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MPA Announces MPAartfest 2021 Musical Lineup
Expansive musical program returns October 3 with international roster of critically acclaimed artists

McLean, VA: McLean Project for the Arts has released the musical line up and programming for **MPAartfest 2021**, set for **Sunday, October 3, 2021** in McLean Central Park. Featuring everything from a 15-piece swing big band to a viable virtuoso and an all-star international collective, the **MPAartfest Music Stage** promises performances for every age and musical interest.

Blues Alley Youth Jazz Orchestra will kick off MPAartfest at 10:00 am*. Comprised of accomplished student musicians and directed by legendary jazz bassist Michael Rowe, this award-winning, 15-piece youth swing big band seeks to preserve and promote the big band jazz art form. Now in its third decade, the Orchestra has performed at DC's leading venues.

Vocalist, pianist and guitarist **Shayla De'a will perform with her band at 11:00 am**. Blending sounds from across the globe into what she calls "melodies for the soul," De'a draws on her multicultural heritage and her upbringing in Atlanta to create music that inspires across cultures and generations. De'a was selected in 2020 to the prestigious Strathmore Artist in Residence program.

Nataly Morozhuk's Hot Band takes the stage at 12:00 noon. Originally from Russia, Nataly has made her way from the Moscow Conservatory all the way to the United States' Peabody Conservatory. Influenced by the sounds of Stéphane Grappelli and Sved Aksenov, Morozhuk brings her beautiful, classical tone to the world of hot jazz and swing.



Project Lovers will perform at MPAartfest 2021

* Performance schedule subject to change