



# McLean Project for the Arts

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## McLean Project for the Arts to Host ArtSprings! Virtual Benefit on April 29

McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) will host its inaugural ArtSprings! Virtual Benefit on April 29, 2021. The family of sculptor and longtime McLean resident **Emilie Benes Brzezinski** will join as MPA officially accepts the mantle to establish the next chapter of their mother's artistic legacy. **Hynek Kmoníček**, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic to the United States, will join the event as a keynote speaker, and media personality and lifestyle correspondent **Amy E. Goodman** will emcee.

ArtSprings! will feature a diverse lineup of musical performances, including the **Voices of Classic Soul**; the **Dave Kline Band**, with special guest **Senator Tim Kaine**; and musicians from the **Strathmore Music Center** Artist in Residence program. Artists **Barbara Januszkiewicz** and **Antoinette Wysocki** will also share their backgrounds and connections to MPA, and explain how that connection influenced their successful careers.

MPA ArtSprings! is presented in partnership with the Kimsey Family Foundation, the Mather, Max Mara, and Total Wine & More.

WHAT:	McLean Project for the Arts ArtSprings! Virtual Benefit
WHO:	Family of sculptor and McLean resident Emilie Benes Brzezinski Keynote speaker Hynek Kmoníček, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic to the United States Emcee Amy E. Goodman Musical performances by Joe Coleman, Dave Kline Band, and others
WHEN:	Thursday, April 29, 2021 8:00 – 9:00 pm
WHERE:	ArtSprings! will be held virtually
HOW:	<a href="http://www.mpaart.org/artsprings">www.mpaart.org/artsprings</a>
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## **About MPA**

### **MPA Exhibits, Educates and Inspires**

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).

### **About Emilie Benes Brzezinski**

Born in 1932 in Geneva, Switzerland, Emilie Brzezinski immigrated to the United States with her parents and grew up in California. She graduated from Wellesley College in Massachusetts with a degree in art history. Over the past two decades, the artist has had many gallery and museum installations in the U.S. and overseas. Her work is in the permanent collection of the Corcoran Museum in Washington, D.C. and has been shown at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, the Katzen Arts Center in Washington, D.C., and the Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts. Her art can also be seen at sculpture parks across North America, including the Grounds for Sculpture in New Jersey, the Royal Botanical Garden in Hamilton, Ontario, the Stone Quarry Hill Art Park in New York and the Socrates Sculpture Park in New York.

Brzezinski is the widow of Zbigniew Brzezinski, and mother of MSNBC journalist Mika Brzezinski. She recently relocated to Florida from her longtime home in McLean.

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