



McLean Project for the Arts

MPA Updates | March 5, 2021



MPA to Host ArtSprings Virtual Benefit April 29, 8pm

Announcing the inaugural MPA ArtSprings! Please join us (online) on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 8pm as we celebrate the community, inspiration, and resilience of the arts! ArtSprings! will feature an hour of special guests, fabulous entertainment, and the opportunity to support arts and artists throughout the region.

MPA welcomes sponsorships for ArtSprings! at this time. Individual tickets will be made available closer to the event. Visit our website for more information, or to become a sponsor.

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MPA Summer Camp Faculty Spotlight:

Kerry L. Vosler and her Vosler Young Artists' Studio

"Great artists, musicians, writers, and athletes do not acquire their skills overnight. It takes years of study to gain insights and to understand the technical mastery of the craft for all of these endeavors. Talent is nice to have but not necessary to become an artist. Dedication and long-term commitment is really what determines how successful an artist will become."

—Kerry Vosler, Vosler Young Artists' Studio

Known for her masterful Flamenco Dancers paintings, portraits and landscapes, master instructor Kerry Vosler has painted state officials, children, and corporate portraits. Her global clients range from Australia, the United States, and Europe. In 2010, Kerry and her husband James co-founded the Vosler Young Artists' Studio, A Classical Atelier in Tampa, Florida. Today, her school is nationally recognized as a unique and quality program for young artists. Each summer, Kerry visits McLean to hold a week-long Vosler Young Artists' Studio as part of our MPA Summer Camp programming.

If you have a young artist ages 13–18, join us August 16–20, 2021 as we welcome back Ms. Vosler for her sixth year! Students will experience the classical atelier program of instruction, learning to draw through direct observation. No previous experience is necessary.

In addition to the Vosler Young Artists' Studio, MPA's summer offerings include MPA Summer Art Camps, for students ages 6–12; our Abrakadoodle Camps (ages 3–6); and our CIT 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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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 Xue:** 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 Rula 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.

For our younger artists, our spring lineup includes two Abrakadoodle options:

- Abrakadoodle Twoosy Doodlers (DuVal):** In this special art experience for toddlers and their guardians, little fingers will experiment with painting, gluing, sticking, printing, and creating while developing fine motor, language, and self-help skills. Classes meet on Saturdays from 10–10:45am beginning 4/17.
- Abrakadoodle Mini Doodlers (DuVal):** Children will develop their creativity through lessons carefully designed to ignite their imaginations and development skills. Using real artists' materials, students will create truly unique masterpieces. Classes meet on Saturdays from 11:30am–12:30pm beginning 4/17.

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MPA ArtReach Spotlight

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, and our ServiceSource Mixed-Media weekly Zoom art classes, taught by MPA ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel, are beginning a new series of classes focusing on STEAM-based projects with painting and mixed media.

During these socially distanced times, it's been so rewarding to work with these ServiceSource students. 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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The Show Must Go On for McLean Art Society Members

Join MPA and the McLean Art Society now through March 13, 2021 for *The Show Must Go On*, showcasing 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 is 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 Spoon, "Vivaldi Concert")

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Raw Hope Coalition presents "Transformation of the Urban Space" Panel Discussion, Wednesday, March 17

McLean Project for the Arts and the Raw Hope Coalition invite you to join them on Wednesday, March 17 at 6pm for "Transformation of the Urban Space", the second panel in the Raw Hope of Humanity Rising series of online public dialogues.

Transformation of the Urban Space will explore civic empowerment through the artistic activation of contested spaces such as the Historic Black Lives Matter Plaza in Washington, DC. Panelists include Ian Callender, whose work involves reclaiming vacant and dilapidated urban spaces; Keyonna Jones, one of the lead artists on the street mural project at BLM Plaza; and David "Dez" Zambrano, DC artist/co-creator of the BRBG mural near BLM Plaza.

Each Raw Hope of Humanity Rising event culminates in ++ After Hours / Drinking About Art, a virtual soiree for the arts and cultural communities to discuss ideas and collaborative projects.

Save your spot: <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/raw-hope-2021-panel2>.

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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

Tyson's Reporter: McLean Art Society Exhibition of Local Artists to Community Center (2/24/2021)

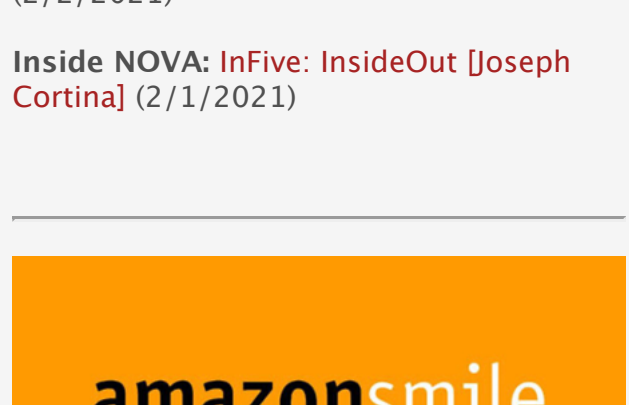
Tyson's Today: McLean Art Society to present 'The Show Must Go On' at McLean Project for the Arts (2/24/2021)

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 Corina) (2/1/2021)



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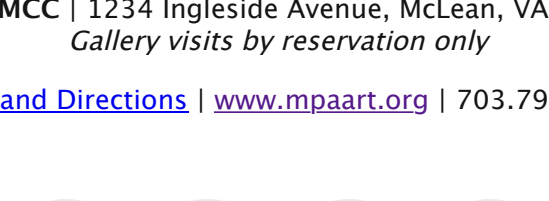
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