



# McLean Project for the Arts

MPA Updates | May 29, 2020



### MPA Summer Art Camps Update

Through working with Fairfax County officials, MPA faculty and staff, we are delighted to announce both in-studio and online Summer Art Camp options for our families. Plans include Abakadoodle for pre-school ages and elementary programs for ages 6-8 and 9-12 level. Rising 8th, 9th, and 10th graders are invited to consider either Master Classes or our Counselor-in-Training Program.

Our online programs—scheduled to begin June 22—will include supplies, and will be of age-appropriate duration. In-studio instruction is anticipated to begin the week of July 6, pending the move to Phase 2 re-opening for county public facilities.

For our in-person camps, we're addressing the number of students/class, time of day, duration, and other circumstances to manage the COVID environment. We'd welcome your input in helping us to plan for success in these new formats, as they certainly will present new challenges. [Please use this link to respond to our Summer Camp Survey.](#)

#### Vosler Young Artists' Studio @ MPA

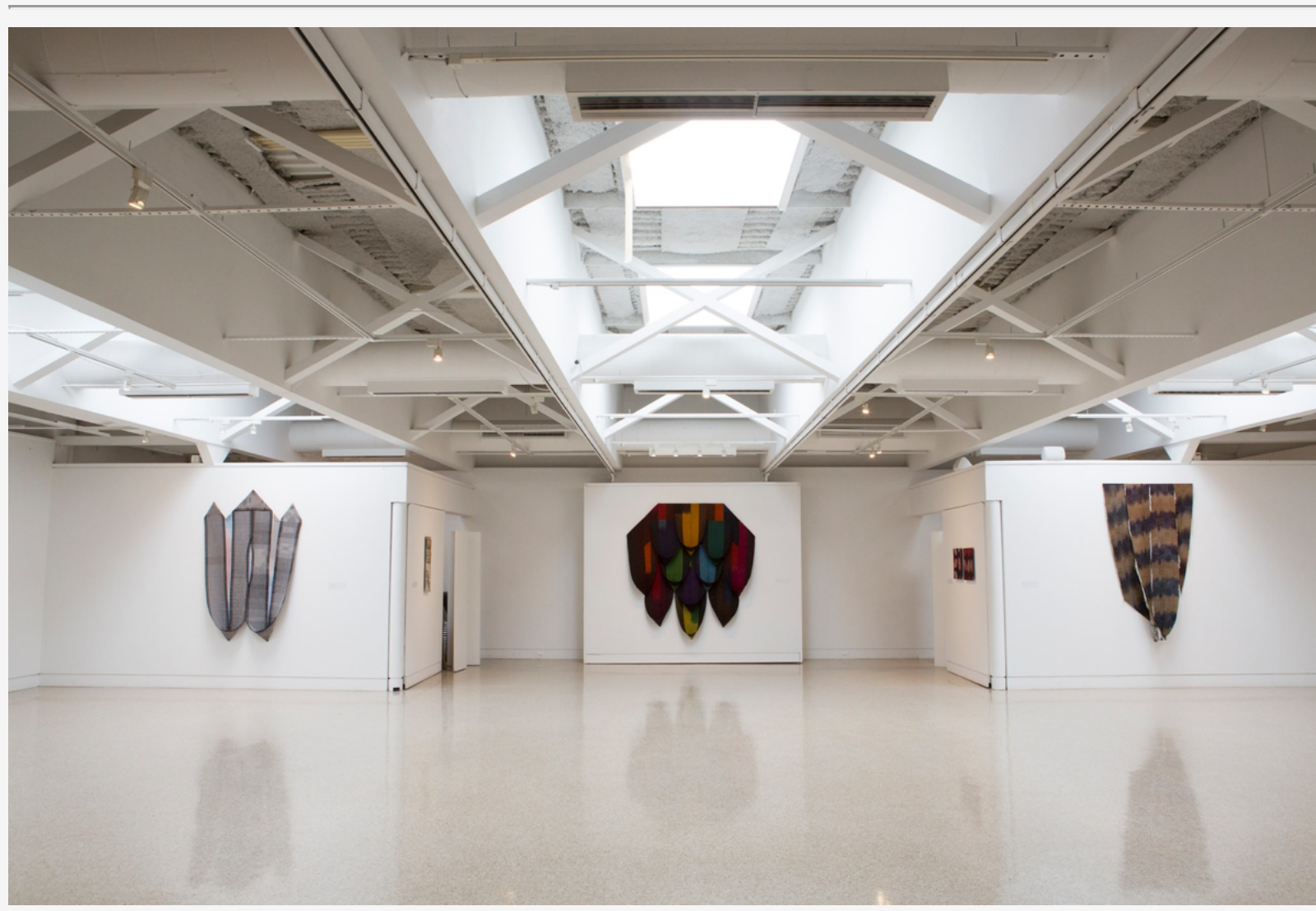
For teens ages 13 – 18

August 10 – 14, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Designed specifically for any young artist with the desire to learn classical drawing--no experience necessary! Join us as we welcome back Kerry Vosler and her highly regarded atelier studio for the fifth year. (Pending the re-opening situation in August, this camp may be offered in a virtual environment.) This in-demand workshop will introduce young artists to a classical atelier program of instruction. Students will learn to draw through direct observation led by master instructor Kerry Vosler.

[Please visit this webpage](#) for info on all of our summer camp options, and watch MPA newsletters, the MPA website and our social media channels for the latest updates.

[Learn More](#)



### Exhibitions Update

#### Summer Juried Exhibition: *SHIFT; Sculpture NOW 2020* Call for Entries

##### 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 work of 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.

##### *Sculpture NOW 2020* Call for Entries

Presented by the Washington Sculptors Group and McLean Project for the Arts

Thursday, September 17 – Saturday, November 14, 2020

*Sculpture NOW 2020* is a non-thematic exhibition of new works, finished within the last two years. Nancy Sausser, Exhibitions Director at McLean Project for the Arts, will juror the show.

For more information, or to apply, [view the complete call for entries and application instructions.](#)

[Learn More](#)

**ArtReach**  
MPA's longstanding, award-winning arts outreach program ArtReach couples work by professional exhibiting artists with a program curriculum allowing all of us to take part in creating art.

**Try this week's activity featuring work from:**  
**The Same But Different**  
Creative Morphology

**Meet the Artists**  
Works by Susan Eder, Craig Dennis, Laurel Lukaszewski, Richard Dana and Tom Green

The curated artists in this exhibition all make use of the process of observing, sorting and classifying as a prelude to creating shape, structure and color in their artwork. The exhibit highlights the inherent similarities between scientific and artistic processes.

The examples of this artwork focus on collected "sets" of "imaginative variations" of images using the natural patterns of parts of various species found in nature, such as parts of butterfly wings and invented plant forms. Pictured in "scientific-like" charts, these images (both 2-D and 3-D) make us aware of the infinite variety of visual forms and species that can be found in the natural world.

**In Green** (detail, acrylic on canvas, Tom Green)  
**Irregular Plant Microorganisms** (detail, digital print of computer-generated image, Richard Dana)  
**Eye Chart** (detail, pigments inkjet print, Susan Eder and Craig Dennis)  
**Multiply Structures** (detail, Laurel Lukaszewski)

Exhibited at McLean Project for the Arts

Turn over for fun activities

#### MPA ArtReach: *The Same But Different* Art Activity

MPA's award-winning ArtReach program couples works by professional exhibiting artists in our galleries with a program curriculum allowing all of us to take part in creating art.

Throughout this COVID-19 period, we've been distributing these **weekly art activities** to ArtReach community partners, who, in many cases, are struggling with the digital divide of lacking easy access to technology and wifi.

We invite you to try our latest activity, featuring work from *The Same But Different: Creative Morphology* (also our latest **MPA LOOKS BACK** featured exhibition.)

[Click here for the Same But Different art activity sheet.](#) If you'd like to share your art, please email it to [sfishel@mpaart.org](mailto:sfishel@mpaart.org).

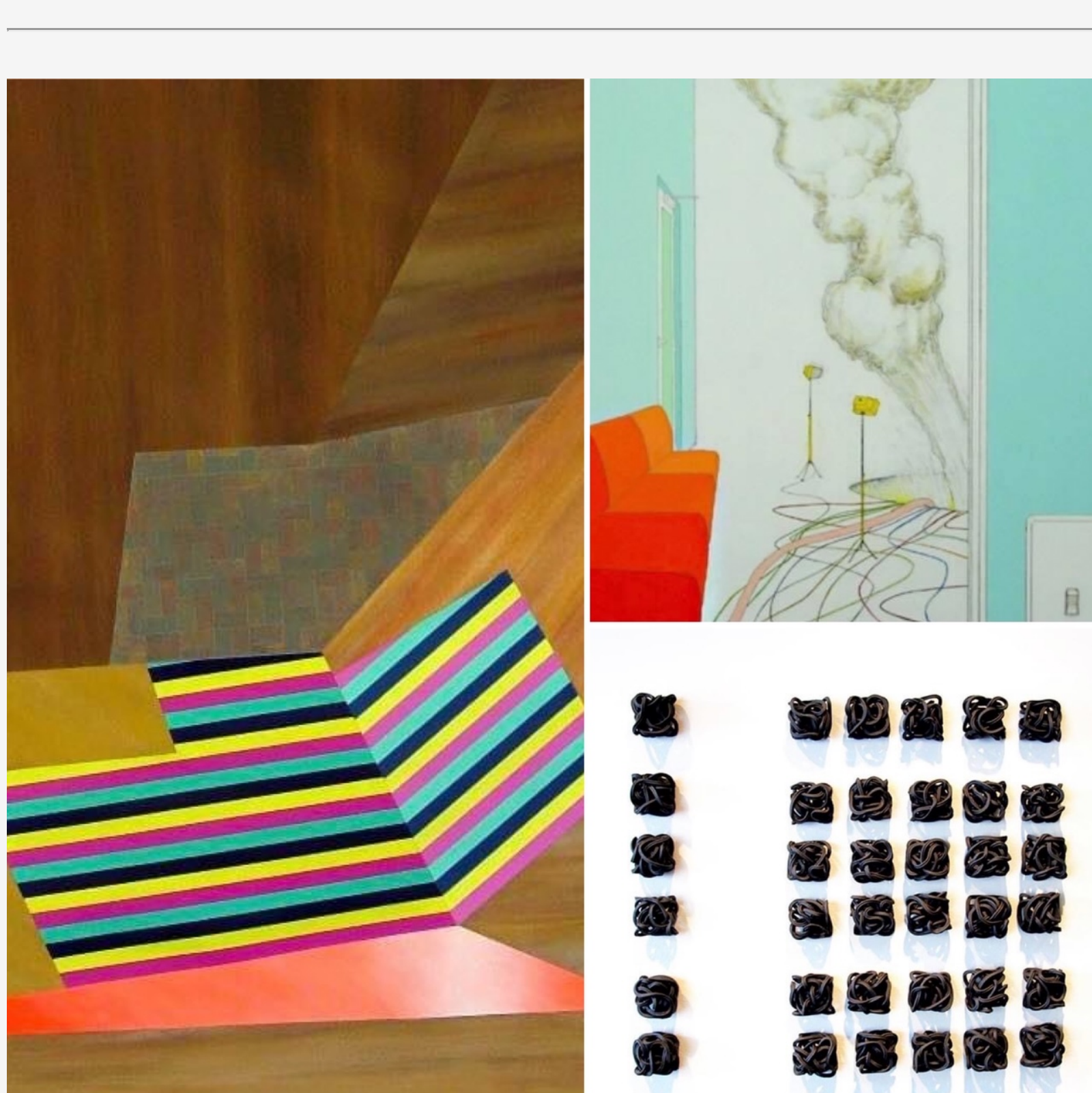
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**MPA artfest**  
connecting art and community

#### MPAartfest 2020

MPA has begun planning for the eventuality of a re-opening platform for this year's MPAartfest, as it appears that we will still not be at a stage of the re-opening process to hold a large public event. We are excited about the potential of this idea to help us all find a new way to connect with our community in the celebration of the arts. Additional details coming soon--stay tuned!

[Learn More](#)



#### 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: Memorial Day, McLean Service Changes, Things to Do (5/19/2020)

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

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MPA is continually updating our email system to ensure you receive the communications that are of primary importance to you. Please use the form below to update your preferences. Also, be sure to mark [info@mpaart.org](mailto:info@mpaart.org) as a safe sender, to ensure that our emails don't get lost in your spam folder!

[Email Preferences](#)

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