



McLean Project for the Arts



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**Art, Music, Food, Fun!  
15<sup>th</sup> Annual MPAartfest Returns to McLean Central Park  
on October 3**

McLean Central Park will come to life Sunday, October 3, 2021 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm when MPAartfest returns with a day full of art, music, food and fun. Now in its 15th year, MPAartfest 2021 offers enjoyment for guests of all ages. Selected by *Sunshine Artist Magazine* as one of the Top 100 Fine Art and Design Shows in the USA, this year's festival features the work of 40+ selected artists, some of DC's most talented music performers, wonderful local food vendors, and a variety of children's activities to engage creative minds and captivate art-lovers of all ages.



A one-day juried fine art show and sale, McLean Central Park is transformed into a lively landscape of mini art galleries showcasing and offering for sale the work of over 40 acclaimed artists from the Mid-Atlantic region and beyond. For a complete list of this year's featured artists, [visit the MPA website](#).

"Each fall MPAartfest celebrates our community and the arts in the beautiful setting of McLean Central Park. We are so appreciative of our lead community sponsor, the McLean Community Center, and of all the generous community sponsors who help to make it all possible," said MPA Executive Director Lori Carbonneau. "We invite all the community to join us for a relaxing and inspiring day of art in the park!"

MPAartfest will again offer a full day of lively and varied musical performances, curated by Music Director Ken Avis, radio host of Antidote WERA 96.7 FM and a performing musician with the award-winning band Veronneau. This year's performers include: Blues Alley Youth Jazz Orchestra (10am), Sheyda Do'a Band (11am), Nataly Merezuk's Hot Band (12pm), Project Locrea (1pm), Irene Jalenti (2pm), and Josanne Francis (3pm).

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Sponsored by BOWA, Deirdre Maull Orthodontics, McLean Properties, Delegate Kathleen Murphy, and TTR Sotheby's International Realty, the MPAartfest Children's Activity Tents will feature a variety of art-based activities and learning stations. Other art highlights include the Children's Art Walk. Presented by New Dominion Women's Club, this juried open-air gallery displays artwork from local public and private elementary school students.

On the food front, MPAartfest 2021 will once again feature the much-loved Café Beret, where guests can enjoy wine and beer provided by The Wine Outlet. The event will also offer food from a variety of food trucks and eateries including Kona Shaved Ice, The BIG Cheese, and many more.

Safety precautions will be implemented this year including, but not limited to, hand sanitation stations and encouragement of social distancing and face mask-wearing.

MPAartfest 2021 is presented by the McLean Project for the Arts, with the help of our lead community sponsor, McLean Community Center, and our partnership with Fairfax County Park Authority, along with committed members of our community including but not limited to The Mather, MaxMara, HBC Keller Williams Realty, Win Sheridan, JJ and Sonu Singh, BOWA, McLean Properties, Delegate Kathleen Murphy, Deirdre Maull Orthodontics, TTR Sotheby's International Realty, Anjali and Arun Gupta, Carrie Kraemer, and Priscilla and Scott Stanzel.

MPAartfest admission is FREE. Parking will be available at the McLean Community Center, at 1234 Ingleside Avenue. For more information visit [www.mpaart.org/](http://www.mpaart.org/) or email [info@mpaart.org](mailto:info@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 and emerging artists, educational programs, art classes, MPAartfest, summer art camps, and ArtReach, an award-winning program serving students in grades K-12, seniors, and individuals with special needs. For more information, visit [www.mpaart.org](http://www.mpaart.org).

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