



McLean Project for the Arts

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Dear MPA Friends,

There is no higher priority to our McLean Project for the Arts family and community than your safety. We share with you the concerns and questions raised by COVID-19. We commit to exercising an abundance of caution when it comes to the health and safety of our community, students, and staff.

Current Virginia and Fairfax County health official guidance is that all programs should continue as usual, therefore, MPA will continue to operate all classes, exhibitions and events as scheduled. As we're housed in the McLean Community Center, closing the building will be a Fairfax County government decision. We will continue to monitor developments and will respond accordingly. Should the evolving situation lead to a change in plans, we will communicate immediately through email, on our website, and on social media.

Meanwhile, we carry on with currently scheduled gallery openings, classes and planning for our upcoming May 7th Spring Benefit. Additionally, our Board, staff, and Spring Benefit co-chairs and hosts are actively engaged in contingency discussions with an option to postpone if necessary. Please know we are not cavalier as we continue to invite support for MPA's work through sponsoring MPA Spring Benefit, even in light of a potential disruption this year. The health and safety of you and our entire community will always be primary.

As a precaution, we ask that all visitors including staff, faculty and students monitor their own health and wellness for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 as well as seasonal colds and flus, and self-quarantine as necessary. If you need to cancel or postpone a class, please contact us through email (info@mpaart.org) so that we can best support you. And please watch our social media and website for the latest developments.

Let's all stay safe, and get through this together.

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