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MPA Announces *Strictly Painting 11* 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@ChainBridge (1446 Chain Bridge Road, McLean). A juried biennial exhibition presenting the work of artists from throughout the Mid-Atlantic region, *Strictly Painting 11* runs through August 12, 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 Reeve, Assistant Curator at Glenstone, a private museum near Washington, DC, devoted to Modern and Contemporary art.

Featured artists include: John Adams, Nancy Bruce, Thomas Bunnell, Delna Dastur, Kimberly DiNatale, Steven Dobbin, Susana Fields, Andy Foster, Heidi Fowler, Cianne Fragione, Janis Goodman, Maggie Gourlay, Susan Grace, Sarah Hardesty, Paul Hrusa, Sally Kauffman, Joanne Kent, Sun Sook Kim, Betsy Packard, Alison Powers, Judith Pratt, Carol Reed, Sharon Shapiro, Alexandra Sherman, Casey Snyder, Monica Stroik, Daniel Sullivan, Kim Thorpe, Lisa Tubach, Jessica van Brakle, Jenny Walton and Ann Marie Williams.



John Adams, "More Anxious to Talk"

Strictly Painting began as a show in 1995, when Andrea Pollan, 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@ChainBridge," said Nancy Sausser, 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."

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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.