



McLean Project for the Arts

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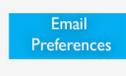


MPA in the News

- Tyson's Reporter: McLean Project for the Arts to Unveil Latest Exhibition This Week (9/15/2020)**
- Tyson's Today: McLean Project for the Arts, Washington Sculptors Group to Open Sculpture NOW on Sept. 17 (9/11/2020)**
- Inside NOVA: McLean Project for the Arts Sees Some Advantages to Online Exhibits (8/31/2020)**
- Arlington Magazine: 25 Things to Do in September (8/28/2020)**
- Inside NOVA: McLean Youth-Art Effort Goes Online for 2020 (8/22/2020)**

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Virtual MPAartfest 2020 Music Lineup Announced

Limited tickets available for Oct. 4 MPAartfest Benefit Concert--secure yours now

Virtual MPAartfest 2020 will kickoff with two LIVE, drive-in MPAartfest Benefit Concerts. Featuring the "Voices of Classic Soul", two shows will take place in the McLean Community Center parking lot on Sunday, October 4 at 4pm and 6pm. A limited number of tickets are available for purchase. Virtual MPAartfest will also feature two live-streamed concerts in our Art+Music Moonlight Concert Series.

MPAartfest Benefit Concert, featuring The Voices of Classic Soul

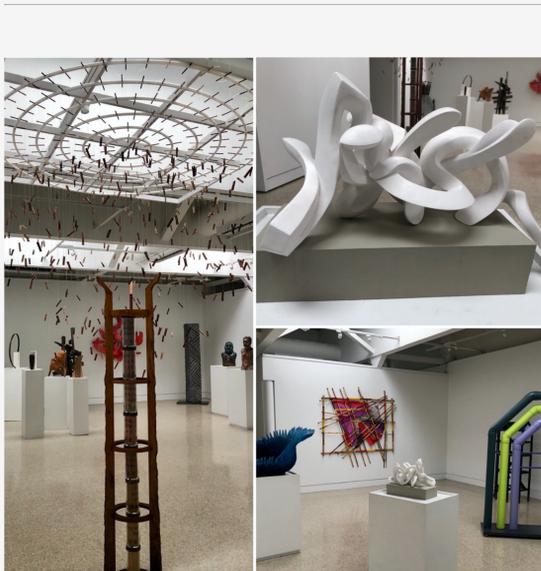
The Voices of Classic Soul have been around the world and back again several times each as the lead singers of four legendary vocal groups--the Drifters, Four Tops, Platters, and Temptations. Concert attendees are treated to incredible showmanship, classic dance moves, and some of the biggest hits of all time, including "My Girl", "The Way You Do the Things You Do", "Get Ready", "Only You", "Under the Boardwalk", "Save the Last Dance for Me", and many more.

Tickets for the drive-in style concerts are \$25 and are available here. Given COVID safety concerns, attendees will be in (or on) their cars, parked every other space.

Art+Music Moonlight Concert Series

Music has become a popular MPAartfest attraction, and we're continuing the tradition virtually with two FREE outdoor, live-streamed concerts. Produced in collaboration with Creative Cauldron and with MPA's music curator Ken Avis, the Art+Music Moonlight Concert Series will feature a diverse range of genres and talents from the concert and musical theater stages, including: Véronneau, Nataly Merezuk Trio, Project Loceca, Sean Heely, Yasmin Williams, Chris Urquiga, Nora Palka, Wesley Diener, and Griefcat. Schedule and additional information to follow--visit our website to learn more.

MPA seeks volunteers to welcome and guide cars into parking spaces at the McLean Community Center for our 4pm and 6pm MPAartfest Benefit Concerts. Click here for more information, or to sign up.

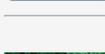


Now Showing: Sculpture NOW 2020

Sculpture NOW 2020, presented by the Washington Sculptors Group and MPA, is currently open. (Thank you to everyone who joined us last night for our Virtual Opening Exhibition Reception!) We are thrilled to offer two opportunities to see the show. Sculpture NOW can be viewed online, as well as in person, by making a reservation to visit during limited opening opportunities. Watch for a video tour of the entire gallery exhibition to be added to our website soon.

Juried by Nancy Sausser, Curator and Exhibitions Director for McLean Project for the Arts, Sculpture NOW features works in a wide array of media and approaches by over 50 artists. Visit our website for a complete list of participating artists.

Sculpture NOW 2020 runs through November 14, 2020, and will also feature a Virtual Artist Talk on October 22 from 7-9pm. More information to follow.



MPAartfest Virtual Children's Art Walk: Last Chance to Submit!

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 ALL students (grades K-12) 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 through September 20, 2020. The Virtual Children's Art Walk will go live on Sunday, October 4, 2020, and will remain on display at www.MPAartfest.org through October 18, 2020.

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

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MPA Fall Art Classes Begin Soon -- Register Now!

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. Popular offerings taking place include:

- Portrait/Figure Painting with Jordan Xu (Online):** Some drawing experience necessary. Come learn figure painting in oils, acrylics or pastels from a live model. Mondays, 7-9pm. Begins Sept. 21.
- Oil and Painting Studio with Tom Morris (DuVal Studio):** This class is designed for the continuing painting student at the beginning and intermediate level. Continued practice with paint application, color mixing and composition, with a focus on thematic development. Tuesdays, 9:30 am - 12:00 noon. Begins Sept. 22.
- Working in Yupo with Marise Riddell (DuVal Studio):** Yupo is plastic paper that provides a challenging and fun surface on which to work with ink and watercolor. Students will enjoy experimenting with drawing and painting in whichever style they choose, and with either setups, models, or their imagination. This class is for continuing students. Wednesdays, 1-4pm. Begins Oct. 7.

Here are the online classes currently guaranteed to run, with room for a few more students:

- Portrait/Figure Painting with Jordan Xu (Online)
- Intermediate and Advanced Painting with Naomi Chung (DuVal Studio)
- Vibrant Flowers in Oil Painting with Joyce Lee (Online)

Please visit our website for our most up-to-date information. 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.



MPA's ArtReach Connects with ServiceSource Participants

During this time of COVID-19, there has been much concern about how to meet the educational needs of Americans with special needs. We're happy to be continuing our MPA ArtReach partnership with clients from ServiceSource through a dedicated weekly art class, "Close at Hand--Painting and Mixed Media", taught by MPA ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel. This week's project was butterfly mobiles. If you're interested in making a donation in support of our ArtReach program, see the link at the bottom of this newsletter.



Virtual MPAartfest is Right Around the Corner!

Virtual MPAartfest 2020 is only two weeks away! Mark your calendars and join us October 4-18 for our virtual fine art and craft show/sale featuring the work of local and regional visual artists. This online event features contemporary art, special musical performances from some of the DC-area's best musical talents, a virtual version of the much-loved New Dominion Women's Club Children's Art Walk, the participation of many McLean Community organizations, and daily artist studio talks with our participating artists. Visit our website for more information, stay connected with MPA through our social media--Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.



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