



McLean Project for the Arts



ArtSprints! Success — Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who joined us last night at our inaugural ArtSprints! Virtual Benefit! It was a wonderful evening of fun, inspiration, and celebration of the arts! We were thrilled to learn that Emilie Benes Brzezinski joined her daughter Mika for the event in Florida, watching Mika and her sons Ian and Mark, and daughter-in-law Ginny, for the official announcement of Brzezinski's gift to MPA.

"Mom's art has inspired my brothers and me throughout our lives," said Mika Brzezinski. "Now with MPA's lead, her works can continue to inspire generations to come."

"The entire MPA community is honored to receive this spectacular gift from Emilie Brzezinski and thrilled to work with the Brzezinski family in celebrating her vision of art in nature," said MPA Executive Director Lori Carboneau.

We are grateful to our ArtSprints! sponsors, special guests, live artists, Host Committee, and attendees, and excited to establish the next chapter of Emilie Benes Brzezinski's spectacular body of work.

If you missed last night's celebration, you can view highlights at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hFY1uxT0wHg> and at: <https://mpaart.org/about/brzezinski-gift/>



ArtSmash! Tennis Social — Limited Space Available

Secure your spot now!

Game. Set. Match.

MPA invites you to join us on Friday, May 14 at the Washington Golf & Country Club and/or Saturday, May 15 at River Bend Golf & Country Club for our ArtSmash! Tennis Social. Enjoy an afternoon of tennis, cocktails, and friends—all while supporting MPA's outstanding visual arts programming. Limited foursomes available. Reserve your space now, as this event is expected to sell out. See you on the courts!

Friday, May 14th at Washington Golf & Country Club

Tennis: 3:30-5:30pm

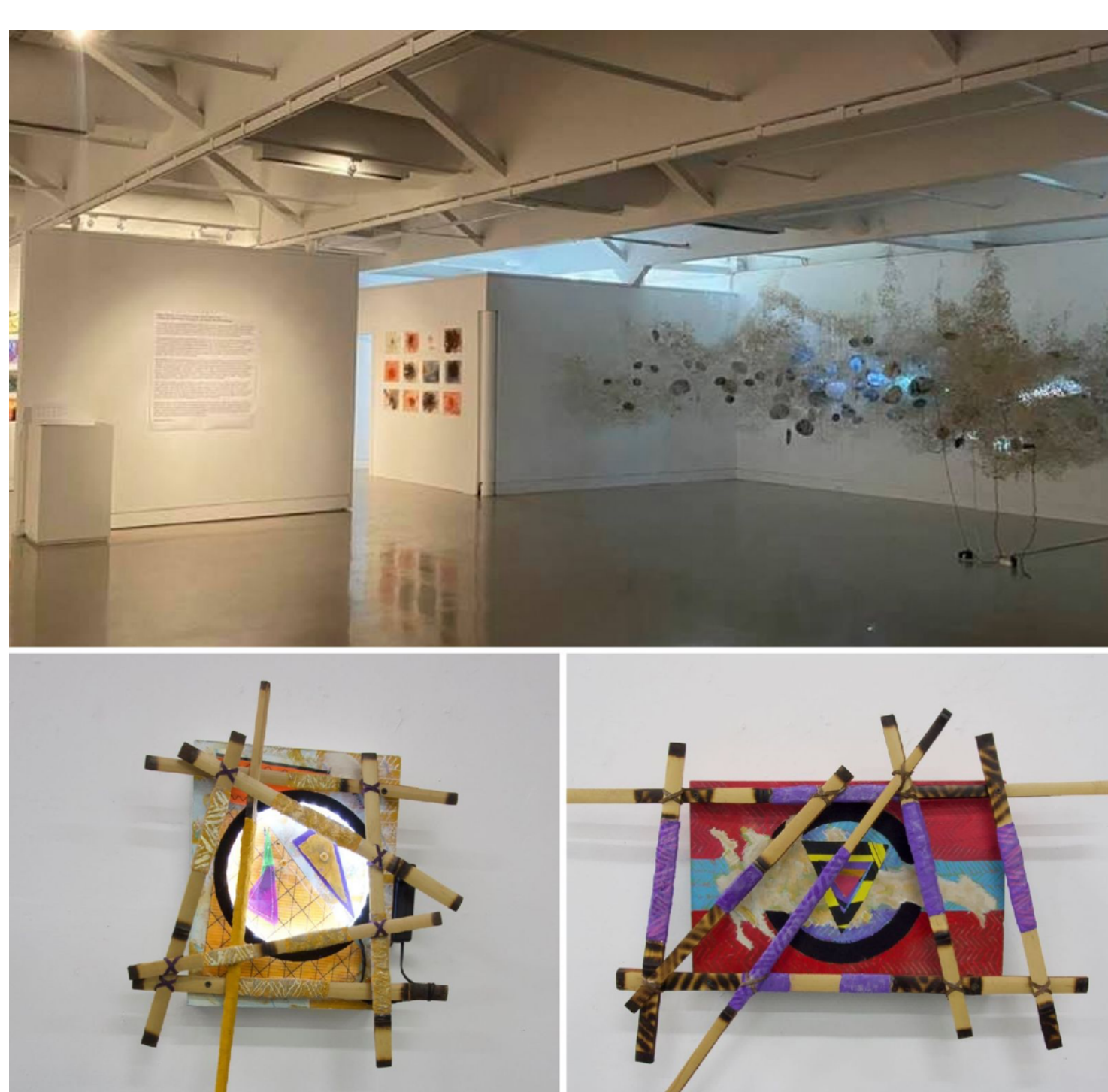
Social: 5:30-7pm

Saturday, May 15th at River Bend Golf & Country Club

Tennis: 1-3pm

Social: 3-4:30pm

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Now Showing: *Navigating Climate Change, Extended* and *Initium Novum: Humanity's End As A New Beginning*

Visit MPA in our galleries or online now through June 10, 2021 to experience our **newest exhibitions**: Alonzo Davis' *Navigating Climate Change, Extended* (Atrium Gallery) and Yuriko Yamaguchi's *Initium Novum: Humanity's End As A New Beginning* (Emerson Gallery, featuring writer Mineke Schipper). Both exhibitions were underwritten by Donna and Bruce Berlage.

A recording of our Virtual Opening Exhibition Reception and Artist Talk, as well as in-depth artist interviews, will be available [on the MPA website soon](#).

Images of both *Navigating Climate Change, Extended* and *Initium Novum* are available on the [MPA website](#). The Atrium Gallery Exhibition (*Navigating Climate Change, Extended*) is available for viewing during McLean Community Center operating hours. The Emerson Gallery exhibit (*Initium Novum*) is 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 above, clockwise from top: Our Emerson Gallery, featuring *Initium Novum* by Yuriko Yamaguchi; *Microclimate Series IV*, by Alonzo Davis; *Microclimate Series IX*, by Alonzo Davis)

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MPA Summer Art Camp Spotlight: Marianna Condley

"MPA Summer Art Camps are a wonderful enrichment opportunity that I am proud to be a part of each summer. The students are so much fun, and learn about subjects they may not learn about in a typical classroom!"

-Marianna Condley, MPA Summer Art Camp Instructor

Originally from Ohio, Marianna Condley graduated from Kent State University. She has been teaching in Fairfax County Public Schools for nine years. This will be her third summer teaching MPA Summer Art Camps, and she is so excited to return!

Join MPA and Marianna for a summer of creativity and fun! We will again be offering both in-person and online summer camp programming. Offerings include [MPA Art Camps](#) (ages 6 – 12) and [Abrakadoodle Camps](#) (ages 3 – 6), as well as our [Vosler Young Artists' Studio and Counselor in Training program](#) for teens. Sessions run June 28 - August 13, 2021. In-studio camps will take place at MPA's studios and galleries in the McLean Community Center. Join us for a variety of imaginative and fun week-long camps designed to ignite your child's creativity. See <https://mpaart.org/education/summer-art-camps/> to learn more!

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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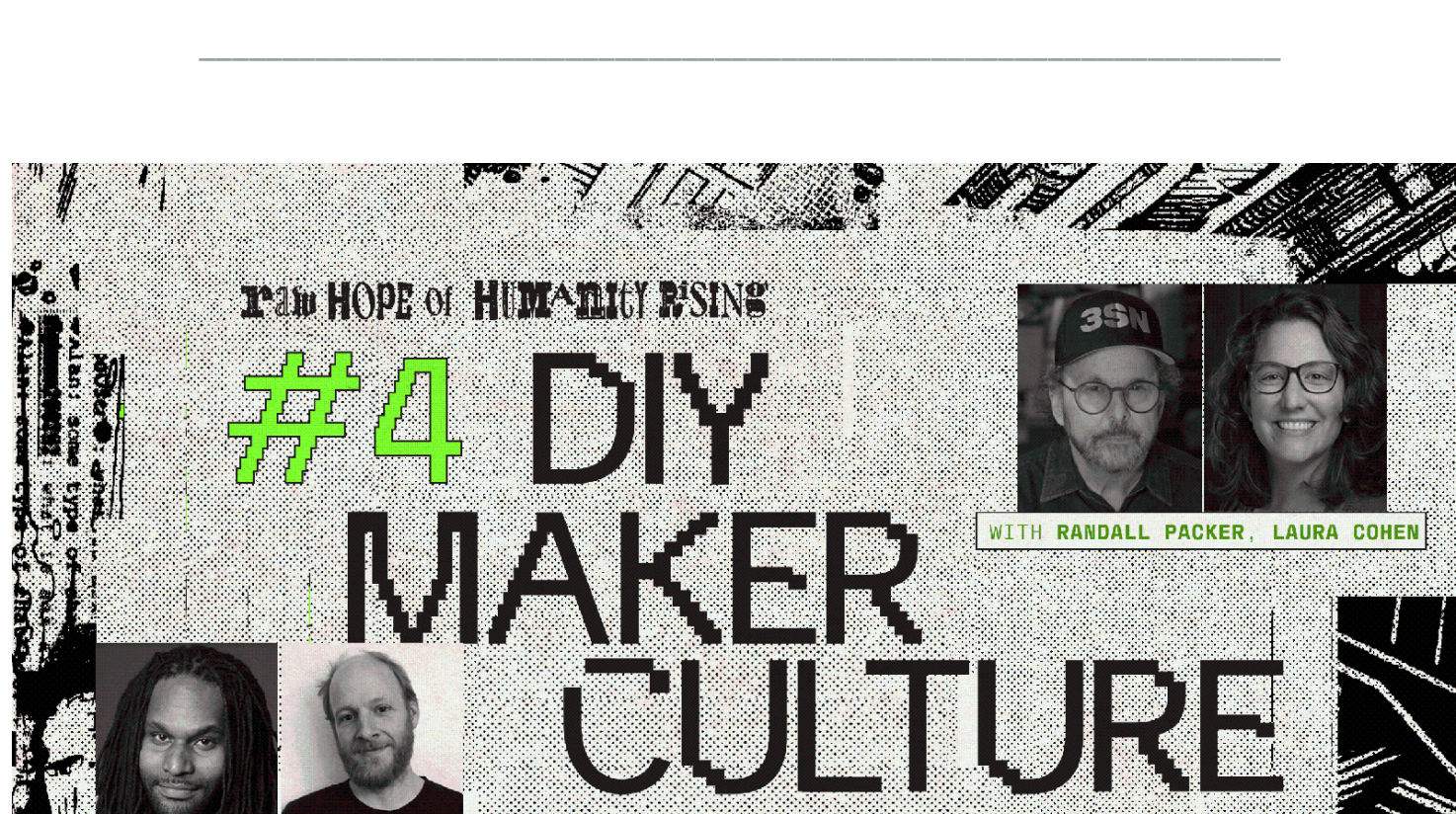


MPA ArtReach Update

ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel is excited to be sharing her latest activity flier, featuring artwork from our current Alonzo Davis exhibition, with our many ArtReach community partners, including the Unique Learning Center in the historic Shaw neighborhood of Washington, D.C. Sharon met with the Center's director, Sherry Woods, to provide printed fliers along with art supplies that will make it easy for the program participants to create their art. MPA community support helps us provide watercolor kits, collage papers, colored pencils, crayons, pipe cleaners and canvas boards for their 20 students.

During these times of social distancing, these ArtReach art activity fliers are created by Sharon in conjunction with our current exhibitions and provide partner organizations easy to create art activities to share in multiple ways with their program participants. Your generous support makes MPA's ArtReach program possible. To make a gift, [click here](#).

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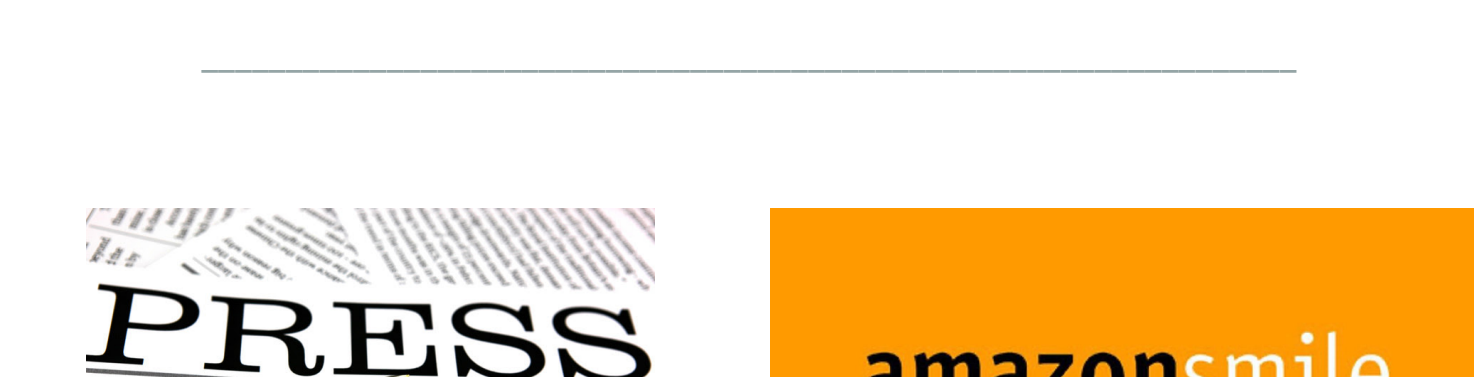
Raw Hope of Humanity Rising Panel Discussion: DIY Maker Culture

The concluding public dialogue in the [Raw Hope of Humanity Rising](#) four-part series is **DIY Maker Culture, Wednesday, May 12 at 6:00 PM EDT**. The panel explores the practice of collective art making, bringing together panelists discussing the cultural and social impact of DIY art spaces from Baltimore to Takoma Park to Anacostia DC.

The panelists include: Laura Cohen, educator at Open Works, Baltimore; Nehemiah Dixon, DIY Artist/Activist and head of Community Engagement at Phillips@THEARC; and Layne Garrett, program director at RhizomeDC. The panel is moderated by 3SN Creative Director Randall Packer.

[Register and save your spot.](#)

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MPA in the News

NBC News: [How Emilie Brzezinski Finds Resilience Through Art](#) (4/30/2021)

Sun Gazette News: [McLean Project for the Arts to Host Spring Soiree](#) (4/15/2021)

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

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

TysonsToday: [McLean Project for the Arts to Open Two New Exhibitions April 1](#) (3/30/2021)

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

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