



# McLean Project for the Arts

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### **McLean Project for the Arts Elects New Board Members *Two new individuals bring their expertise to the MPA Board of Directors; Barbara Hawthorn returns as Chair***

**McLean, VA:** McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) announced the appointment of two new members—Jacqueline Henry and Chelsea Rao—to their Board of Directors. Barbara Hawthorn will return as chair of the 45-person board. All three women reside in McLean, VA.

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. Ms. Henry has also served on the George Washington Medical Faculty Advisor Board, and was the 2019 MPA Spring Benefit Co-Chair.

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, Ms. Rao spent her early career in the art world, at organizations such as Christie's and the New Museum of Contemporary Art. Ms. Rao 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. Ms. Rao is especially excited about the opportunities that come with the Emilie Brzezinski donation and the future MPA facility at Clemyjontri.

"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.

New board members were formally installed at the June McLean Project for the Arts Board of Directors meeting.

For a full list of MPA board members, visit [www.mpaart.org](http://www.mpaart.org).

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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

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