



McLean Project for the Arts

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Contingency Planning Underway for MPA Summer Art Camps

While we await the news from Governor Northam and our Fairfax County government on plans for re-opening Virginia, MPA is actively formulating different scenarios to continue to offer our popular summer art camps for our community's children. At the forefront of this planning is the prioritization of the health and safety of our staff and our campers. At present, we are considering both online and in-person options. Please watch MPA newsletters, the [MPA website](#) and our social media channels for the latest updates.

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Please Join Us in Celebrating--We Met Our #GivingTuesdayNOW Goal!

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to MPA's #GivingTuesdayNOW campaign. Thanks to all of our students, teachers, artists, art lovers, current and former staff and MPA board members who contributed, we raised nearly \$10,000. Special thanks to **Jane and Brant Imperator, Lori Jenkins and George Swygert, Brittany Root and Kevin Yam, and Lori and Paul Carbonneau**, who generously matched our #GivingTuesdayNOW gifts.

The support of our MPA community means the world to us during these unusual and difficult times. What's more, your support means that MPA can continue reaching across the digital divide to provide hands-on learning opportunities and enrichment activities to our most vulnerable community members. Thank you.

If you haven't yet made a #GivingTuesdayNOW contribution, but would like to donate, [click here](#).



Art Brings Us Together Even When We're Apart

Please take a moment to enjoy this video highlighting our online art classes. We have loved watching our teachers and students come together virtually during these challenging times. Many thanks to MPA staff member **Chris Usher** for creating this video.

It's not too late to join a class--registration fees would be pro-rated to cover the remainder of class sessions. There has never been a better time for an easy-to-access creative outlet! [Explore our spring class offerings online](#). Questions? Contact bclorey@mpaart.org.

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Announcing Our Summer Juried Exhibition: *SHIFT*

The MPA summer juried exhibition is going online this year. Titled *SHIFT*, the exhibit will focus on works that address the concept of shift, change, or exchange--in position, direction, tendency, viewpoint, atmosphere, needs, dreams, schedules, interactions, environment, perspectives...

Mid-Atlantic artists are invited to submit one work each, any size, weight, or medium (it's online, after all!) that they feel relates to this concept. Two juror/curators will create two separate exhibits from the same pool of submissions. It will be interesting to see how the exhibits differ from one another.

Details coming soon. Check the MPA website next week for the prospectus.

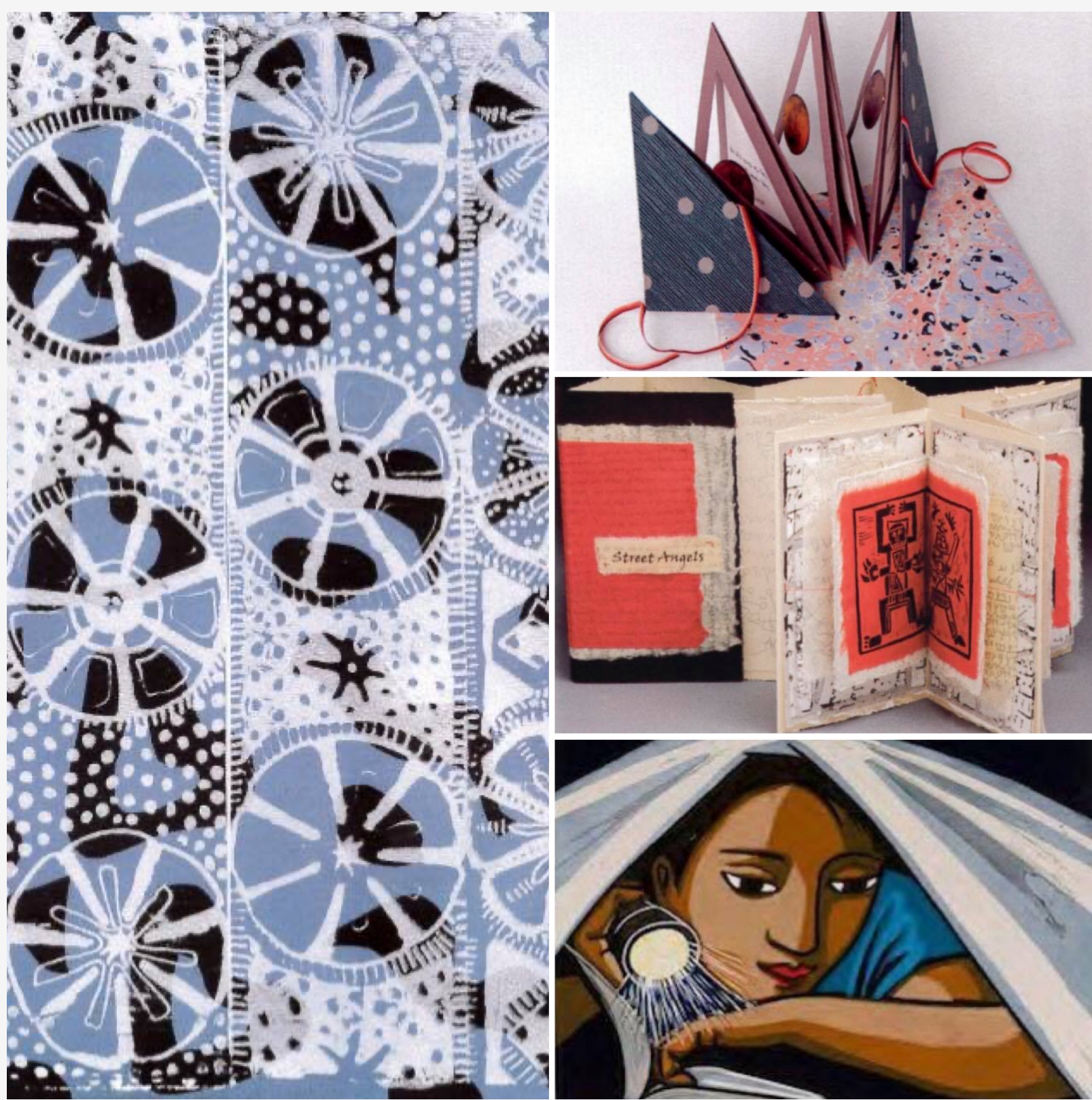


DC Metro Virtual Town Hall: Strategies for Survival in the Arts

Thanks to everyone who joined us this past Tuesday, May 12, for our second Virtual Town Hall: Strategies for Survival in the Arts, presented by McLean Project for the Arts, in cooperation with VisArts, the Third Space Network, and Hamiltonian Artists/DC. Thanks to MPA's Director of Exhibitions, Nancy Sausser, for serving on the organizing committee for these events.

Nearly 400 members of the arts community participated in the event, which addressed the impact of COVID-19 on the visual arts in the DC metropolitan cultural community. [Click here to listen to a recording](#).

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Don't Forget to Follow Us on Social Media

As we all continue to social distance, stay connected with MPA through our social media--[Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Join us as we revisit past MPA exhibitions and explore weekly MPA ArtReach art activities--which we're sharing with our community partners and through our social media. On [Twitter](#), we're sharing opportunities from other sources that can help us navigate this "pause" in our daily lives. We look forward to connecting with you online!

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Help MPA continue to connect Art and Community!

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MPA in the News

McLean Patch: 5 Spring Things You Can Still Do in McLean (4/27/2020)

Tyson's Reporter: McLean Project for the Arts Offering Zoom Classes (4/17/2020)

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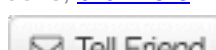
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