

McLean Project for the Arts



Now Through August 15: MPA Faculty Art Exhibition

Visit MPA's Atrium Gallery through August 15, 2021 for our Faculty Art Exhibition.

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

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

Our Atrium Gallery is available for viewing during [McLean Community Center operating hours](#). No tickets or reservations required. Visit our website to [learn more about MPA's professional faculty members](#).

Coming Soon: *(Not) Strictly Painting*

The submission deadline for our juried biennial exhibition *(Not) Strictly Painting* has now passed. We were thrilled to have 218 artists from throughout the mid-Atlantic apply. Submissions are now being juried by our two guest jurors: Foon Sham, Sculptor & Professor, University of Maryland and Virginia Treanor, Associate Curator, National Museum of Women in the Arts.

(Not) Strictly Painting will be on display September 18 - November 13, 2021. Additional information to follow—stay tuned!

MPA Exhibit Information



It's a Busy Summer for MPA ArtReach

MPA's [ArtReach](#) program and director Sharon Fishel have been busy this summer reconnecting with some of our longtime ArtReach partners, both virtually and in-person. Fishel and ArtReach Education Partner/Docent Anne Marie Marenburg enjoyed conducting a new live, virtual PowerPoint ArtReach program, based on our recent Alonzo Davis exhibition, with FCPS summer school students from Glen Forest Elementary (one of our long-time ArtReach Title I schools). A similar program is planned soon with Graham Road Elementary summer school students. We will also be hosting a small group of Second Story students for a tour of our current Faculty Art Exhibition, including a related art activity. And we have another Best Buddies ArtReach event happening later this month, with program alumni from the DC area.

We look forward to engaging in more in-gallery visits this fall with FCPS school groups and community partners, as well as continuing much of our virtual ArtReach programming, as we adapt to the changing community health situation.

Your generous support makes MPA's ArtReach program possible. To make a gift, [click here](#).

MPA ArtReach



MPA Faculty Member Spotlight: David Carlson

"My Painting and Drawing studio class embraces the idea of a working studio / classroom and includes all levels from beginner to advanced. It is great to work with people over time to see their development in their creative lives."

-David Carlson

MPA faculty member David Carlson works as an artist, teacher and community activist. His work embodies beautiful and complex abstract painting to equally deliberate and meditative video works. Carlson has consistently made pieces that have a unifying, spiritual quality. His paintings are represented in numerous collections; both private and corporate, national and international.

David believes that one of the strengths of his class is the exchange and encouragement of all the artists working together in their exploration of concepts and style of expression.

Look for David's class on our Fall Art Class schedule—registration opens in early August.

MPA Fall Art Classes



Additional Summer Camp Spaces Available

Join us July 26-30 for Afternoon Book Making!

Spots are still available in a few of our MPA Summer Art Camps, including Book Making, July 26-30. Weeks with availability include:

- July 26-30: [Book Making](#) (Afternoon session, ages 6-8 and 9-12)
- August 2-6: [Camp Abrakadoodle](#) (Afternoon)
- August 9-13: [Camp Abrakadoodle](#)
- August 16-20: [Vosler Teen Studio](#)

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—register now!

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



MPAartfest 2021 Featured Artists Announced

Save the date and join us in McLean Central Park on October 3, 2021 for the 15th annual MPAartfest! MPAartfest 2021 will consist of a one-day in-person juried fine arts and craft show. During MPAartfest, Central Park is transformed into a lively landscape of mini art galleries showcasing and offering for sale the work of juried artists from throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. This FREE event features contemporary art, live music throughout the day from some of the DC-area's best musical talents, a Children's Art Walk, food vendors, and much more.

The MPAartfest Call for Submissions has closed, and the following artists are confirmed for inclusion at MPAartfest 2021. Additional artists' names will be added to our website as they confirm—[check back for updates!](#)

John T. Allen	Judy Goskey	Mike McConnell
Jill Banks	Patricia Goslee	Jennifer Moffitt
Michele Banks	Amoretta M. Hoerber	Davril Nash
Saya Behnam	Yasmine Iskander	Claudia Samper
Maria-Victoria Checa	Carolee Jakes	Norma Schwartz
Jacqui Crocetta	M. Jane Johnson	Bikki Stricker
Dorial Studio 797	Katie Keister	David Sturtevant
Ute Gill	Giselle Kolb	
Justine "JT" Godown	Susan La Mont	

MPAartfest 2021 is made possible with the help of the McLean Community Center, and our partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority.

MPAartfest Information



MPA in the News

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