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**McLean Project for the Arts to Open Two New Exhibitions Dec. 9**  
***New works by Joseph Cortina, Shanthi Chandrasekar on display***

**McLean, VA:** McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) will open its two newest exhibitions with a [Virtual Exhibition Launch and Artist Talk on December 9, 2020 at 7pm](#). *Vertical Interval: New Works by Joseph Cortina* (Emerson Gallery) and *Beginningless Endless: Works by Shanthi Chandrasekar* (Atrium Gallery) both run through February 20, 2021. Both exhibitions were underwritten by JBG Smith.

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

McLean-based artist Joseph Cortina exhibits 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, texting, and line, Cortina is drawn back to painting for its immediate, direct, and therapeutic significance.



Joseph Cortina, bookstory



Shanthi Chandrasekar, Cosmic Design Installation (detail)

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

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.

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Images of both *Vertical Interval* and *Beginningless Endless* will be available on the MPA website beginning December 9. The Atrium Gallery Exhibition (*Beginningless Endless*) will be available for viewing during McLean Community Center operating hours. MPA's Emerson Gallery is not currently open to the public, due to the rise in COVID cases.

To register for the December 9 Virtual Exhibition Launch and Artist Talk, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/mpawinterexhibitions>.

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### **About MPA**

**McLean Project for the Arts (MPA)** is one of the mid-Atlantic region's most respected contemporary visual arts organizations. MPA provides high-quality art exhibitions showcasing the work of established and emerging artists, educational programs, art classes, MPAartfest, summer art camps, and ArtReach, an award-winning program serving students in grades K – 12, seniors, and individuals with special needs. For more information, visit [www.mpaart.org](http://www.mpaart.org).

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