



# McLean Project for the Arts

MPA Updates | August 21, 2020



## SHIFT Extended through September 15

MPA's first online juried exhibition, SHIFT, has been extended and will remain on display on our website through September 15.

Juried by **Henry L. Thaggert** and **Sarah Tanguy**, the works featured in *SHIFT* focus on the concept of shift, change, or exchange—in position, direction, tendency, viewpoint, atmosphere, needs, dreams, schedules, interactions, environment, perspectives...

*SHIFT* features the work of 48 mid-Atlantic artists. Ms. Tanguy and Mr. Thaggert created two separate exhibits, each drawing from the same pool of works.

Click here to watch the video from our Virtual Juror/Artist Talk from July 23.

(Pictured, from top left: Joseph Cortina, "I'll Call You in the Future"; Shanthi Chandrasekar, "Chakra"; Janathel Shaw, "Grief for Philando Castille"; Shanyue Huang, "Transformation #3")

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## Registration Now Open for MPA Fall Art Classes

Registration is now open for fall art classes. MPA's fall lineup includes some of our long-time favorites, as well as exciting new options—including an online **Digital Photography** class with Rula Jones, and a new **Book Making Series** with Jennifer Lillis. And if you're the parent of an age 6–10 FCPS elementary school student, you'll appreciate the Monday morning **Youth Drawing and Watercolor** Studio with always popular community instructor Pamela Saunders—a fun and creative opportunity to engage kids during their Monday day off from synchronous online learning. And don't miss our **Thursday and Saturday Abakadoodle** classes for our youngest artists.

Our popular **Master Workshop Series** will be returning for the fall semester. Professional artists and art educators will be leading a variety of one- or two-day workshops on topics such as Healing through Art, Print Making, Paper Arts, and much more. Workshops may be virtual or held in person. Please [visit our website](#) for our most up-to-date information on workshop topics and dates.

MPA will be holding fall classes both online and in-studio. For more information regarding our in-studio offerings, please read our **COVID-19 Policies & Procedures**. Contact [Briana Clorey](#) with questions.

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## MPA's ArtReach Connects with Seniors Through Expanded Partnership

MPA ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel meets weekly each week on Zoom in an online class for seniors through the Lewinsville Senior Center, and ServiceSource. This virtual connection, in addition to our weekly ArtReach activity fliers, are helping these seniors connect with others during this time of social distancing. We are grateful to our generous donors who help make this outreach possible to more than 500 participants each week through our partner organizations, and posted on our Facebook page for everyone to share in the fun.

Take a moment to enjoy our latest ArtReach activity, and enjoy these samples of artwork from some of the seniors in our online Zoom class. We'd love to see examples of your work, too! Email photos to Sharon Fishel at [sfishel@mpaart.org](mailto:sfishel@mpaart.org).

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## Call for Submissions: MPAartfest Virtual Children's Art Walk

Calling all budding artists! McLean Project for the Arts invites all student artists to enter our Virtual Children's Art Walk Call for Submissions.

A perennial favorite at MPAartfest, the Children's Art Walk is an open-air gallery of student art proudly sponsored by New Dominion Women's Club of McLean (NDWC) for more than a decade. Each year, NDWC collects student artwork selected by teachers at local public, private and parochial schools. The 2019 Children's Art Walk featured the work of more than 150 students.

To carry on the spirit of this much-loved community gallery, NDWC is partnering with MPA to create a Virtual Children's Art Walk. The show will be juried and open to students in the Langley and McLean Fairfax County Public School pyramids, as well as students at private and parochial schools. The Virtual Children's Art Walk will also include art created by children who participated in this summer's MPA Summer Art Camps.

**Student artwork submissions are welcome August 24 – September 6, 2020.** The Virtual Children's Art Walk will go live on Sunday, October 4, 2020, and will remain on display at [www.MPAartfest.org](http://www.MPAartfest.org) through October 18, 2020.

For submission instructions, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/childrensartwalk>.

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## Space Still Available in Abakadoodle Summer Art Camp

Looking for something creative and engaging for 3–6 year olds? We still have two weeks of our popular Abakadoodle camps available for a fun and creative summer camp experience. Both in-person and online sessions are available for the following weeks and themes: Young Artists Explore (8/24–8/28) and Kids on Canvas (8/31–9/4). More information and registration links can be found on our website.

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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—while 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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