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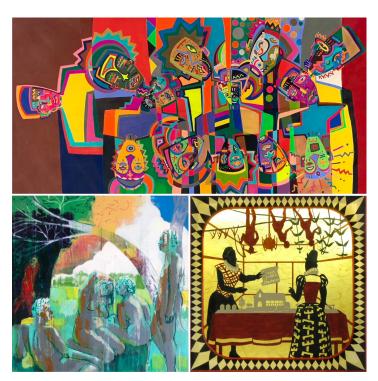
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McLean Project for the Arts Spring Solo Exhibitions Open April 14 Featuring work by James Stephen Terrell, Matt Pinney, and Melanie Kehoss

McLean, VA: McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) will open its three newest exhibitions on April 14, 2022. Collide of Scope: Paintings by James Stephen Terrell and Where Do We Go From Here: New Paintings by Matt Pinney will be on display in MPA's Emerson Gallery, while the Atrium Gallery will showcase Labor and Leisure: Lightboxes by Melanie Kehoss. An Opening Exhibition Reception will take place Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 7pm. RSVP at https://tinyurl.com/mpaspringsolos. All three exhibitions run through June 11, 2022.

"We are delighted to offer three wonderful solo exhibitions this year," said MPA Curator and Artistic Director Nancy Sausser. "The artists were chosen from our first-ever call for Spring Solo proposals. We were delighted to receive over 130 fantastic



Pictured, clockwise from top: James Stephen Terrell, "The Last Supper"; Melanie Kehoss, "A Refined Display"; and Matt Pinney, "Decameron"

exhibition proposals, so of course it was very, very hard to choose!"

Collide of Scope: Paintings by James Stephen Terrell Emerson Gallery

James Stephen Terrell is a multi-disciplinary artist based in Washington, DC. Springing from a

wide array of influences, including quilt design, stained glass techniques and Joseph Albers' color blocking, Terrell's dynamic and colorful paintings project energy and life. Moving between abstraction and realism, electric color interactions and geometric patterning, Terrell's aim is to contemplate and document our humanity in these singularly turbulent times. Terrellartsdc.com

Where Do We Go From Here: New Paintings by Matt Pinney Emerson Gallery

Matt Pinney is a multi-media artist living and working in Washington, DC. A recent body of work, *Where Do We Go From Here* depicts the artist's progression and growth throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Beginning with large, evocative paintings about isolation and escape, Pinney moves to smaller, faster works as a way of "reaching deeper to find a more lasting connection to my place in the world and the experiences that transcend the pandemic." <u>Mattpinney.com</u>

Labor and Leisure: Lightboxes by Melanie Kehoss Atrium Gallery

An artist and art instructor living in Arlington, VA, Melanie Kehoss creates astoundingly detailed lightboxes that tap into historical narratives to explore the origins of cultural phenomena. Specifically, the works in this exhibit depict snapshots from activities that began as work and evolved into recreation. Illuminated and each encompassing their own discrete environment, these intricately composed worlds draw the viewer deep inside, offering a chance to experience the past in a new light. Kehoss.com

The Atrium Gallery Exhibition (*Labor and Leisure*) will be available for viewing during McLean Community Center operating hours. The Emerson Gallery exhibits (*Collide of Scope* and *Where Do We Go From Here*) will be open for visitors Tuesdays through Fridays from 1-4pm and Saturdays from 10am – 3pm. Online exhibitions will also be available for viewing beginning April 21, 2022. A Virtual Artist talk is planned for May 2022.

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About MPA

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.