



Call for Submissions: MPAartfest 2021

Calling all artists! MPA is currently seeking submissions for our 15th annual MPAartfest!

MPAartfest 2021 will consist of a one-day in-person juried fine arts and craft show held in McLean Central Park on October 3, 2021. Accepted Artists will be provided one tent on October 3, as well as a virtual online profile and promotion on the MPAartfest website.

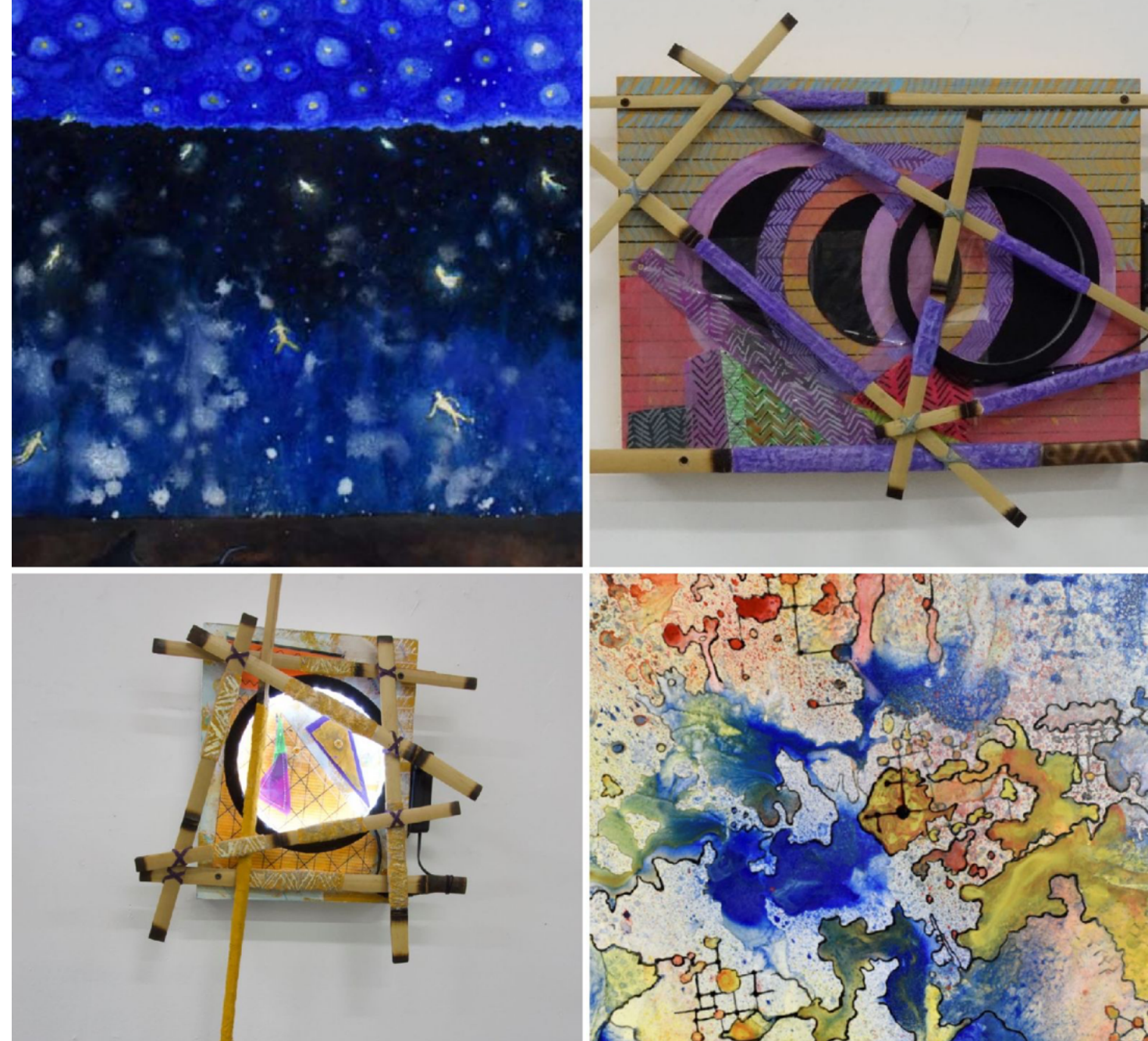
MPAartfest was recently recognized by *Sunshine Artist* as one of the Top 100 Fine Art and Design Shows.

Artists retain 100 percent of in-park sales from MPAartfest. Additional rules and submission instructions are available here:

<https://tinyurl.com/mpaartfest2021>.

The deadline for submissions is June 15, 2021 at midnight.

Submission Information



Closing June 10: *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 [Spring 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.

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. [Visit mpaart.org](#) to reserve your timed pass.

(Pictured, clockwise from top left: Yuriko Yamaguchi, "Indian America. The Last Buffalo Hair"; Alonzo Davis, "Microclimate Series III"; Yuriko Yamaguchi, "Light"; Alonzo Davis, "Microclimate Series IX")

Exhibit Information



MPA Summer Art Camp Spotlight: Carolyn Gore-Ashe

"I love taking a deep dive with one theme over the course of the week at MPA Art Camp, working with a variety of media. I enjoy learning with and from our art campers!"

-Carolyn Gore-Ashe, MPA Summer Art Camp Instructor

Carolyn Gore-Ashe graduated from East Carolina University and Syracuse University with degrees in design. She had a career in fabric design in New York City before returning to Northern Virginia to raise her family. Carolyn has been an art teacher at Spring Hill Elementary School for 17 years. This will be her second summer of MPA Art Camp.

Join MPA and Carolyn 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](#).

MPA Summer Art Camps



MPA ArtReach Update

ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel's Mixed Media Monday group for Fairfax County Seniors explored the formal elements of art: color, line, shape and pattern. Class participants were encouraged to create their own interpretation using a diverse group of artists and exciting lesson plans as inspiration. There was a strong focus on featured MPA artists Shanti Chandrasekar and Alonzo Davis, both of whom are inspiring in their use of drawing, painting, and mixed media.

ArtReach fliers and in-gallery videos were also sent as source materials to class participants. 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](#).

And take a moment to [visit our ArtReach webpage](#) to watch our new videos highlighting our work with Fairfax County Public Schools and ServiceSource.

Learn More



MPA ArtSmash! Tennis Social

Thanks to everyone joining us today and tomorrow at Washington Golf and Country Club and River Bend Country Club for our Inaugural ArtSmash! Tennis Social. Tennis is sold out at both locations, but limited social tickets remain. [Click here](#) to reserve yours now!

Sincere thanks to Jane Imperatore, Katharine Powell, and Jacqueline Henry for their leadership in coordinating this event, and Piper Yerks for her wonderful sponsorship of the social hours at both locations. MPA's 2021 Exclusive Fashion Sponsor, Max Mara, will also be with us!

Don't forget to make your reservation through Monday, May 24, for a private shopping experience at Max Mara, Tysons Galleria. You can make your appointment by calling 703.556.6962 or emailing MMTYSONS@USA.MAXMARA.COM. Max Mara is offering a 10% discount to all MPA shoppers, and 10% back to MPA from the proceeds from our sales. We are so grateful for their continued support.

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McLean Community Center Welcomes New Executive Director

A very warm welcome and congratulations to the new McLean Community Center Executive Director Daniel Phoenix Singh! Mr. Singh is replacing George Sachs, who retired in May after 11 years of service.

MCC Board Chair Suzanne LeMenestrel said of Singh, "On behalf of the Governing Board, we are thrilled that Daniel will be leading the MCC. His expertise in the arts, technology and recreation and his commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion will serve our community exceptionally well. We are looking forward to working with Daniel as the MCC welcomes community members back to the center."

To learn more about Daniel and his 180-day plan for the MCC, [click here](#).

Learn More



MPA in the News

Tysons Reporter: McLean Sculptor Entrusts Local Arts Nonprofit with Life's Work

(5/4/2021)

Inside NOVA: McLean Project for the Arts Celebrates Acquisition of Brzezinski Works

(5/3/2021)

Sun Gazette News: MPA Celebrates Donation of Brzezinski Works

(5/3/2021)

NBC News: How Emilie Brzezinski Finds Resilience Through Art

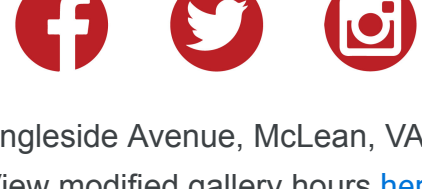
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