



Join us on May 12 for Spring Benefit 2022

Limited individual tickets available

Please mark your calendars and join us on **Thursday, May 12, 2022** for MPA's Spring Benefit. [Limited individual tickets are available](#). Co-chaired by Mary Cull and Anne Polk, the sunset party will take place at Founders Ridge, the private residence of our gracious hosts, Kathy and Frank Finelli, located in The Reserve. ([Click here to learn more](#) about this picturesque property, offered by the HEIDER group at TTR Sotheby's International Realty.)

This year's Spring Benefit will feature an [exciting raffle and silent auction](#), as well as opportunities to contribute to MPA's ArtReach mission. Raffle and auction offerings include high-value items from Max Mara, DAVID YURMAN, Roche Bobois and more. [Visit our website](#) to learn more, purchase your raffle tickets, or bid via proxy.

We look forward to welcoming you to the stunning grounds for MPA's signature spring fête in this magical outdoor oasis.

Please consider joining us as an MPA Spring Benefit Sponsor. To see the complete list of sponsor benefits, [visit our website](#).

Thank you for your generous support as we celebrate MPA's 60th year. We hope to see you on May 12th!

[Purchase Spring Benefit Tickets](#)



Now Showing: MPA Spring Solo Exhibitions

Join us now through June 11 to experience our Spring Solo Exhibitions. *Collide of Scope: Paintings by James Stephen Terrell* and *Where Do We Go From Here: New Paintings by Matt Pinney* are on display in the Emerson Gallery, while the Atrium Gallery features *Labor and Leisure: Lightboxes by Melanie Kehoss*. All three exhibitions run through June 11, 2022. MPA will host a Virtual Artist Talk on Wednesday, May 11 at 7pm. [RSVP here](#).

Visiting Our Galleries

The Emerson Gallery exhibits (*Collide of Scope* and *Where Do We Go From Here*) are open Tuesdays through Fridays from 1 – 4pm and Saturdays from 10am – 3pm. The Atrium Gallery Exhibition (*Labor and Leisure*) is available for viewing during McLean Community Center operating hours. [Please see our website](#) for more information on visiting our galleries.

(Pictured, clockwise from top: James Stephen Terrell, "The Last Supper"; Matt Pinney, "Burning All the Furniture"; Melanie Kehoss, "A Refined Display")

[Exhibition Information](#)



MPA Summer Art Camp Spotlight:

Nathan Johnson, Instructor

"Our summer art camps are creative, colorful, and, most importantly, FUN! I want my campers to explore and practice new art techniques and build on their creativity—all while enjoying the camp experience. I look forward to an awesome summer!"

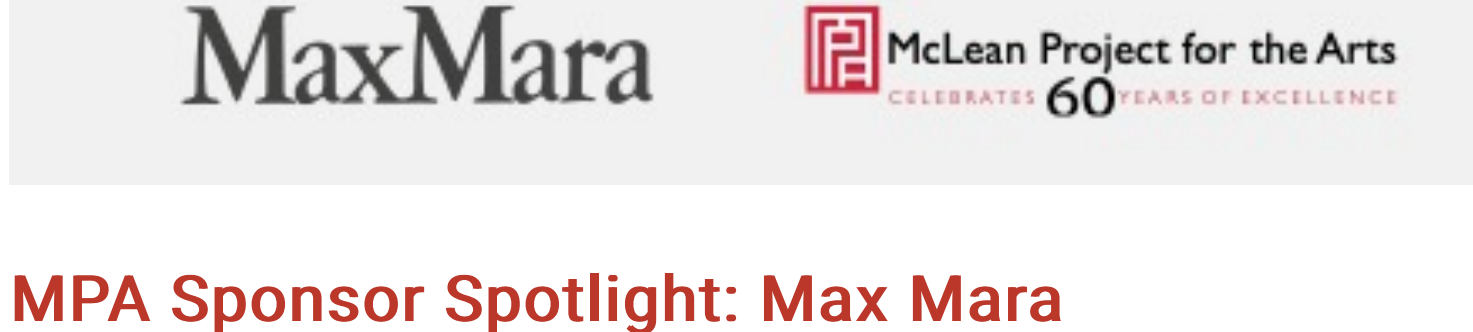
-Nathan Johnson, MPA Summer Camp Lead Instructor

Collage artist and illustrator Nathan Johnson returns for his fourth year with MPA Summer Art Camps. As an artist, Mr. Johnson seeks to find inspiration through what he sees in every day life—a sunset, certain color combinations in a book, or images that pop into his head. "I find so much satisfaction in exploring the medium and letting it take me on a journey," says Mr. Johnson. A long-time art teacher for Fairfax County Public Schools, Mr. Johnson's work has appeared in the FCPS faculty art show. His work has also hung in the Northern Virginia Community College Art Department and at Busboys and Poets.

Artists of all ages are invited to join Mr. Johnson and our other experienced instructors at MPA Summer Art Camps. Offerings include [MPA Art Camps](#) (ages 6-13) and [Abrakadoodle Camps](#) (ages 3-6), as well as our [CIT program](#). Sessions run June 27-August 12, with both half- and full-day options available. Sign up now to secure your spot!

Please review our [MPA Summer Camp Policies & Procedures](#) for information on how we have redesigned our in-studio camps to ensure the safety of our campers, staff, and community.

[Register for Summer Camp](#)



MPA Sponsor Spotlight: Max Mara

MPA is excited to announce that Max Mara—our 2021 Exclusive Fashion Sponsor—has signed on again as a year-long Curator Circle corporate partner. Max Mara's support of MPA includes their donation of items to our [Spring Benefit Raffle](#), dressing several MPA representatives at Spring Benefit, and hosting (alongside Pamela Danner) a May 18 shopping event in celebration of MPA Spring Benefit (additional details to follow), as well as a Fall shopping event later this year.

Sincere thanks to Max Mara for their continued support and collaboration in continuing our tradition of bridging fashion and art.

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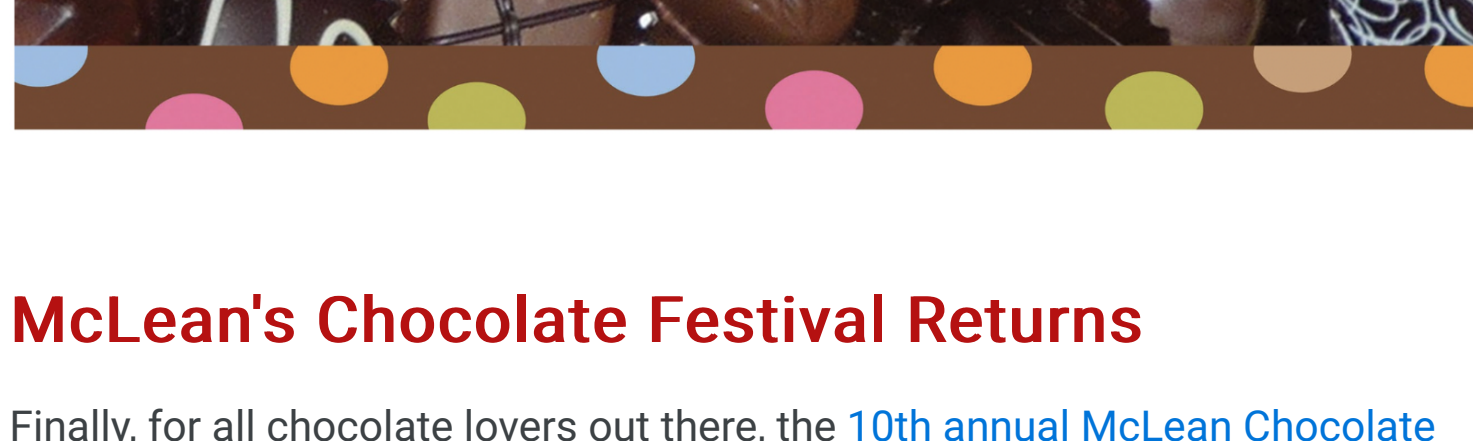
MPA ArtReach Visits Longfellow Middle School

ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel enjoyed reconnecting with one of our favorite McLean Community FCPS partners earlier this week – Art Teacher Diana Gibson at Longfellow Middle School.

The Longfellow students enjoyed creating art based on Alonzo Davis's recent MPA exhibition, Navigating Climate Change, in connection with the upcoming Earth Day celebration. Enjoy these examples of their creative work!

To support MPA's award-winning ArtReach programming, [click here](#).

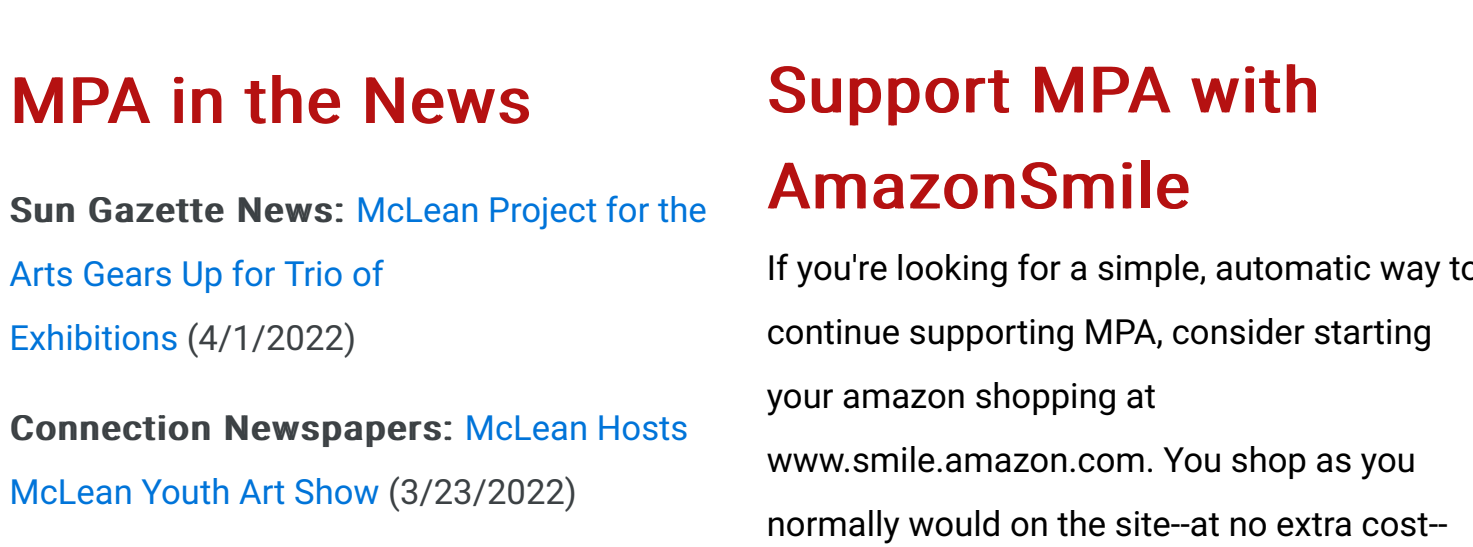
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McLean's Chocolate Festival Returns

Finally, for all chocolate lovers out there, the 10th Annual [McLean Chocolate Festival](#), sponsored once again by the Rotary of McLean, will be held this Sunday, April 24, from 11 am - 5pm at the McLean Community Center. The Rotary recently made a generous contribution to our ArtReach program, and we'd love to show our support for this well-loved community event. For more information, see the festival's Webpage at [www.mcleanchocolatefestival.org](#).

[Learn More](#)



MPA in the News

Sun Gazette News: [McLean Project for the Arts Gears Up for Trio of Exhibitions](#) (4/1/2022)

Connection Newspapers: [McLean Hosts McLean Youth Art Show](#) (3/23/2022)

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MPA Calendar of Events

April 14-June 11: Spring Solo Exhibitions, featuring work by Melanie Kehoss, Matt Pinney, and James Stephen Terrell

Sunday, April 24: 10th Annual McLean Chocolate Festival

Wednesday, May 11: Spring Solo Exhibitions – Virtual Artist Talk

Thursday, May 12: MPA Spring Benefit

Sunday, September 18: MPA 60th Anniversary Gala at Capital One Hall

Sunday, October 2: 16th Annual MPAartfest in McLean Central Park, 10am-4pm

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