



McLean Project for the Arts

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Virtual Opening Exhibition Reception and Artist Talk: April 8, 7pm

Navigating Climate Change, Extended by Alonzo Davis

Initium Novum: Humanity's End As A New Beginning featuring artist Yuriko Yamaguchi and writer Mineke Schipper

Please join MPA this Thursday, April 8 at 7pm for an Opening Exhibition Reception and Artist Talk. MPA will open our two new Spring exhibitions--*Navigating Climate Change, Extended* by Alonzo Davis (Atrium Gallery) and *Initium Novum: Humanity's End As A New Beginning*, by artist Yuriko Yamaguchi and writer Mineke Schipper. Underwritten by Donna and Bruce Berlage, both exhibits run through June 10, 2021. To register for the April 8 Virtual Opening Exhibition Reception and Artist Talk [click here](#).

The Atrium Gallery exhibition (*Navigating Climate Change, Extended*) will be available for viewing during McLean Community Center operating hours. The Emerson Gallery exhibit (*Initium Novum*) will be open for visitors with timed passes on Thursdays from 11am-2pm and Saturdays from 10am-3pm (and select Sundays). Visit [mpaart.org](#) to reserve your timed pass.

(Pictured: Top--Yuriko Yamaguchi, "A New Heaven and a New Earth;" Bottom--Alonzo Davis; untitled)

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ArtSpirings! is Less Than One Month Away!

The inaugural MPA ArtSpirings! Virtual Benefit is less than one month away! Please mark your calendars and join us (online) on **Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 8pm** as we celebrate the community, inspiration, and resilience of the arts. [Sponsorships are available here](#).

ArtSpirings! highlights include:

- Special guests Hynek Kmoníček, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic to the United States, and emcee Amy E. Goodman, nationally recognized media personality and lifestyle correspondent
- Musical performances by some of DC's best musicians, including *The Voices of Classic Soul*; Dave Kline Band (featuring Dave Kline on electric violin, Ken Avis on guitar and vocals, Olaolu Ajobade on drums, Alberto Biondini on bass, and special guest Senator Tim Kaine on vocals and harmonica); musicians from the Strathmore Music Center Artist in Residence program, including Lynn Veroneau, Sheyda Do'a, and Rui Fu; and original music from the Creative Cauldron's Passport to the World Festival artists
- ArtSpirings Careers Artists Barbara Januszkiewicz and Antoinette Wysocki will share their backgrounds and connections to MPA, and explain how that connection influenced their successful careers
- Exciting auction featuring many high-value items. As a special bonus, MPA ArtSpirings! sponsors will have early access to our sought-after auction items

Creating community and supporting the creative arts is more important now than ever. Show your support for MPA and the arts community by [joining us as an ArtSpirings! sponsor](#). Prospective sponsors are encouraged to act soon, as several sponsorships are exclusive and will sell out quickly. [Visit our website](#) to secure your sponsorship today.

And save the date for our first ever ArtSmash! Tennis Tournament, May 14 at Washington Golf & Country Club and May 15 at River Bend Country Club. Ticket sales open next week. Additional details forthcoming--stay tuned!

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MPA Summer Camp Spotlight: Camp Abrakadoodle

Abrakadoodle Art Camps inspire kids to reach beyond and create art that is unique to them. By doing so, kids feel empowered to be creative and expressive. It's amazing to see just what kids design when given the freedom to explore and express themselves creatively! Imaginations soar!

Since its founding in 2002, Abrakadoodle has delivered the very best in visual arts classes for kids. This popular series of imaginative art camps for children is based on the learning principles of Jean Piaget. Children create wonderful "masterpieces" using innovative art materials, while exploring artistic styles and techniques. Each half day camp offers unique experiences designed to foster creativity.

MPA's Abrakadoodle Art Camps (ages 3-6) will be offered in-studio, twice a day, from June 28-August 13. Morning sessions run 9:30am-12pm and afternoon sessions run 1:30-4pm. Themes vary by week and include Jammin' with Abrakadoodle, Little Artists, Big Ideas, Kids on Canvas, World Art, and more.

In addition to our Abrakadoodle Art Camps, MPA's summer offerings include our MPA Summer Art Camps (ages 6-12); our Vosler Young Artist Studio; 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 Classes are Underway!

Registration still open for some classes

Spring has sprung--and so has the start of MPA's Spring Art Class lineup. MPA's spring class offerings include some of our long-time favorites, as well as exciting new options, including a **NEW Teen Painting class with Pamela Saunders**. Classes will take place online and in our DuVal Studio.

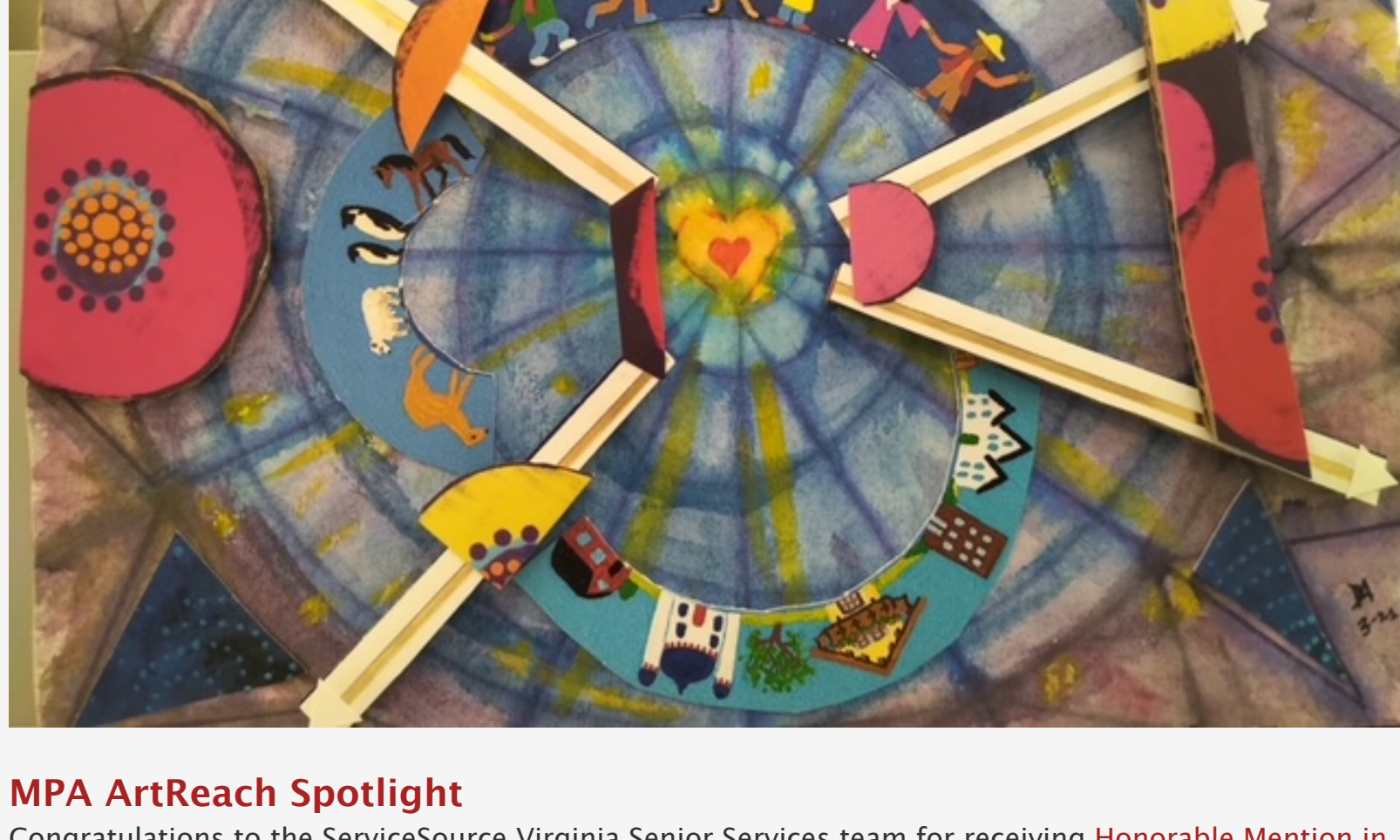
While some classes have already started, several sessions begin later this month, including:

- Drawing and Painting Studio (Online) with David Carlson:** A working studio classroom for beginners, experienced students, 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. Students are encouraged to explore their own concepts and style of expression. Classes meet Thursdays from 7-9:30pm beginning April 22.
- Teen Painting -- NEW! (Online) with Pamela Saunders:** Join other teens for a calm and relaxing painting class. Students will paint with acrylic on canvas boards. Each class will focus on techniques in various brush strokes, color-mixing and blending to create original art, paint party style art, and more! No previous drawing or painting experience necessary. Classes meet Fridays from 5-6:30pm beginning April 23.
- 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.
- 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 Twosy 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

Congratulations to the ServiceSource Virginia Senior Services team for receiving Honorable Mention in the **Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services 2021 Best Practices Awards!**

"The Best Practices Awards leveraged technologies and communities to help older Virginians stay connected and receive the support they needed," said Kathryn Reid, Committee Chair, Commonwealth Council on Aging.

We're proud that our MPA ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel's weekly Zoom Art Class for Fairfax County Seniors is a part of the programming recognized in a partnership between ServiceSource's Virtual Center for Active Adults and the Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services. Pictured above is a geometric collage titled *Navigating the World* by Donna, created with watercolor and marker.

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

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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

Fairfax County Times: [The Arts Are In Fairfax \(4/2/2021\)](#)

Tyson's Reporter: [New McLean Project for the Arts Exhibits Open April 1 \(3/30/2021\)](#)

Tyson's Today: [McLean Project for the Arts to Open Two New Exhibitions April 1 \(3/30/2021\)](#)

Tyson's Reporter: [Weekly Planner--New McLean Project for the Arts Exhibit \(3/29/2021\)](#)



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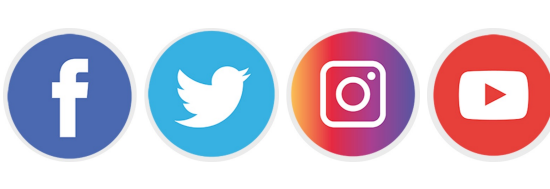
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Please [visit our website](#) to reserve a timed pass to view our Emerson Gallery exhibit, "Initium Novum: Humanity's End As A New Beginning." Our Atrium Gallery exhibition will be open during MCC open hours.

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