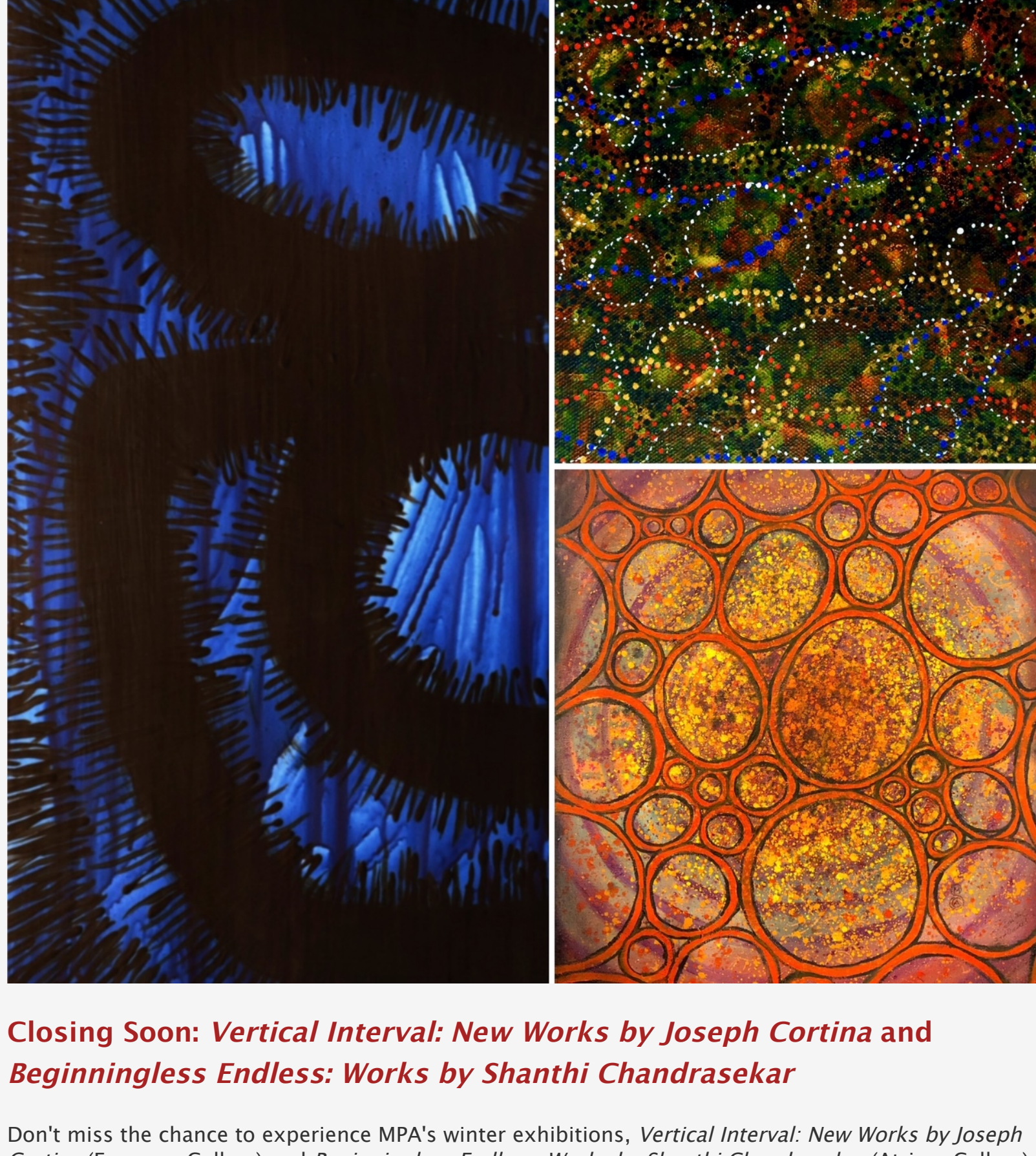




MPA Updates | January 22, 2021



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

Don't miss the chance to experience MPA's winter exhibitions, *Vertical Interval: New Works by Joseph Cortina* (Emerson Gallery) and *Beginningless Endless: Works by Shanthi Chandrasekar* (Atrium Gallery), both of which close February 20, 2021. The exhibitions were underwritten by JBG Smith, and are available online. A recording from our Virtual Opening Reception and Artist Talk is also available on our website.

**Please note:** As of January 14, MPA is thrilled to be able to offer in-person gallery visits to view our current exhibitions. The safety of our visitors, staff, and community remains at the forefront of our minds as we redesign our in-gallery experience in this new environment. The Emerson Gallery exhibit, *Vertical Interval*, will be open for visitors with timed passes on Thursdays from 11am–2pm and Saturdays from 10am–3pm. The Atrium Gallery exhibition, *Beginningless Endless*, will be available for viewing during **MCC operating hours**. Please review our MPA COVID–19 Policies before registering.

(Pictured, from top left: "Resolve", Joseph Cortina; "Entanglement – Voids", Shanthi Chandrasekar; "Apollonius Circles", Shanthi Chandrasekar)

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**MPA Winter Art Classes Start Next Week -- Spaces Still Available**

There's still time to register for winter art classes at MPA. Our 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.

**Winter class offerings include:**

- **Drawing and Painting Studio** with David Carlson (Online): A working studio classroom for beginners, experienced students, and artists seeking to improve their skills, this course covers the fundamentals of drawing and painting. More experienced artists will have the opportunity to develop a body of work and critique in a creative environment. Classes meet on Thursdays from 7–9:30pm.
- **Portrait and Figure Painting** with Jordan Xu (Online): Come and learn figure painting in oils, acrylics, or pastels from a live model. In this class, students will gain the knowledge of basic painting concepts and techniques such as value, color temperature, composition, and transition. Students will experiment with different approaches to starting a painting and the theories behind them. Step-by-step instructions will take participants through the entire process of a painting. Some drawing experience necessary. Classes meet Mondays from 7–9pm.
- **Vibrant Flower Paintings in Oil** with Joyce Lee (Online): Capture the beauty of flowers with new techniques! In this class, students will learn how to capture the quality, the feeling, and the spirit of flowers while gaining exposure to new techniques. All levels welcome! Classes meet on Thursdays from 7–9:30pm.
- **Oil and Painting Studio** with Tom Morris (DuVal Studio): A class designed for the continuing painting student at the beginning and intermediate level, students will gain continued practice with paint application, color mixing, and composition, with a focus on thematic development. Classes meet Tuesdays from 9:30am – 12:00noon.

To see a complete list of our winter offerings, visit our website. Registration is now open. 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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**MPA ArtReach Spotlight**

Our ServiceSource Mixed-Media weekly Zoom art classes, taught by ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel, have recently focused on the theme of animals—both outdoors and indoors. During these socially distanced times, it's been so rewarding to work with these ServiceSource students and the group continues to expand the number of participants since the program's inception last spring. The photos above are just a few examples of class members proudly sharing their colorful and creative work.

Your support makes MPA's ArtReach program possible. To make a gift, [click here](#).

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**WORK-SMART: Community Round Table**

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**WORK-SMART: Community Round Table**

**presented by ArtsFairfax**

Join ArtsFairfax on Thursday, February 4, 2021 from 12:00 noon until 1:00pm for a round table discussion on racial and cultural equality and explore the guiding principles needed to build inclusion, diversity, equity, and access to recovery in your organization.

The round table kicks off the 2021 ArtsFairfax WORK-SMART workshop series. The initiative reflects Fairfax County's One Fairfax policy striving for social and racial equity in our community.

The round table is free and open to the whole community. Registration is required. For questions or additional information, please email [dstoebe@artsfairfax.org](mailto:dstoebe@artsfairfax.org).



**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 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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**MPA in the News**

**Tysons Reporter: Local Arts Organizations Get Boost from COVID-19 Relief Grants (1/20/2021)**

**Modern Luxury DC: Mission Critical (December 2020)**

**Inside NOVA: Master-planning Effort Kicks Off for Clemjontri Arts Center (12/22/2020)**

**Tysons Reporter: Clemjontri Arts Center Could be Revised for Proposed Master Plan (12/22/2020)**

**The Washington Post (Instagram): ABCs—DC Suburbs (No. 24—Xavier Court, McLean, VA) (12/13/2020)**

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Please [visit our website](#) to reserve a timed pass to view our Emerson Gallery exhibit, "Vertical Interval." Our Atrium Gallery exhibition will be open during MCC open hours.

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