



McLean Project for the Arts

MPA Updates | December 4, 2020

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Dec. 9 - Feb. 20
WINTER EXHIBITIONS

**Vertical Interval:
New Works by
Joseph Cortina**
Emerson Gallery

**Beginningless Endless:
Works by Shanthi
Chandrasekar**
Atrium Gallery

Virtual Opening Reception
and Artist Talk | December 9

Exhibitions
underwritten by:

Virtual Exhibition Launch and Artist Talk: Wednesday, December 9

Vertical Interval: New Works by Joseph Cortina and Beginningless Endless: Works by Shanthi Chandrasekar

Join MPA on Wednesday, December 9 at 7pm for a Virtual Exhibition Launch and Artist Talk as we open our winter exhibitions, *Vertical Interval: New Works by Joseph Cortina* (Emerson Gallery) and *Beginningless Endless: Works by Shanthi Chandrasekar* (Atrium Gallery). Both exhibitions were underwritten by JBG Smith. The Virtual Exhibition Launch will be held on Zoom--click here to register.

Vertical Interval: New Works by Joseph Cortina

McLean-based artist Joseph Cortina will exhibit paintings and digital works that explore the intersection and tension between physical and digital landscapes. Drawing on his background as a painter and his long career creating films and interactive experiences for museums, Cortina's new works are a response to the fleeting, elusive quality of time-based media. His paintings, which can be seen as singular frames in an on-going dialog, revel in their own materiality. Wholeheartedly embracing depth of color, texture, and line, Cortina is drawn back to painting for its immediate, direct, and therapeutic significance.

Beginningless Endless: Works by Shanthi Chandrasekar

Intensely curious by nature, Shanthi Chandrasekar creates work that explores the big questions of science and the natural world. Employing the mediums of drawing, painting, and sculpture, and tapping into her training in physics and psychology, Chandrasekar has created a vehicle for both her observational questioning and the wild journeys of her imagination. With astounding precision and skill, these works depict a perfect balance between our inner and outer worlds.

Please note: The Emerson Gallery is not currently open to the public, due to the rise in COVID cases. Images of *Vertical Interval* and *Beginningless Endless* will be available on the MPA website starting December 9. The Atrium Gallery exhibition, *Beginningless Endless*, will be available for viewing during MCC operating hours.

Vertical Interval and *Beginningless Endless* run through February 20, 2021.

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#GivingTuesday Success! Thank You for Your Support!

Thank you to everyone who helped us meet our #GivingTuesday goal of \$15,000 and subsequently our full \$15,000 match from Donna & Bruce Berlage.

Your support means that MPA can continue reaching across the digital divide to provide hands-on ArtReach learning and enrichment activities to our most vulnerable community members.

The generosity of our supporters is unparalleled and we are so grateful for your support!

If you haven't yet had an opportunity to make your year-end gift, we're now conducting our Annual Giving campaign, and welcome your support. Your generous contributions make our award-winning exhibitions and education and arts programming possible. Please support us with your Annual Giving gift today! Remember: All donations made by midnight on December 31 are tax-deductible towards your 2019 income taxes.

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MPA classes make great holiday gifts!

Taught by outstanding faculty, there's something for every age and skill-level.

Give the Gift of Creativity! Making your list and checking it twice? This holiday season, give the gift of creativity! MPA art classes make great gifts—for a child, a friend, or even your spouse. Classes will take place both online and in our DuVal Studio.

Browse our website for fun and inspiring options, including:

- Exploring Abstract with Mixed Media (Virtual) -- M. Jane Johnson
- Intermediate Drawing (Virtual) -- Arthur Kwon Lee
- Drawing and Painting Studio -- David Carlson
- Biomorphic Explorations in Graphite and Watercolor (Virtual) -- Rula Jones
- Oil and Painting Studio (DuVal Studio) -- Tom Morris

And if you have young children, we're again offering two Saturday sessions this winter of our popular Abakadoodle classes--in person in our DuVal Studio at the MCC, again pending current COVID restrictions. Visit our website for more information. To see a complete list of our winter offerings, visit our website. Registration is now open. Sign up early to secure your spot.

Please visit our website for our most up-to-date information. For more information regarding our in-studio offerings, please read our COVID-19 Policies & Procedures. Contact Briana Clorey with questions.

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In Our Changing World, MPA Exhibits, Educates, Inspires... JOIN US! Since 1962, McLean Project for the Arts has connected art and community in Northern Virginia. A premier center for contemporary visual art exhibitions and arts education programming, MPA has been distinctive in transitioning our programming in this changed environment. Remarkably, every aspect of our mission has grown in 2020. With your support, we commit to continue adapting and connecting art and community for all of us.

We did all of this in 2020... with your help we can do even more in 2021! Make your tax-deductible gift today--and don't forget that The CARES Act offers enhanced tax incentives for charitable gifts in 2020.

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MPA ArtReach Continues Partnership with Fairfax County's Virtual Center for Active Adults

The artwork above was created by participants of the Monday afternoon art classes taught by MPA's ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel and offered on Fairfax County's Virtual Center for Active Adults Social Space Zoom Account. The class, titled "Close at Hand", teaches participants to enjoy things that are close at hand in their daily lives through observation, drawing, and painting. Painting and Mixed Media Mondays--also taught by Sharon Fishel--encourage creativity and the exploration of new media.

If you're interested in making a donation in support of MPA's ArtReach program, click here.

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MCC Toys for Tots Collection

The McLean Community Center is now accepting new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots. Toys for Tots is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve that distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas.

A donation box is now located in the MCC lobby to collect the items. You may drop off toys during MCC's regular business operation hours. This effort will continue through Saturday, December 12 at noon, when a member of the U.S. Marine Corps will come to collect all the donated items at the MCC's Santa Claus is Coming to Town event. Please help spread the word to your neighbors and friends about this Toys for Tots charitable effort at MCC.

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Don't Forget to Follow Us on Social Media

As we continue to social distance, stay connected with MPA through our social media--Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. 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, and our YouTube channel has all of our Virtual MPAartfest Meet the Artist Talks. We look forward to connecting with you online!

McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, and ArtsFairfax.

Help MPA continue to connect Art and Community!

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MPA in the News
Arlington Magazine: 22 Things To Do In December (Winter Exhibitions) (11/29/2020)

InsideNOVA: McLean Project for the Arts Taps New Board, Advisory Members (11/26/2020)

Fairfax Times: The Arts in Fairfax (Sculpture NOW 2020) (11/13/2020)

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