



McLean Project for the Arts

MPA Updates | February 19, 2021



MPA Faculty Spotlight: Nathan Johnson, MPA Summer Art Camp Instructor

"Our summer art camps are creative, colorful, and most importantly fun! I want my campers to explore and practice new art techniques and build on their creativity—all while enjoying the camp experience. I look forward to an awesome summer!"

—Nathan Johnson

Collage artist and illustrator **Nathan Johnson** returns for his third year with MPA Summer Art Camps. As an artist, Mr. Johnson seeks to find inspiration through what he sees in every day life—a sunset, certain color combinations in a book, or images that pop into his head. "I find so much satisfaction in exploring the medium and letting it take me on a journey," says Mr. Johnson. A long-time art teacher for Fairfax County Public Schools, Mr. Johnson's work has appeared in the FCPS faculty art show. His work has also hung in the Northern Virginia Community College Art Department and at Busboys and Poets.

Students ages 6-12 are invited to join Mr. Johnson and our other experienced instructors at MPA Summer Art Camps. Registration is now open for both our virtual and in-studio offerings. MPA will also be holding our Abakadoodle Camps (ages 3-6), as well as teen camps and our CTI program.

Please note: The safety of our campers, staff, and community is at the forefront of our minds as we redesign our in-studio camps in this new environment. Please review our MPA Summer Camp Policies & Procedures.

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The Show Must Go On for McLean Art Society Members

Join MPA and the **McLean Art Society** March 2-13, 2021 for *The Show Must Go On*. The exhibit will feature pieces by 20 members of the McLean Art Society working in a variety of media. *The Show Must Go On* was juried by Jessica Mickey, Arlington artist and former co-director of Gallery Underground Arlington. Jessica is an Arlington Artists Alliance member and has shown her work at dozens of venues, one of which she also curates for other local artists.

The Show Must Go On will be on display in MPA's Atrium Gallery, which is open during MCC operating hours.

(Pictured above, from top left: Ray Goodrow, "Girls Are Dancing"; Judith Landry, "The Tourists"; Jane McElvany Coonce, "Nivadi Concert")

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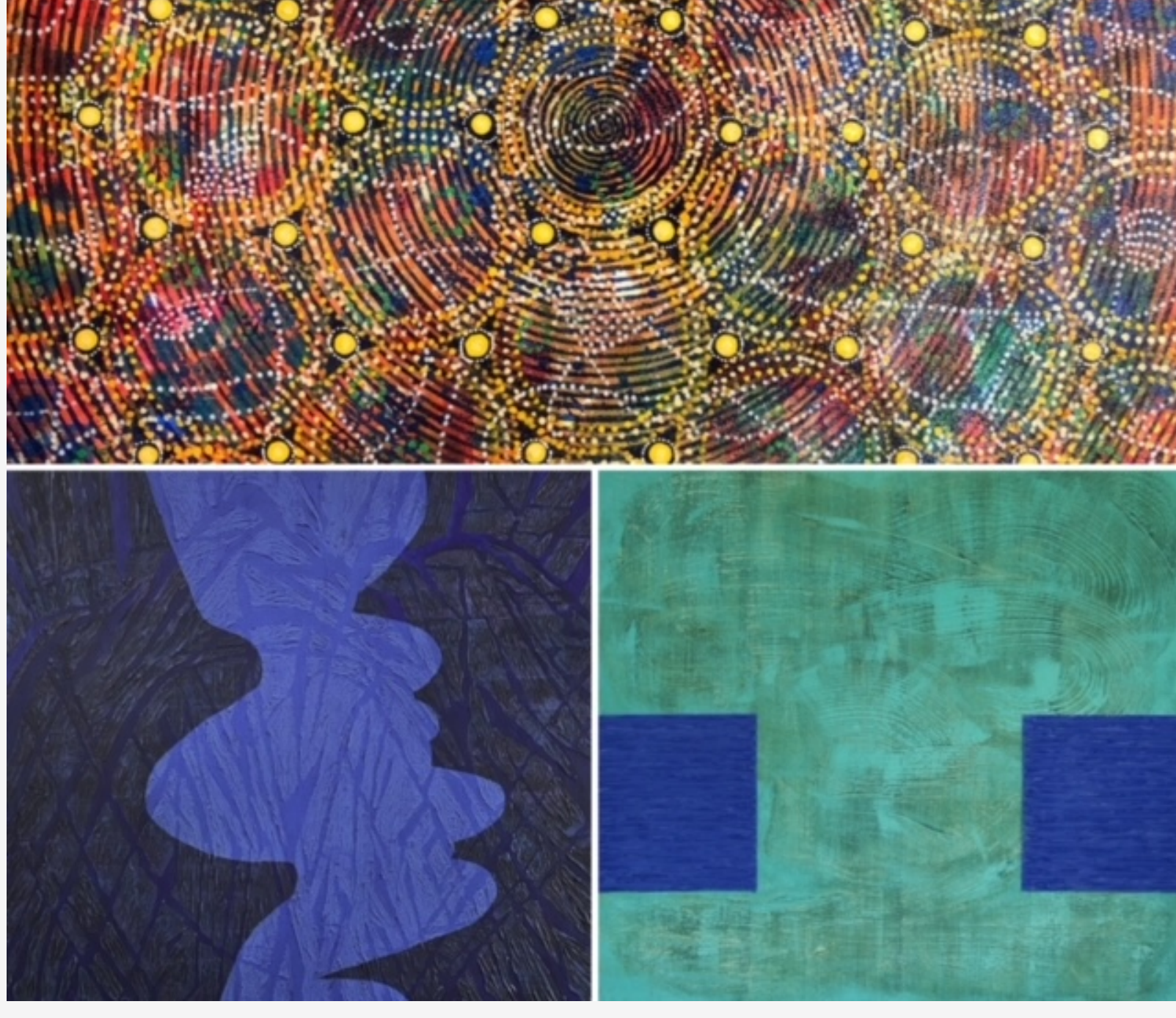


Spring Art Class Registration Underway

Now is the time to register for spring art classes. Choose from new class offerings or returning favorites, including:

- Paper Making Series (DuVal Studio) with Jennifer Lillis:** This class takes students from pulp to paper in creating their own paper. Students will learn how to form, press, and dry sheets of handmade paper, working to create a variety of paper to be used for the upcoming series or for their own personal projects. Classes meet Wednesdays from 6-8pm beginning 3/24.
- Portrait and Figure Painting (Online) with Jordan Xu:** Come and learn figure painting in oils, acrylics or pastels from a live model. Students will learn about basic painting concepts and techniques such as value, color temperature, composition, and transition. Step-by-step instructions will walk students through the entire process of a painting. Classes meet Mondays from 7-9pm beginning 4/19.
- Color Theory (DuVal) with Naomi Chung:** Change the way you observe the world around you and the manner in which you approach your painting! Students will learn the properties of color and how to mix and apply color effectively. Classes meet Wednesdays from 10am-12:30pm beginning 4/21.
- Vibrant Flowers in Oil (Online) with Joyce Lee:** Capture the beauty of flowers with new techniques! Students will learn how to capture the quality, the feeling, and the spirit of flowers while gaining exposure to new techniques. Classes meet on Thursdays from 7-9:30pm beginning 4/22.
- Freedom of Watercolor (Online) with Barbara Januszkiewicz:** Working with changeable subject matter, students will work to develop their ideal style as artists. Elements of design, composition, and balance will be discussed. Classes meet on Thursdays from 10am-12pm beginning 4/22.
- Digital Photography (Online) with Kula Jones:** This course covers basic concepts and practices of digital photography, including understanding and using the camera, lenses, and other basic photographic equipment. Students will explore aesthetic principles as they relate to composition, space, exposure, light and color. Classes meet on Fridays from 10am-12pm beginning 4/23.

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Exhibitions Update

Winter Exhibits Close this Sunday, February 20, 2021; Spring Exhibits Open April 1, 2021

Looking for a COVID-safe activity this weekend? MPA has limited reservations available to visit our winter exhibitions, *Vertical Interval: New Works* by Joseph Cortina and *Beginningless Endless: Works by Shanthi Chandrasekar*. Both shows close Sunday, February 20. Visit our website to make your reservation. The Atrium Gallery is also open to visitors during regular MCC hours of operation.

Thank you to JBC Smith for underwriting our winter exhibitions.

Coming Soon...

Mark your calendars for April 1 - June 10, 2021 as MPA opens our spring 2021 exhibitions. Our Emerson Gallery will feature *Intium Novum: Humanity's End As A New Beginning*, featuring artist Yuriko Yamaguchi and writer Mineke Schipper. The Atrium Gallery will feature work by Alonzo Davis. Additional details to follow. For more information on these exhibits, please visit our website. (Pictured, from top left: Shanthi Chandrasekar, "Cosmic Structure"; Joseph Cortina, "Reelin Down"; Joseph Cortina, "The Past Sure is Tense")

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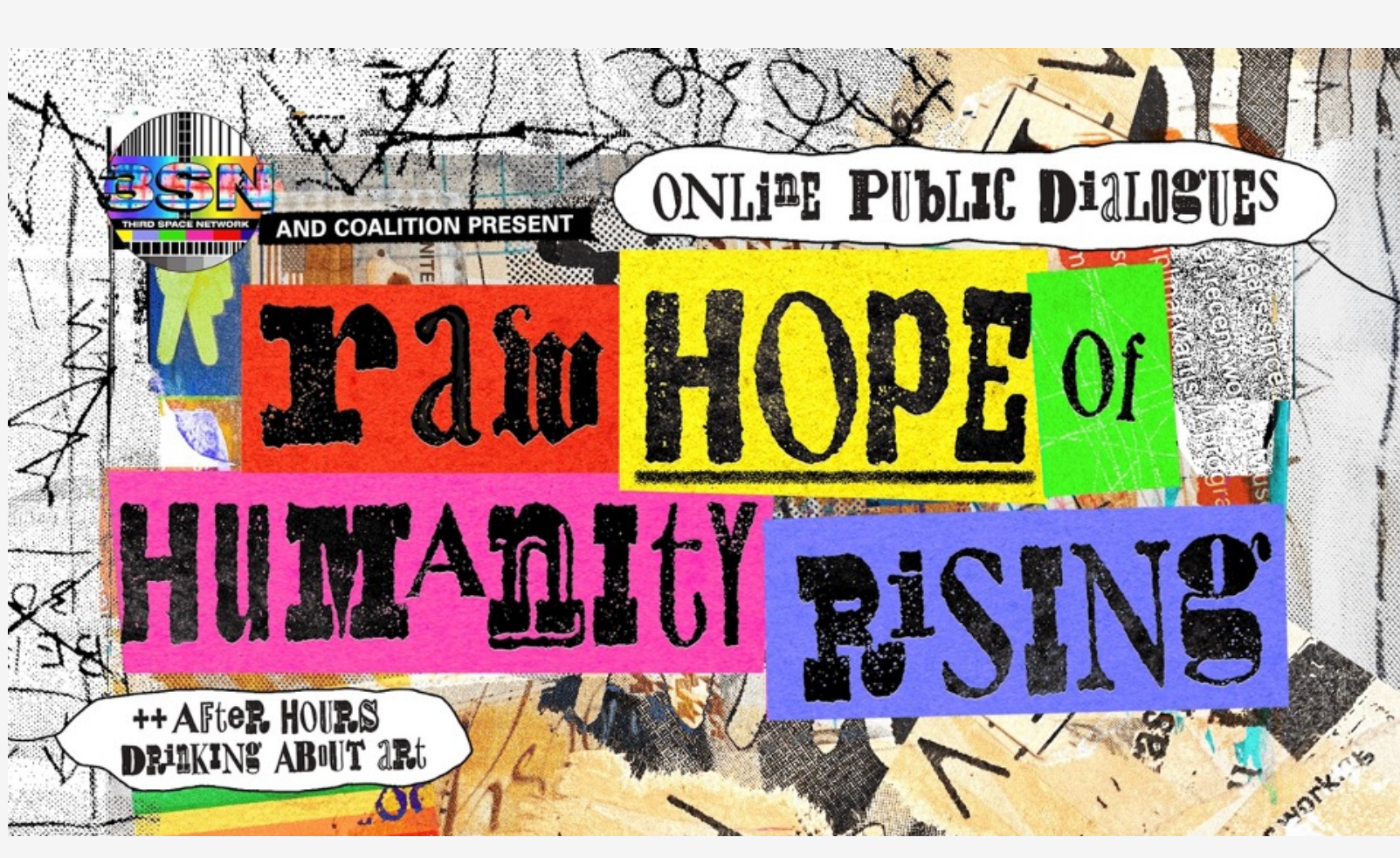


Fairfax County Senior Student Shares Artwork

The artwork shown above was created by a student in the Monday afternoon senior art class taught by MPA's ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel and offered through Fairfax County's Virtual Center for Active Adults. These weekly Zoom classes have helped seniors get through this challenging time of social distancing and provided a new way to reach area seniors through MPA's ArtReach.

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

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Online Public Dialogues--Raw Hope of Humanity

Thank you to everyone who joined us this past Wednesday, February 17 for the Raw Hope Coalition's first panel discussion, "The Social Impact of Mural Art." The panel discussed mural art in public spaces as an expression of social and political resistance, providing a collaborative platform for community action.

To listen to a recording from the event, [click here](#).

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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 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

The Georgetown: Weekly Arts Roundup (2/16/2021)

The Washington Post: In the Galleries--Exploring the Tension Between Physical and Digital Art (2/5/2021)

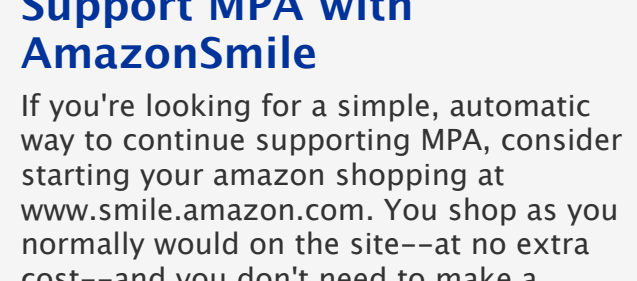
Inside NOVA: New Art Exhibits Showcase Bold Abstracts, Intricate Patterns (2/2/2021)

Inside NOVA: InFIVE: InsideOut [Joseph Cortina] (2/1/2021)

East City Arts: Review--Pattern and Texture: Shanthi Chandrasekar and Joseph Cortina at McLean Project for the Arts (1/25/2021)

Tyson's Reporter: Local Arts Organizations Get Boost from COVID-19 Relief Grants (1/20/2021)

Modern Luxury DC: Mission Critical (December 2020)



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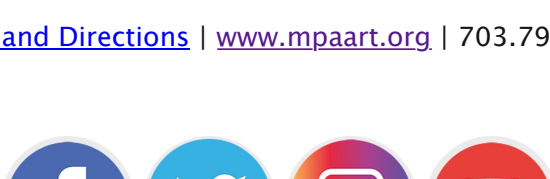
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Please [visit our website](#) to reserve a timed pass to view our Emerson Gallery exhibit, "Vertical Interval."

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