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MPA Announces “Nature as Prototype” Exhibition Opening Nov. 9
Exhibition by Yoko K, Adam Nelson and Gretthe Whittrock funded through National Endowment for the Arts grant

McLean, VA: McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) will open *Nature as Prototype* on November 9, 2017 in the Bullock | Hitt Gallery at MPA@ChainBridge (1446 Chain Bridge Road, McLean). An exhibition of works by Yoko K, Adam Nelson and Gretthe Whittrock, *Nature as Prototype* runs through December 23, 2017. The **Opening Exhibition Reception** will be held **Thursday, November 9, 2017 from 7:00 until 9:00 pm.**

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) awarded a \$10,000 Arts Engagement in American Communities grant to MPA in support of this exhibition.

Nature as Prototype aims to examine the role of nature and biology as a source of inspiration for art and design. The

artists included in this exhibition collaborate to create an immersive environment that explores the changing nature of our relationship to the natural world. Continuing the conversation about how we choose to co-exist in what is described today as the Anthropocene, the exhibition will examine how art and design are fundamentally linked to scientific, biological, mathematical, philosophical, and social investigations.



Grethe Whittrock

“We are thrilled to offer this visual and aural experience to the community by showcasing the work of these three contemporary artists who explore the power of creativity and collaboration to each of us in our lives and work,” said Nancy Sausser, MPA’s Exhibitions Director.

The exhibition is co-curated by artist and educator Elsabé Johnson Dixon and art historian Betsy Johnson.

As part of the educational programming surrounding the exhibit, MPA will host a panel discussion between exhibiting artists, engineers, inventors and scientists. Additionally, Yoko K, Nelson and Whittrock will hold public workshops demonstrating their respective processes and techniques. Fairfax County Public School students participating in the MPA ArtReach Program will also experience the exhibit.

To learn more about *Nature as Prototype*, or to RSVP for the November 9 Exhibition Opening, please visit mpaart.org.

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MPA Exhibits, Educates and Inspires

McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) is one of the mid-Atlantic region's most respected contemporary visual arts organizations. MPA provides high-quality art exhibitions showcasing the work of established and emerging artists, educational programs, art classes, MPAartfest, summer STEAM camp, and ArtReach, an award-winning program serving students in grades K – 12, seniors, and individuals with special needs. For more information, visit www.mpaart.org.

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