



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



MPA Faculty Spotlight: Joyce Lee

"I want people to be able to discover and feel hope, peace, joy, comfort, and, most of all, love of life and nature, from their work."

-Joyce Lee, MPA Faculty Member

MPA faculty member *Joyce Lee* paints and instructs about painting oversized, vibrant flowers using oil paint in an expressive realism style. While studying flowers in nature, Joyce focuses on understanding and representing the dancing movements of each petal and the interplay of the myriad tones within the colors of the flowers. During the courses, Joyce shares her work and inspiration with students. In doing this, she hopes to give students a sense of serenity to allow them to open themselves to a deeper emotional response. Joyce also shares step-by-step techniques, allowing students to meet their individual goals throughout the course.

Join Joyce online this summer on Thursdays from 7-9:30pm (beginning July 8) for our *"Vibrant Flower Paintings in Oil"* class. In this session, students will learn how to capture the quality, the feeling, and the spirit of flowers while exploring new techniques.

Additional summer offerings include:

- *Biomorphic Explorations in Graphite and Watercolor* with Rula Jones
- *Color Theory* with Naomi Chung
- *Exploring Abstract with Mixed Media* with M. Jane Johnson

Learn More



Save the Date!

MPA Faculty Art Exhibition Opens June 24

Mark your calendars and visit MPA's Atrium Gallery June 24-August 15, 2021 for our Faculty Art Exhibition.

The show will feature works from a number of our faculty, including:

- David Carlson
- Naomi Chung
- M. Jane Johnson
- Rula Jones
- Joyce Lee
- Pamela Saunders
- Kerry Vosler
- Jordan Xu
- Lubna Zahid

Additional information coming soon.

Exhibit Information



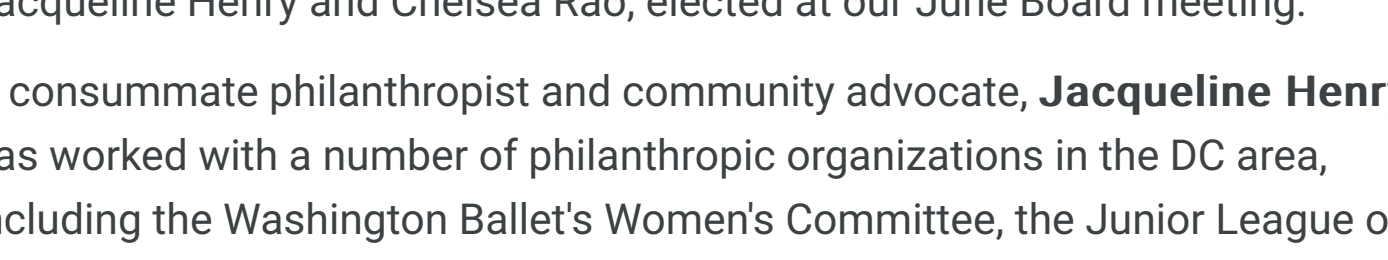
MPA Summer Art Camp Spaces Filling Fast-- Reserve Your Spot Now!

Join MPA 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 and to secure your seat today.

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 Welcomes New Board Members

MPA extends a warm welcome to our two newest MPA Board Members, Jacqueline Henry and Chelsea Rao, elected at our June Board meeting:

A consummate philanthropist and community advocate, **Jacqueline Henry** has worked with a number of philanthropic organizations in the DC area, including the Washington Ballet's Women's Committee, the Junior League of Northern Virginia, Washington Hospital Research, Meals on Wheels, Great Falls Lacrosse and Field Hockey League, and more. Jacqueline has also served on the George Washington Medical Faculty Advisor Board, and was the 2019 MPA Spring Benefit Co-Chair. She looks forward to building on that success at future MPA events.

Art and architecture have been an important thread in **Chelsea Rao's** life. After majoring in Art History at Barnard College in New York City, Chelsea spent her early career in the art world, at organizations such as Christie's and the New Museum of Contemporary Art. Chelsea and her husband went on their first date together to the Whitney, and contemporary art has been one of the things she and her husband enjoy doing with their two children--both of whom have participated in MPA Summer Art Camps! Chelsea is especially excited about the opportunities that come with the Emilie Brzezinski donation and the future MPA facility at Clemjontri.

"We are thrilled to welcome Jacqueline and Chelsea to our MPA Board of Directors and appreciate their willingness to share their expertise and time with us as we work together to bring the best in contemporary visual arts and arts education to our region," said MPA Executive Director Lori Carboneau.

Barbara Hawthorn was re-elected, and will return as the chair of the 44-person board.

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MPA Board & Advisory Board Members



Building a Resilient Mindset Through the Arts

a free webinar presented by MPA Sponsor The Mather and George Mason University Center for the Advancement of Well-Being

The past year has taught us that being well means much more than simply physical health. As we begin to emerge to life beyond the pandemic, it's important to understand the tools and strategies that can help us build resilience and achieve an optimal mindset. In this free webinar, we'll take an in-depth look at how the arts can support well-being, as well as provide tangible ideas for how to engage with the arts more actively.

For part of the presentation, we'll learn and then practice strategies to intentionally engage with music, as we enjoy a performance by a George Mason University student cellist.

Please join The Mather and George Mason University Center for the Advancement of Well-Being as we explore the connection between the arts and well-being, along with the value of tapping into our own creativity.

Presenters:

- **Melissa Schreiberstein**
Director of Well-Being Programs
Center for the Advancement of Well-Being (CWB) at George Mason University
Melissa manages CWB signature well-being programs and consults on the science and application of well-being across the university and in the greater Mason community. She also assists in the design and delivery of CWB's leadership development and well-being executive and professional education programs.
- **Caroline Edasis**
Director of Community Engagement
Mather
Caroline oversees resident program offerings for Mather, the parent organization behind The Mather--a forward-thinking Life Plan Community for those 62 and better projected to open in Tysons, Virginia, in 2023. Her background is in art therapy and creative arts, and she's skilled at all types of creative aging program development and multimedia arts programs including visual art, poetry, animation, art-viewing, music, and intergenerational programs.

Register Now



Juneteenth Holiday

Friday, June 18, 2021

MPA, The McLean Community Center and the Old Firehouse Center will be closed for the Juneteenth holiday on Friday, June 18. The centers will reopen on Saturday, June 19, at regular business hours.



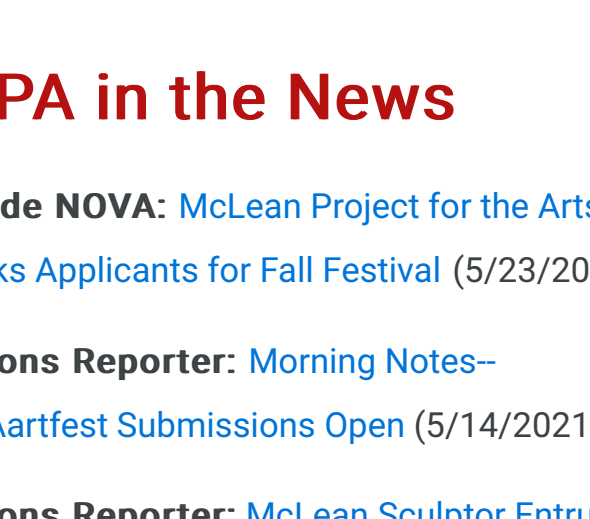
McLean Community Center LGBTQ+ Pride Month Exhibition

June 1-30, 2021

McLean Community Center Plaza (along Oak Ridge Road, across from the Dolley Madison Library)

We join the MCC in showing support of our LGBTQ+ neighbors as they display the Progress Pride flag designed by Daniel Quasar and a rainbow lighting display on the building's plaza. The entire community is invited to come by and reflect on what LGBTQ+ Pride Month means to them and take photos with the exhibition. Don't forget to tag: #McLeanCenterPRIDE.

Learn More



MPA in the News

Inside NOVA: McLean Project for the Arts Seeks Applicants for Fall Festival (5/23/2021)

Tyson's Reporter: Morning Notes--MPAartfest Submissions Open (5/14/2021)

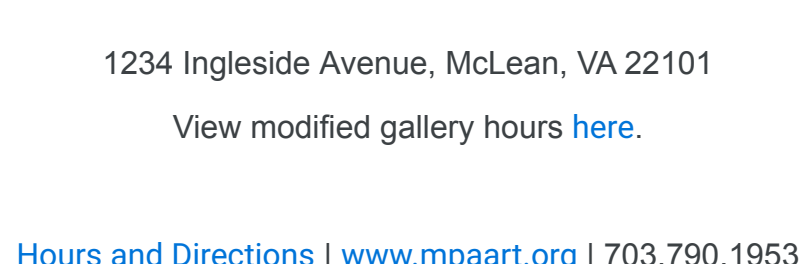
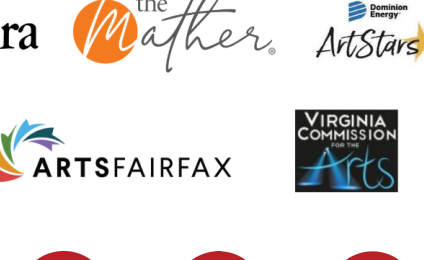
Tyson's Reporter: McLean Sculptor Entrusts Local Arts Nonprofit with Life's Work (5/4/2021)

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)

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