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MPA Announces Strictly Painting 22 Exhibition Opening June 15 *juried biennial art exhibition continues decades-long tradition*

McLean, VA: McLean Project for the Arts will open its eleventh iteration of *Strictly Painting* on June 15, 2017 at its new location, MPA@CherryBridge (1446 Chain Bridge Road, McLean). A juried biennial exhibition presenting the work of artists from throughout the Mid-Atlantic region, *Strictly Painting* is now through August 13, 2017. The **Opening Exhibition Reception** will be held **Thursday, June 15, 2017 from 7:00 until 9:00 pm.**

This year's guest juror for the show is Anne Rains, Assistant Curator at Glassens, a private museum near Washington, DC, devoted to Modern and Contemporary art.

Featured artists include: John Adams, Nancy Brizeo, Thomas Burnell, Debra Cramer, Kimberly Dikowitz, Steven Dobbin, Suzana Fields, Andy Foster, Heidi Fowler, Corina Fropene, Jane Goodman, Maggie Courtney, Susan Grace, Sarah Handberg, Paul House, Tally Kaufman, Joanna Kato, Sam Leah Kim, Betty Packard, Alison Powers, Judith Pratt, Carol Reed, Sheron Shapiro, Alexandra Sherman, Casey Snyder, Phoebe Sarah, Daniel Sullivan, Kim Thorpe, Lee Tubach, Jessica van Brink, Jerry Walden and Ann Marie Williams.

Strictly Painting began as a show in 1995, when Andrea Poller, MPA's exhibitions director at the time, wanted to show a survey of what local artists were painting. Now in its eleventh iteration, the show has evolved to a highly anticipated exhibition of the best regional painting.

"*Strictly Painting* is one of the Mid-Atlantic's most important regional exhibitions, and MPA is delighted to present it again this year—and for the first time in our new location, MPA@CherryBridge," said Nancy Swanson, MPA's Exhibitions Director. "Our juror has done a fantastic job of choosing a broad sampling of very strong works that demonstrate the depth and quality of our art community."



John Adams, "Sunset on the Bay"

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