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McLean Project for the Arts Receives Operating Support Grant from ArtsFairfax

Fairfax, VA – The McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) has been awarded a 2023 ArtsFairfax Operating Support Grant of \$30,464. This funding benefits the vitality of MPA and its mission to exhibit the work of emerging and established artists from the mid-Atlantic region; to promote public awareness and understanding of the concepts of contemporary art; and to offer instruction and education in the visual arts.

The McLean Project for the Arts is among 44 ArtsFairfax Operating Support Grant recipients based in Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church.

"We are grateful to Fairfax County and its elected Board of Supervisors, as well as to ArtsFairfax, for supporting MPA's visual arts programming with an Operating Support Grant once again, in this our 60th anniversary year," said MPA Executive Director Lori Carbonneau.

"As ArtsFairfax's largest grant program, Operating Support Grants are a significant investment in the local arts economy, empowering a broad spectrum of Fairfax cultural organizations to become more resilient, stable, and poised for growth," explained Linda Sullivan, ArtsFairfax President & CEO.

Operating Support Grants are foundational to the stability of Fairfax nonprofit arts and culture organizations by providing County funds, distributed by ArtsFairfax, for the basic operation of invaluable programs, services, and facilities these organizations provide to Fairfax County area residents.

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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, and celebrates its 60^{th} anniversary in 2022. 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.

About ArtsFairfax

ArtsFairfax is the nonprofit designated as Fairfax County's local arts agency. Dedicated to the belief that arts are essential to a thriving community, the ArtsFairfax mission is to expand support for and access to arts and culture opportunities for Fairfax County's more than 1.2 million residents. By offering informational, financial, and programmatic services, ArtsFairfax promotes the role of arts and culture to deepen social engagement, create a sense of place, and fuel economic growth. Incorporated as a 501(c)(3) since 1964, ArtsFairfax provides these services to all who contribute to and experience arts in Fairfax County, and is funded in part by the County, Virginia Commission for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as corporations, foundations, and individuals.