



Art Moves Us!

Join Us for Our 60th Anniversary Gala

Please join MPA on **Sunday, September 18, 2022** for MPA's 60th Anniversary Gala at Capital One Hall. The black-tie-optional Gala will include a cocktail reception, hors d'oeuvres and light fare, an opportunity to experience a specially created exhibit by digital artist Joseph Cortina, live music and dancing, and more!

The Gala is a ticketed event and an important fundraiser supporting MPA's mission to make visual art and art education accessible to the community.

We are excited to announce two new Gala sponsorship opportunities:

- **Raise the Bar Sponsorship (\$2,000):** Perfect for law firms! Benefits include 2 Tickets to the MPA 60th Anniversary Gala, 2 Tickets to the VIP Reception, sponsor signage at the event bars, and a sponsor listing on the MPA website and in the event program
- **Sponsor an Artist:** Help MPA show our appreciation for the artists in our community! Your sponsorship enables local artist participation in our 60th Anniversary Gala. Suggested donation: \$250 per artist

Visit our [website](#) for more information or to purchase your sponsorship or individual tickets. Limited quantities available.

MPA Celebrates 60!

60th Anniversary Spotlight: Joseph Cortina

McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) will celebrate six decades of connecting art and community at our 60th Anniversary Gala Celebration on September 18, 2022 at Capital One Hall. In addition to music and entertainment, the event will feature "Illusion of Depth," a 3-D augmented reality installation by Joseph Cortina.

"This 3-dimensional augmented reality installation will explore the illusion of depth," explains Cortina. "For years, I have explored 3D visualization and multilayered storytelling using late 18th century crankies, cycloramas, Virtual Reality (VR), 4D theaters, and Pepper's Ghosts."

The work explores Cortina's on-going fascination with the illusion of depth and its effect on visual experience. The installation is offered as a "reflection on the meanings of depth, from seeing into and beyond the obvious limits."

About Joseph Cortina

A painter and digital artist who lives and works in the Washington, DC area, Cortina is the founder and Creative Director of [Cortina Productions](#), where he has created films and interactive experiences for museums around the world. To learn more, visit [josephcortina.com](#).

Learn More



Coming Soon!

Continuum: Artists Teaching Artists

Fall Exhibition Opens September 16;

Opening Exhibition Reception September 22

Join MPA September 16 - November 10 for Continuum: Artists Teaching Artists.

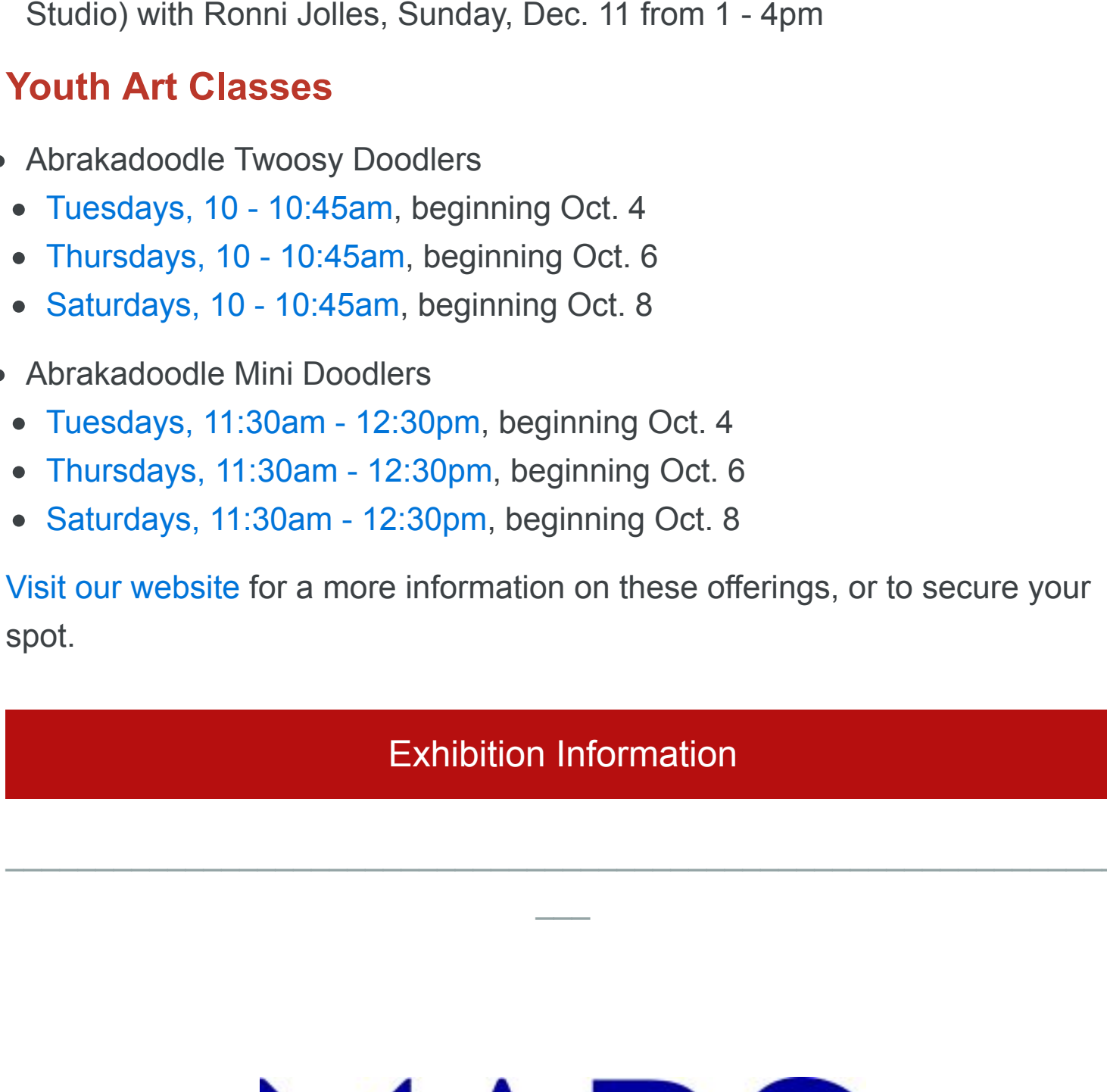
Continuum is an invitational exhibition highlighting works by artists who give significant time to teaching, mentoring, and community-building, while continuing to sustain and develop strong and innovative personal bodies of work. *Continuum* includes works from Artist/Educators from most of the area colleges and universities, including George Mason, George Washington, Georgetown, Northern Virginia Community College, University of Maryland, and Maryland Institute College of Art. Also represented are some non-profit teaching institutions such as the Washington Glass School.

All of the participants are as dedicated to their on-going artistic practice as they are to their students, and vice versa.

Continuum featured artists include:

- David Carlson
- Patrick Craig
- Robert Devers
- Kate Fitzpatrick
- Helen Frederick
- Janis Goodman
- Reni Gower
- Michael Janis
- Maria Karametou
- Steve Prince
- John Ruppert
- Foon Sham
- Judy Southerland
- Tim Tate
- Erwin Timmers
- Stephanie Williams
- Sue Wrbican
- Peter Winant

RSVP to the Opening Exhibition Reception



Register Now for Fall Art Classes

Registration for MPA's fall art classes is currently underway. Autumn offerings include some of our long-time favorites--Barbara Janusiewicz's popular *Freedom of Watercolor* returns again this fall, as does David Carlson's *Drawing and Painting Studio*. Exciting new options debuting this fall include *Kolam*, with *Shanthi Chandrasekar*. (Check out this article on her Kolam project for President Biden's inauguration.) We're also offering a series of one-time "Creating Artwork with Layered Paper" workshops lead by Ronni Jolles.

MPA will be holding fall classes both online and in-studio. For more information regarding our in-studio offerings, please read our COVID-19 Policies & Procedures. Contact Briana Corely at [bcorely@mpaart.org](#) with questions.

Adult Art Classes

- **Basic Drawing** (DuVal Studio) with Marise Riddell -- Tuesdays, 1 - 4pm, starting Oct. 4
- **Challenges** (DuVal Studio) with Marise Riddell -- Wednesdays, 1- 4pm, starting Oct. 5
- **Freedom of Watercolor** (Virtual) with Barbara Janusiewicz -- Thursdays, 10am - 12pm, starting Oct. 6
- **Landscape in Oil** (Virtual) with Joyce Lee -- Thursdays, 7 - 9:30pm, starting Oct. 6
- **Drawing and Painting Studio** (DuVal Studio) with David Carlson -- Thursdays, 7 - 9:30pm, starting Oct. 6
- **Contemporary Art Focus: Painting & Mixed Media** (DuVal) with Sharon Fishel -- Fridays, 10am - 12pm, starting Oct. 7
- **Workshop! Creating Artwork with Layered Paper: Trees** (DuVal Studio) with Ronni Jolles -- Sunday, Oct. 9 from 1 - 4 pm
- **Vibrant Flowers in Oil** (DuVal Studio) with Joyce Lee -- Thursdays, 10am - 12:30pm, starting Oct. 13
- **Basic Abstract with Mixed Media** (DuVal Studio) with M. Jane Johnson -- Mondays, 10am - 1pm, starting Oct. 17
- **Portrait and Figure Painting** (DuVal Studio) with Jordan Xu -- Mondays, 7 - 9pm, starting Oct. 17
- **NEW! Kolam** (Virtual) with *Shanthi Chandrasekar* -- Mondays, 10:30am - 12pm, starting Oct. 31
- **Workshop! Creating Artwork with Layered Paper: Fences with Flowers & Vines** (DuVal Studio) with Ronni Jolles -- Sunday, Nov. 16 from 1 - 4pm
- **Workshop! Creating Artwork with Layered Paper: Winter Landscape** (DuVal Studio) with Ronni Jolles, Sunday, Dec. 11 from 1 - 4pm

Youth Art Classes

- **Abrakadoodle Twoosy Doodlers**
 - Tuesdays, 10 - 10:45am, beginning Oct. 4
 - Thursdays, 10 - 10:45am, beginning Oct. 6
 - Saturdays, 10 - 10:45am, beginning Oct. 8
- **Abrakadoodle Mini Doodlers**
 - Tuesdays, 11:30am - 12:30pm, beginning Oct. 4
 - Thursdays, 11:30am - 12:30pm, beginning Oct. 6
 - Saturdays, 11:30am - 12:30pm, beginning Oct. 8

Visit our [website](#) for a more information on these offerings, or to secure your spot.

Exhibition Information

MARS

Thank You, MARS!

As we celebrate MPA's 60th anniversary this year and beyond on all that MPA has accomplished, we are reminded that none of our work would be possible without the generosity of our benefactors. We are excited to welcome MARS as a new sponsor to MPA and our 60th Anniversary Gala. MARS has been a generous contributor to our McLean community, and we are thrilled to have this new partnership with our neighbor.

"We're proud to support McLean Project for the Arts as they celebrate their 60th anniversary of providing outstanding visual arts exhibitions and arts education to the Northern Virginia community. We value their significant contributions to the quality of life in our hometown and support their goal of providing equitable and inclusive access to the visual arts for all members of our diverse community." Brad Figel, Senior Counsel, Corporate Public Affairs

For a complete list of all of our Gala sponsors, [please visit our website](#).

Thank You to Our Gala Sponsors

The Lasting Impact of MPA ArtReach

"For the first time in 38 years, [my daughter] wanted to be in the moment and sketch the lotus and water lilies in plain air. My heart was so full! . . . I truly believe that it was her time with [MPA ArtReach] that triggered this totally new focus and sustained interest. It is impossible for me to put into words what a major achievement this has been in our lives and how happy it makes us."

-Parent of a ServiceSource MPA ArtReach student

Have you wanted to learn more about longtime ArtReach Founder and Director Sharon Fishel, and the work she does in our community? Take a few minutes to read this letter she recently received from the parent of one of our weekly ArtReach Zoom classes for ServiceSource clients with disabilities:

"I wanted to tell you how transformative your art class has been for my daughter, Kelly. I've always offered her art materials but they never seemed to "click" with her. She would quickly and distractedly do an activity and be ready to move on. But after the structure and regularity of your classes over many months, she has become much more engaged in creating art. The zoom sessions you lead have become one of the highlights of her week. Not only does she enjoy the time with the class but she actually wants to spend time researching and prepping for the class. This is totally new. When you told the class they would be drawing water lilies the next week, our family took a trip to Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens. We event took sketch pads and pencils. For the first time in 38 years, she wanted to be in the moment and sketch the lotus and water lilies in plain air. My heart was so full! . . . I truly believe that it was her time with you that triggered this totally new focus and sustained interest. It is impossible for me to put into words what a major achievement this has been in our lives and how happy it makes us. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Paula DeRoy

If you would like to help support MPA's award-winning ArtReach programming, [click here](#).

MPA ArtReach

Mark Your Calendars!

MPAartfest 2022 is October 2!

MPAartfest 2022 returns for its 16th year to McLean Central Park on **Sunday, October 2, 2022 from 10am - 4pm**.

During MPAartfest, McLean Central Park is transformed into a lively landscape of mini art galleries showcasing and offering for sale the work of juried artists from throughout the mid-Atlantic region. This FREE event features contemporary art, live music throughout the day from some of the DC-area's best musical talents, a Children's Art Walk, food vendors, and much more.

MPAartfest 2022 is made possible with the help of the McLean Community Center, and through partnerships with our community and corporate sponsors, Fairfax County Park Authority and The Matter.

Sponsor MPAartfest

Our corporate sponsors benefit from helping support equitable access to visual arts education to our increasingly diverse community, and particularly for those who might not otherwise have these opportunities.

We're committed to offering our partners valuable and effective custom sponsorship packages, developed to fit your company's individual needs. For more information, please contact Jennifer Wormser at [jwormser@mpaart.org](#) or (239)691-7548.

Visit our [website](#) for the latest MPAartfest news and announcements! We can't wait to see you on Oct. 2!

MPAartfest

MPA in the News

Connection Newspapers: [MPA's Group](#)

Art Exhibition Opens at the Atrium

[Gallery](#) (7/14/2022)

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MPA Calendar of Events

June 23 - August 20, 2022: MPA Class/Works Exhibition

September 16 - November 10: Continuum: Artists Teaching Artists Exhibition

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

Thursday, September 22: Continuum: Artists Teaching Artists Opening Exhibition Reception

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

December 8, 2022: In the Round: Three-Dimensional Fiber Works Opening Exhibition Reception

December 8, 2022 - February 18, 2023: In the Round: Three-Dimensional Fiber Works Exhibition

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Administrative Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 10am-4pm

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