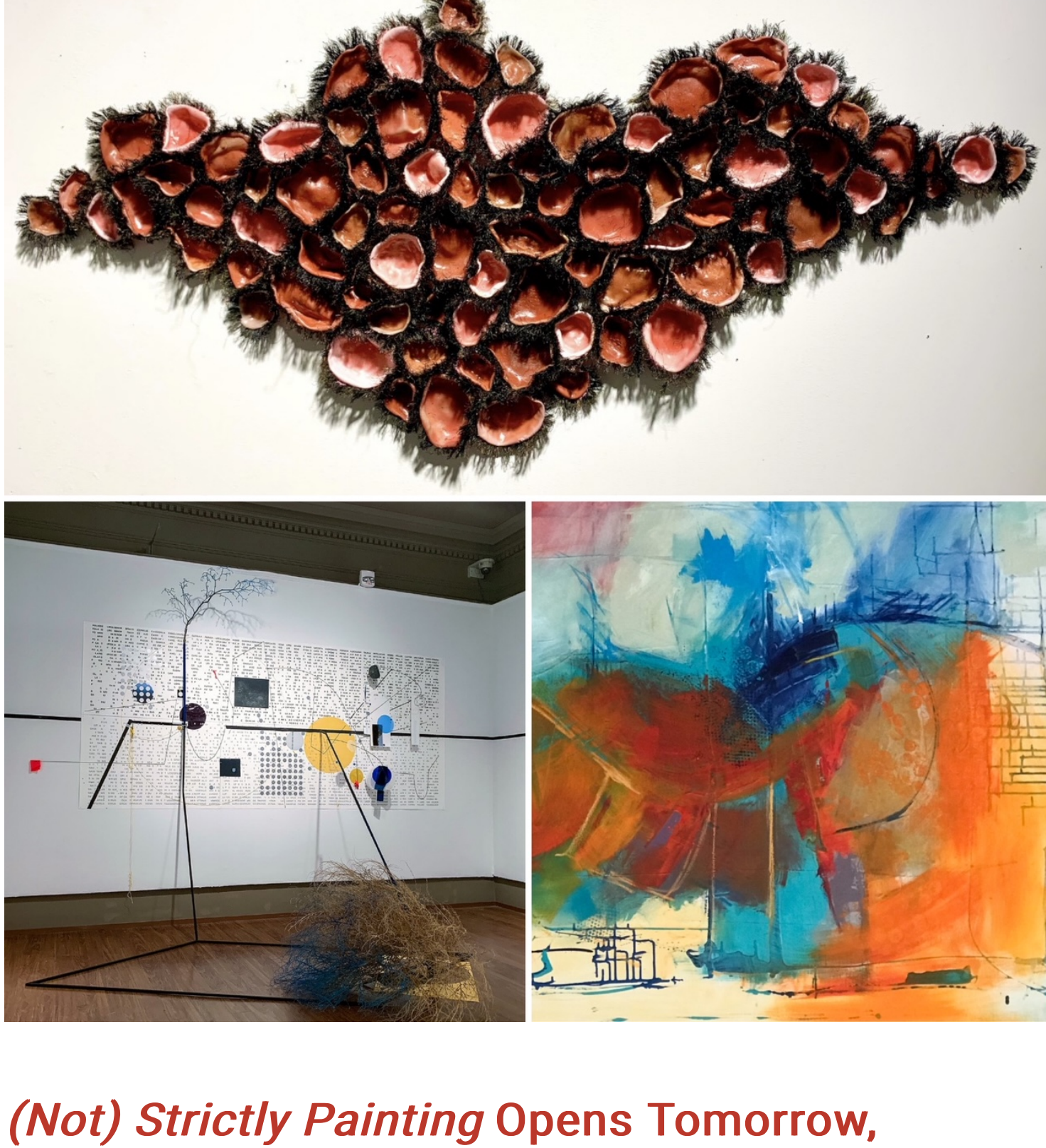


## McLean Project for the Arts



### **(Not) Strictly Painting Opens Tomorrow, September 18; Virtual Opening Exhibition**

#### **Reception Thursday, September 23, 7pm**

Mark your calendars and [join MPA on Thursday, September 23](#) at 7pm for our *(Not) Strictly Painting* Virtual Opening Exhibition Reception.

*(Not) Strictly Painting* featured artists include: Maremi Andreozzi, David Apatoff, Sondra N. Arkin, Carol Tudor Beach, Jeff Bohlander, Beth Cartland, Anne Cherubum, Delna Dastur, Cianne Fragione, Amelia Hankin, Sarah Hardesty, Winston Harris, Ellen Hill, Zofe King, Brian Kirk, Chee Keong Kung, George Lorio, Johan Lowie, Daniel Merkwitz-Bustos, Dennis Lee Mitchell, Ally Morgan, S. Masao Nakazawa, Miriam Morsel Nathan, Zsuzsanna Nzinga, Sookkyung Park, Mikray Pida, Alison Powers, Carol Reed, Elzbieta Sikorska, Sherry Trachtman, Christine Lee Tyler, Julio Valdez, Jessica L. Van Brakle, Jenny Walton, Milan Warner, Alice Whealin, and Julie Wills.

*(Not) Strictly Painting* was juried by Foon Sham, Virginia-based artist and Professor of Art at the University of Maryland, College Park, and Virginia Treanor, Associate Curator at the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

#### **Visiting Our Galleries**

Beginning September 18, 2021, the MPA Emerson Gallery will be open for viewing Tuesdays and Wednesdays 1-4pm and Saturdays 10am-3pm. Viewing will be limited to six visitors at a time to provide social distancing. The Atrium Gallery is available to visitors during [MCC hours of operation](#). Due to new guidance on COVID-19 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Fairfax County Health Department, [McLean Community Center \(MCC\)](#) is [requiring all patrons to wear masks that cover their mouths and noses while they attend programs in its facilities](#). In addition, patrons are requested to do their best to observe six feet of social distance from other patrons as often as possible and to wash their hands often. Hand sanitizer stations are placed throughout MCC facilities for its patrons' convenience.

The safety of our visitors, staff, and community is at the forefront of our minds as we redesign our in-gallery experience in this environment.

*(Pictured, clockwise from top: Milan Warner, "Socket Colony"; Beth Cartland, "Hold Tight When All Is Chaos"; Julie Wills, "Midheaven")*

**RSVP Now**



### **MPAartfest Soirée Celebration Success!**

Sincere thanks to everyone who joined us last week for our annual MPAartfest Soirée Celebration!

We are so grateful for the generous support of our community at this annual artsy and fun-filled preview of our MPAartfest! We hope our guests enjoyed the party, and the chance to celebrate with other supporters. Endless gratitude to our hosts, Drs. Victoria and Lonnie Davis, our co-chairs JJ Singh and Lizzy Conroy, and all of our community partners and sponsors. And a very special thanks to Tony Powell for the fabulous photographs included above!

Connecting art and arts education with our community for more than a half-century is something we take pride in each and every day. McLean Project for the Arts remains dedicated to the idea that art is an essential part of the life of every community. With the help of your generous support, MPA will be able to continue to enrich the lives of so many in our community.

Thank you again to all who joined us. We look forward to seeing all of our MPA friends and family on Sunday, October 3 for MPAartfest in McLean Central Park, 10am - 4pm!

### **Save the Date! MPAartfest 2021 is October 3!**

[MPAartfest 2021](#) returns to McLean Central Park on **Sunday, October 3, 2021 from 10am-4pm**. In addition to 42 juried artists, food vendors, children's activity tents, and the Children's Art Walk, MPAartfest 2021 will again feature some of the DC area's best musical talents. Our 2021 MPAartfest Music Stage will include performances by [Nataly Merezuk's Hot Band](#), [Blues Alley Youth Jazz Orchestra](#), [Sheyda Do'a Band](#), [Project Locrea](#), [Irene Jalenti](#), and [Josanne Francis](#). [Visit our website](#) to learn more about this year's MPAartfest musical lineup.

Limited MPAartfest 2021 sponsorships are currently available. MPAartfest will be promoted to an audience of 100,000+ online and in print. [Visit our website](#) to learn more or to secure your sponsorship.

And follow us on social media ([Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#)) to check out our Meet the Artist segments, featuring artist interviews with our MPAartfest 2021 featured artists.

#### **Volunteers Needed!**

Looking for a great way to connect with your community and have fun at the same time? Volunteer at MPAartfest on October 3! Join the fun of making MPAartfest an outstanding event. Volunteers of all ages are needed for various activities throughout the day. [Sign up here](#).

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

**Volunteer Now**

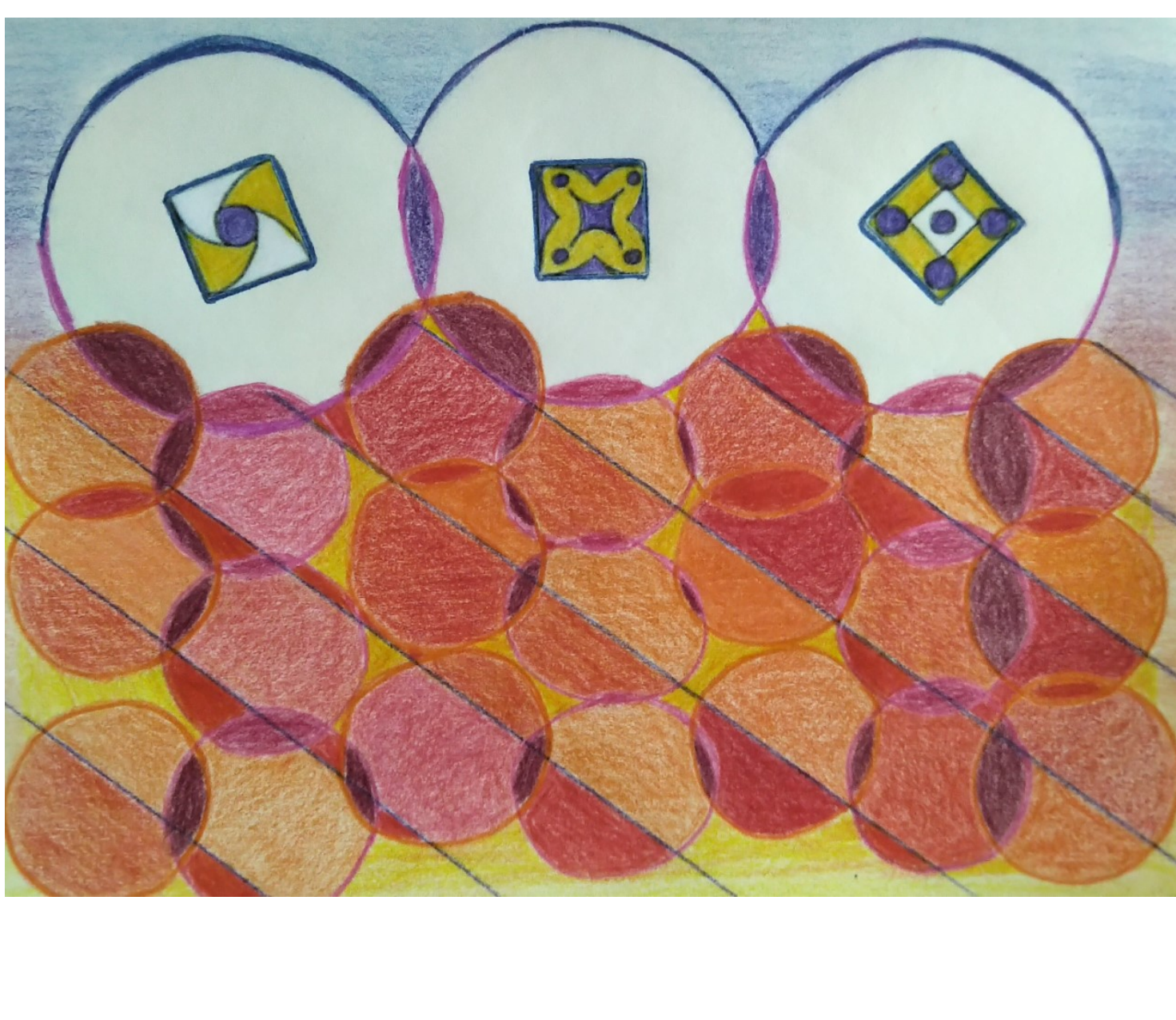


### **Call for Youth Art Entries: MPAartfest 2021 Children's Art Walk**

MPA currently seeks submissions for our 15th Annual MPAartfest Children's Art Walk. A perennial favorite at MPAartfest, the Children's Art Walk is an open-air gallery of student art proudly sponsored by the New Dominion Women's Club (NDWC) of McLean.

The show will be juried and open to students in the Langley and McLean Fairfax County Public School pyramid, as well as students at private and parochial schools. Student artwork submissions are welcome Saturday, September 18 and 25, 2021. Submissions may be dropped off at McLean Project for the Arts (1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA 22101) from 10am-3pm. Limit one submission per student. Artwork may be any size 11x14 or smaller.

**MPAartfest Information**



### **MPA ArtReach Update**

MPA ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel has kicked off her fall class series with both the Lewinsville Senior Center and our ServiceSource partners.

The Mixed Media Monday's Lewinsville seniors class is focusing on the theme of "Transformation" and this week created art using a pattern as personal symbolism

Senior artist Donna shared the artwork pictured above with this explanation:

"Here's my completed sketch. I call it "Sisters," because it reminds me of me and my sisters. We are the same, yet different; coming same background and ancestors, but each affected differently."  
Donna

ArtReach is continuing to adapt to the changing community health situation and looks forward to welcoming small groups for gallery visits as well as virtual ArtReach programming this fall.

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

**MPA ArtReach**



### **MPA Faculty Member Spotlight: Jordan Xu**

*"I believe in honing in on the fundamentals when it comes to teaching painting, even though my portrait & figure class is intermediate to advanced. My students would hear me talk about value, value, value over and over again."*  
~Jordan Xu

A contemporary painter whose works can be best described as colorist and conceptual realism, Jordan Xu considers his art to be an extension of his voice, empowering him to express himself in a visual manner. As is true with most artists, Jordan's artworks show images and visions that are of personal significance, be it a group of Vietnamese kids playing in the rice field, or musicians playing music around the fire. He enjoys depicting people, their stories, their lives and their emotions.

Jordan is especially excited about his fall class, [Portrait and Figure Painting](#), which will be taught online.

"Online classes offer some advantages," explained Jordan. "The most important one for my class is that we all have the same view of the model, which makes it much easier for students to follow along as I demonstrate the painting process."

Join Jordan this fall on Mondays from 7-9pm for [Portrait and Figure Painting](#) (begins October 18). [Registration is now open for all fall art classes](#). Visit our website to explore offerings and sign up.

**MPA Fall Art Classes**



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### **MPA in the News**

**Inside NOVA: Student Artwork Sought for MPAartfest** (9/7/2021)

**Sun Gazette News: Student artwork sought for MPAartfest** (9/6/2021)

**Tyson's Reporter: McLean Project for the Arts Gets Musical with 2021 Festival Lineup** (9/3/2021)

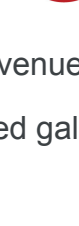
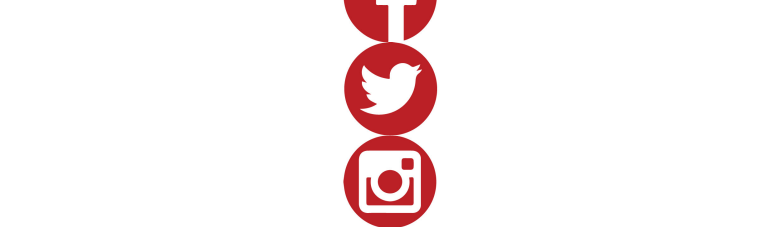
**Inside NOVA: Raffle Aims to Boost Support for MPAartfest** (8/28/2021)

**Tyson's Reporter: McLean Project for the Arts Announces Fall Classes** (8/18/2021)

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