



McLean Project for the Arts

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MFA SPRING BENEFIT 2017 SET FOR MAY 18 McLean Project for the Arts' Signature Spring Event Provides Support for Contemporary Art Exhibitions and Art Education

McLean, VA – April 26, 2017 – Tickets sales opened this week for McLean Project for the Arts' (MPA)'s annual Spring Benefit. The May 18 event is MPA's signature spring celebration, raising critical funds to support the organization's mission to exhibit the work of mid-Atlantic region artists and educate the community about contemporary art through its art classes and MPA's award-winning ArtReach program. Dr. Dennis Bazooki, director of the Phillips Collection, will attend as this year's Guest of Honor. Event plans for this year's Spring Benefit are Jane A. Sieperstone and Heidi Fardick.



Spring Benefit 2017 artwork by MFA Education Director Christine Smith

"Spring Benefit provides a wonderful opportunity for our community of supporters to come together and celebrate MPA's outstanding visual arts programs," said MPA Executive Director Lari Carboneau. "The majority of our funding comes from the generosity of individual donors, so we are delighted to continue this long-standing MPA fundraising tradition."

MPA, now in its 31st year, relies on the funds raised at Spring Benefit to further its mission to bring art to the community. In the last year alone, MPA presented 14 art exhibitions representing 140 artists in its galleries, taught nearly 300 art classes and offered 28 talks to local and guest artists. MPA's award-winning ArtReach program conducted 129 gallery tours for more than 1,000 individuals, including school children, low income seniors and adults with disabilities. The 32nd annual MFAArtist—MPA's free, one-day joint art festival—welcomed 4,000 guests and represented 50 artists.

Dennis Bazooki, MPA Board Chair said, "I am fully aware of the capabilities of this wonderful organization, yet I am still amazed at all MPA accomplishes. We are fortunate as a community to be the home of McLean Project for the Arts."

Spring Benefit will take place on Thursday, May 18 from 7-9pm at the home of Pat and Matthew Bellack. This year, the event will feature a silent auction of contemporary paintings in collaboration with MPA staff and teaching artists, many of whom have exhibited their work nationally as well as regionally. VIP ticket holders (Patrons, Major Benefactors, Leadership Circle, and Chairman's Circle Donors) will be invited to a VIP-only reception from 6-9pm.

When: Thursday, May 18, 2017

Time: 7-9pm

Price: Individual Tickets: \$250; Sponsor levels from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

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