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## Rodin: Studio of a Genius



Join Jeffrey Allison, Paul Mellon Collection Educator and Manager, Statewide Programs and Exhibitions, as he explores the life and work of Auguste Rodin, the greatest sculptor of the 19th and early 20th centuries. Rodin completely revitalized the very language of sculpture with his passion for the creative act. Allison will discuss Rodin's techniques, materials, models, assistants, and the extraordinary working process behind some of the artist's greatest works. Allison will also focus on the life and work of Rodin's greatest love, Camille Claudel. This lecture is offered in connection with the VMFA Major exhibition, *Rodin*, which runs through March 13, 2016.

**Thursday, March 24, 7pm**

*This event is free and open to the public. [RSVP](#) requested.*

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**Jeffrey W. Allison** is the Paul Mellon Collection Educator and Manager, Statewide Programs and Exhibitions at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and a professional photographer. He holds a BA in photography and film from Virginia Intermont College and a MFA in photography from VCU. Most recently, he has co-curating the exhibitions, *The French Horse: From Gericault to Picasso* and *Thomas R. Schiff: Virginia 360*. Mr. Allison currently teaches Advanced Photography and the History of Photography at the VMFA. He was consultant on the Discovery Channel series *Ancient Origins of Native Americans* and the New York Times Magazine article, *Horace Bristol and the Grapes of Wrath*. Awards include the 2010 John Kent Shumate Advocate of the Year. Mr. Allison has recently been a lecturer at the Columbus Museum of Art, the Wintergreen Summer Music Festival, and the Sporting Library and Museum. He currently serves on the board of the Virginia Poverty Law Center and the Virginia Association of Museums Governing Council.

**McLean Project for the Arts (MPA)** is a leading contemporary visual arts non-profit organization located within the McLean Community Center at 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA. For more information, visit <http://www.mpaart.org> or call (703) 790-1953. MPA is supported through grants from the **Arts Council of Fairfax County**, the **National Endowment for the Arts**, and **The Virginia Commission for the Arts** and other generous sponsors and individuals.



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