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McLean Project for the Arts Elects New Board Members Eight new individuals bring their expertise to the MPA Board of Directors; Barbara Hawthorn returns as Chair

McLean, VA: McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) announced the appointment of eight new members to their Board of Directors. Barbara Hawthorn will return as chair of the 36-person board.

The new members are:

- **Guillermo Alamada** (Burke, VA): former Senior Resource Management Officer at the World Bank Group, Member at Large of Coral Cantigas, and Vice President of the Woodhirst HOA.
- **Pamela Danner** (McLean, VA): Principal at Danner & Associates and an active community volunteer.
- **Carolyn Gore-Ashe** (Reston, VA): Elementary Art Specialist with the Fairfax County Public Schools.
- Ed Gross (McLean, VA): Partner at Gross, Romanick, Dean & DeSimone, P.C. and an active community volunteer.
- **Maria Kelly** (McLean, VA): Real Estate Agent with Kennedy & Co., past Chair of the MPA Spring Benefit, member of the Junior League of DC, and a volunteer at Springhill Elementary School.
- **Cynthia Miller** (McLean, VA): Abstract Artist, President of Purposeful Solutions, LLC Leadership and Life Coaching, Board member of the Women's Health Circle Virginia Hospital Center, and member of the New Dominion Women's Club.
- **Silvija Strikis** (McLean, VA): Attorney at Kellogg, Hansen, Todd, Figel & Frederick PLLC, Board member of the TJ Partnership Fund, and Treasurer of ARCS Foundation Metro Washington.
- **Piper Yerks** (McLean, VA): Principal with the Yerks Team, past Chair of the MPA Spring Benefit, and Board member of INOVA Fairfax Hospital. Piper resides in McLean.

New board members were formally installed at the November 12 McLean Project for the Arts Board of Directors meeting.

For a full list of MPA board members, visit <u>www.mpaart.org</u>.

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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 art camps, 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.