



# McLean Project for the Arts

MPA Updates | November 20, 2020



**Save the Date: #GivingTuesday is December 1, 2020!**

Mark your calendars: #GivingTuesday is December 1.

During the ongoing COVID crisis, we know that community is more important now than ever. We need to think local, act local, and give local—and MPA needs you to help us continue to provide arts education resources to some of our most impacted community residents. MPA has been distinctive in transitioning our programming in this changed environment.

Did you know that art combats both stress and trauma by enhancing positive emotions, building social connections, and providing nonverbal means of communication? In a tremendously stressful year, MPA's programming reached thousands of students, seniors, and individuals with special needs. That's a lot of impact!

Your #GivingTuesday support will help ensure we can continue to provide these critical services. When you support MPA's education programs with a #GivingTuesday donation, you make individual and community transformation through the visual arts possible. This year, MPA is thrilled to announce that Donna & Bruce Berlage have generously offered to match #GivingTuesday contributions up to \$15,000, meaning your #GivingTuesday donation can go twice as far.

Visit our website for more information or to contribute.

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Dec. 4 - Feb. 20

WINTER EXHIBITIONS

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

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

Galleries Open | December 4

Virtual Opening Reception and Artist Talk | December 9

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## Winter Exhibitions Open December 4

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

Join MPA on Friday, 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:** As of November 19, 2020, the Emerson Gallery is not currently open to the public, due to the rise in COVID cases. Images of *Vertical Interval* will be available on the MPA website beginning 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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## Register Now for Both Virtual and In-Studio Winter Art Classes

Come in from the cold and join MPA for an exciting lineup of Winter art classes for all ages and abilities. MPA's winter lineup includes some of our long-time favorites, as well as exciting new options. Classes will take place both online and in our DuVal Studio. And don't forget that classes also make a creative holiday gift!

Classes offered in our Zoom format include:

- Exploring Abstract with Mixed Media -- M. Jane Johnson
- Intermediate Drawing -- Arthur Kwon Lee
- Freedom of Watercolor -- Barbara Januszkievicz
- Drawing and Painting Studio -- David Carlson
- Portrait and Figure Painting -- Jordan Xu
- Vibrant Flower Paintings in Oil -- Joyce Lee
- Biomorphic Explorations in Graphite and Watercolor -- Rula Jones

Classes scheduled to be offered in-person in our DuVal Studio (with special COVID policies and procedures, and pending current COVID pandemic conditions), include:

- Oil and Painting Studio -- Tom Morris
- Drawing I -- Marise Riddell
- Intermediate and Advanced Painting Studio -- Naomi Chung

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.

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 Cleorey with questions.

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## MPA, McLean Best Buddies Collaborate on Painting Party; NDWC Arts Night Out

MPA's ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel enjoyed teaching the McLean High School Best Buddies group this week for their first-ever virtual painting party. 42 attendees enjoyed creating awesome art.

Additional thanks to members of the New Dominion Women's Club who joined us this past week for the group's annual Arts Night Out. Though this year's event looked a little different, we were grateful for the opportunity to carry on this special tradition.

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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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## MPA Welcomes New Board Members, elected

Welcome to our new MPA Board Members, elected at our November Board Meeting:

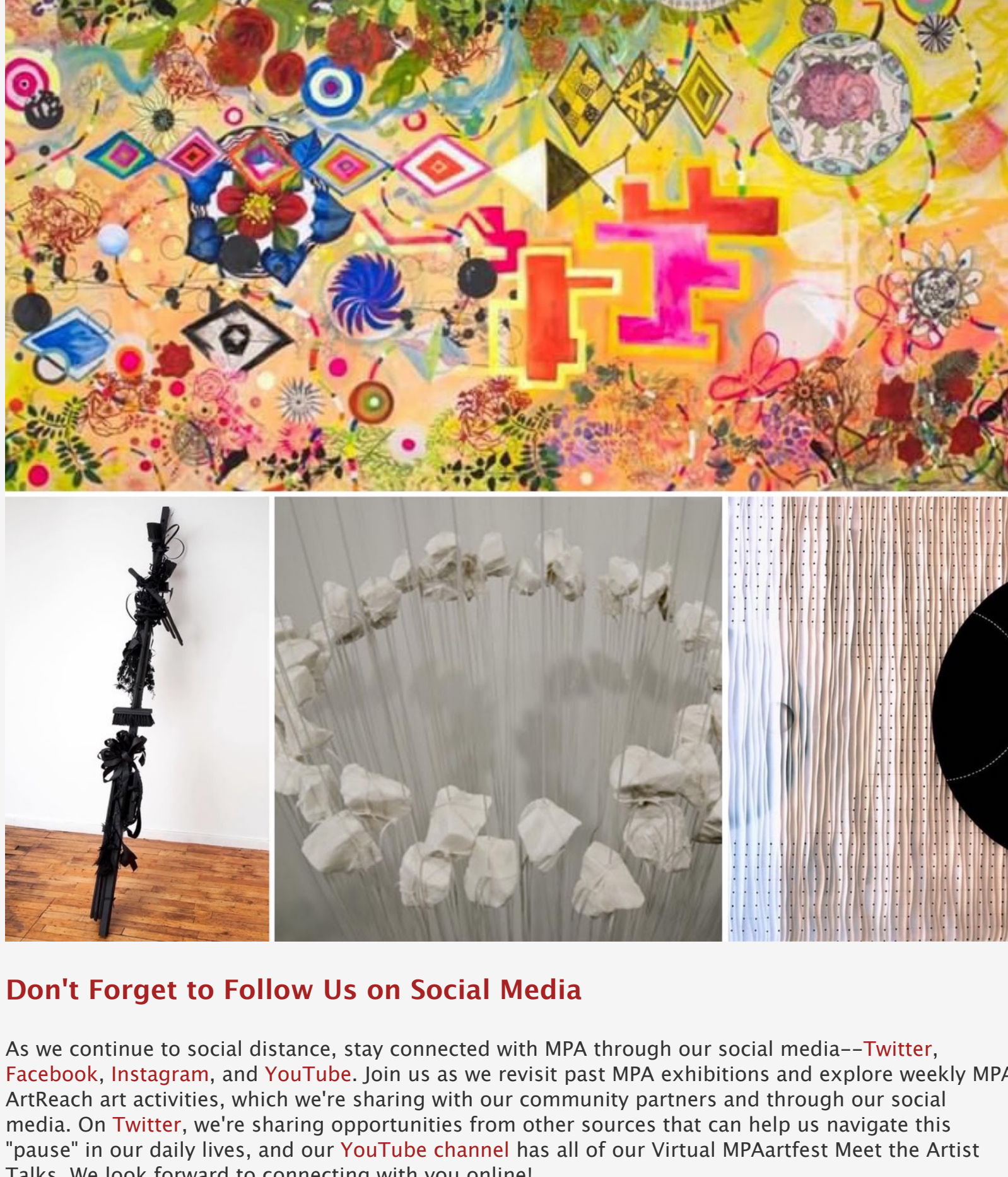
- Michelle Bernard (Potomac, MD): CEO, Author, Journalist
- Libby Bush (Lake Ridge, VA): CEO, Vinson Hall Senior Living
- Ian Brzezinski (Great Falls, VA): Principal, The Brzezinski Group
- Joe Coleman (Potomac, MD): Entertainer, entrepreneur
- Pamela Gwaltney (Potomac, MD): Publisher, collector, artist
- Marla Kim (Great Falls, VA): Entrepreneur, accountant
- Priscilla Stanzel (McLean, VA): Attorney, community leader

We also welcomed the following new members to our MPA Advisory Board:

- Ginny Brzezinski (Great Falls, VA): Author, realtor, community leader
- Charlotte Cameron (Great Falls, VA): Former MPA Board Member, community leader
- Doug Haynes (Briarcliff Manor, NY): Executive, philanthropist
- Renato Miracco (Washington, DC): Scholar, cultural attaché, collector

Visit our website for a complete list of our MPA Board and Advisory Board.

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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!

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Help MPA continue to connect Art and Community!

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MPA in the News

Fairfax Times: The Arts In Fairfax [Sculpture NOW 2020] (11/13/2020)

The Washington Post: In the Galleries--A wide array of media carry election-year messages (10/30/2020)

InsideNOVA: McLean Project for the Arts Offers New Vision for Planned Center (10/30/2020)

East City Art: Review--Sculpture NOW 2020, Washington Sculptors Group at McLean Project for the Arts (10/27/2020)

Tysons Today: McLean Project for the Arts, Washington Sculptors Group to Host Sculpture NOW Virtual Talk: Exhibition Highlights (10/22/2020)

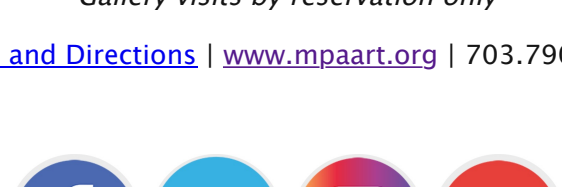
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