches combine ideas and materials in a swirling, exuberant, “more is more” manner to create works that unabashedly claim and own their space. Using both traditional and scavenged components, these works flourish both on and off the wall as they move into and through space with an elegant, imaginative, experimental and experiential energy.



Atrium Gallery: *Above the Horizon: Works by Nikki Brugnoli*

These abstracted and expressionistic drawings and prints center on a post- industrial, post agricultural landscape as they explore memory and experience, vastness and the precision of proximity. Light, abstraction, transparency and glowing color come together to create works that offer a meditation on safety, separation and the deep familiarity of place.

Called to return again and again to the image of an abandoned silo, Brugnoli creates an impactful visual symbol imbued with a longing for the past, the comfort of the present, and the endless adventure of imagination.



Ramp Gallery: *In Process: Photographs by Ajay Malghan*

The large- scale, evocative, and innovative photographs on display by Baltimore artist Ajay Malghan incorporate time as a formative element. Inventive in both conception and process, the works gather light, form and space into both calm and energetic compositions that transport the viewer into the atmosphere of elsewhere. Color glows and radiates, proposing mood and eliciting response, creating a new and intriguing landscape in which to experience and enter the day.



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

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.

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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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