



## 60th Anniversary Celebration Gala Last Call!

### Ticket sales close this Friday!

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:

- An exclusive opportunity to experience *Illusion of Depth*, a specially created immersive augmented reality experience by digital artist Joseph Cortina
- A chance to bid on eight amazing trips, curated by MPA by AmFund and available for auction exclusively at our Gala Celebration. ((Check out video highlights of the trips [here](#), and [here](#)—and start packing your bags!))
- Live music by "Round Midnight, the region's hottest, most versatile variety band"
- Dancing
- Cocktail reception
- Hors d'oeuvres and light fare
- ...and much more!

Join us for an evening you won't soon forget as #MPACelebrates60! To buy your event tickets or join us as a sponsor, [visit our website](#). Ticket sales close September 9, 2022.

MPA Celebrates 60!



## Coming Soon!

### Continuum: Artists Teaching Artists

#### Fall Exhibition Opens September 16;

#### Opening Exhibition Reception September 22

Join MPA on [Thursday, September 22 from 7-9pm](#) as we open our Fall 2022 Exhibition, *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 teaching institutes such as the Washington Glass School.

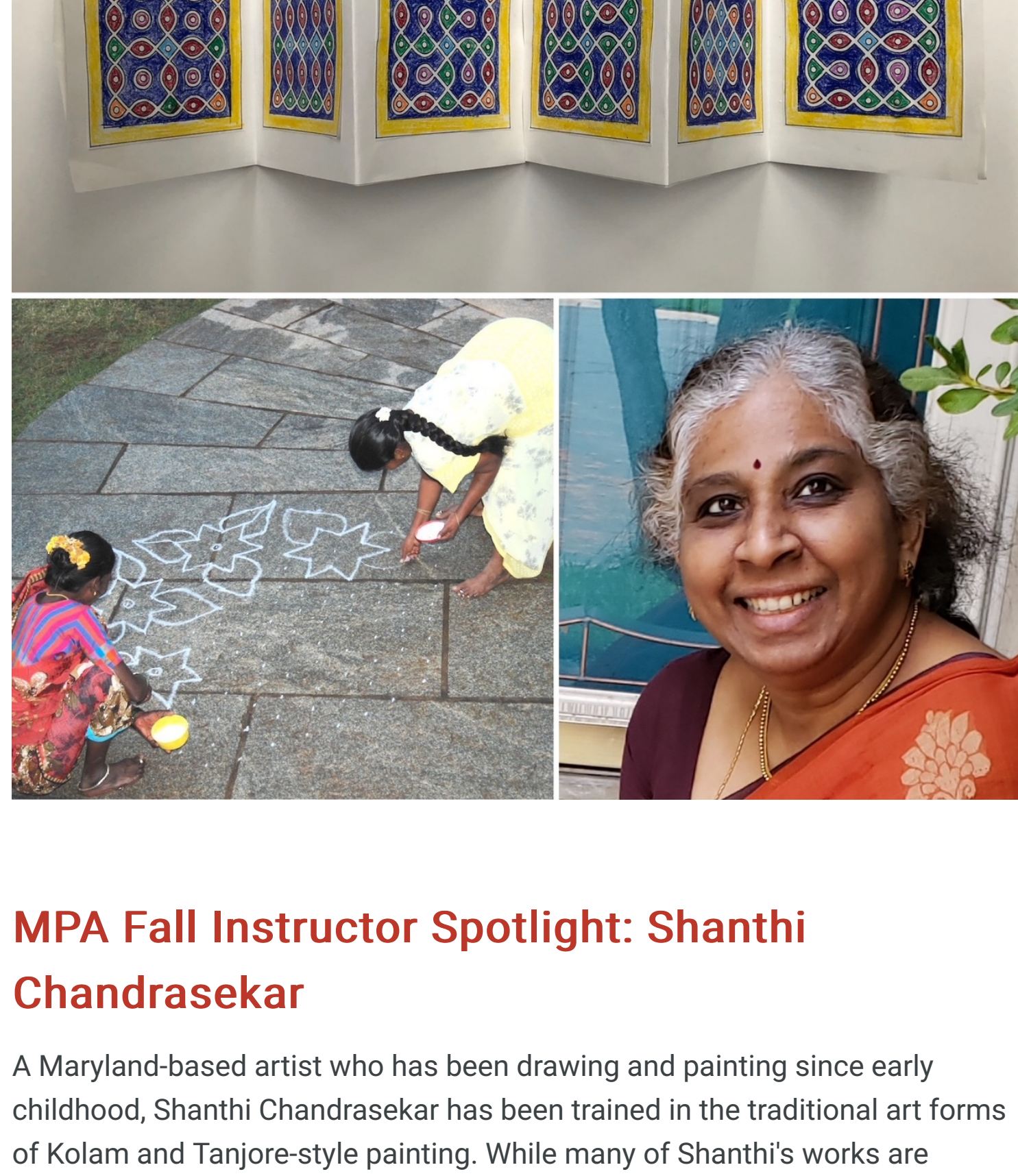
All of the participants are as dedicated to their on-going artistic practice as they are to their students, and vice versa.

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 Sutherland
- Tim Tate
- Erwin Timmers
- Stephanie Williams
- Sue Wrbican
- Peter Winant

(*"Pictured, from top left: David Carlson, "Everything That Happens (apologies to (B E)"); John Ruppert, "Split Rock"; and Judith Sutherland, "Her Field of Operation #6, Let's Go Play On the Rocks!"*)

RSVP to the Opening Exhibition Reception



## MPA Fall Instructor Spotlight: Shanthi Chandrasekar

A Maryland-based artist who has been drawing and painting since early childhood, Shanthi Chandrasekar has been trained in the traditional art forms of Kolam and Tanjore-style painting. While many of Shanthi's works are influenced by her Indian heritage, her true inspiration comes from the mystery and majesty of the world around her; her muse lives where the scientific overlaps with the spiritual.

Shanthi has won numerous awards for her works including Individual Artist Awards and grants from the Maryland State Arts Council and the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, as well as the Maryland Traditions Folklife Apprenticeship Grants to teach Kolam. Her artwork is in the DC Art Bank, Montgomery Public Art, and other collections. Shanthi has exhibited, presented her work, and participated in events at several galleries and institutions including Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Gandhi Memorial Center, and the Smithsonian. She designed the Kolam concept for the 2021 Kolam Project that involved community participation from around the USA, to install a 1,950-tile Kolam in front of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

Join Shanthi this fall for the MPA debut of her virtual Kolam class. ([Check out this article](#) on her Kolam project for President Biden's inauguration.) In addition to exciting new offerings like this one, our fall lineup also includes many long-time favorites, such as [Basic Drawing with Marise Riddell](#) and [Vibrant Flowers in Oil](#) with Joyce Lee. We're also offering a series of one-time "Creating Artwork with Layered Paper" workshops lead by Ronni Jolles.

Our younger artists are encouraged to join us for [Abrakadoodle Twoosy Doodlers](#) and [Abrakadoodle Mini Doodlers](#), ignite your child's imagination using real artists' materials, including watercolors, tempera paints, oil pastels, creative tools and more. Carefully designed lessons help children develop skills while enhancing creativity.

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 Clorey at [bclorey@mpaart.org](mailto:bclorey@mpaart.org) with questions.

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

Exhibition Information



## MPA ArtReach Partnerships Continue to Thrive as We Look Forward to Fall

MPA's ArtReach and Director Sharon Fishel have had an amazing summer working with our many community partners as we provide visual arts programming to our community.

The weekly ArtReach classes are continuing at the new Wellness Center for Older Adults in Fairfax, our weekly ArtReach virtual classes have been ongoing throughout the summer and will continue for the next year with ServiceSource, and our virtual Mixed Media Monday's classes through the Lewinsville Senior Center have expanded their audience into the Reston area, adding an additional eight students.

In addition to this weekly programming, Sharon is continuing to partner on a regular basis with the SPARC group which meets at the Old Firehouse Teen Center, our Second Story Safe Youth Project Partners, and the McLean High School Special Ed classes. These three groups will be working on projects related to our upcoming Fall Continuum exhibition, specifically connecting to artist Michael Janis's work, How We Care for Each Other.

Enjoy the recent examples of our ArtReach student's work in the photos above, and remember that if you would like to help support MPA's award-winning ArtReach programming, [click here](#).

MPA ArtReach

## See You in McLean Central Park on October 2:

### MPAartfest is Less Than One Month Away!



**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 Mather.

### Sponsor the MPAartfest Live Musical Performance Stage!

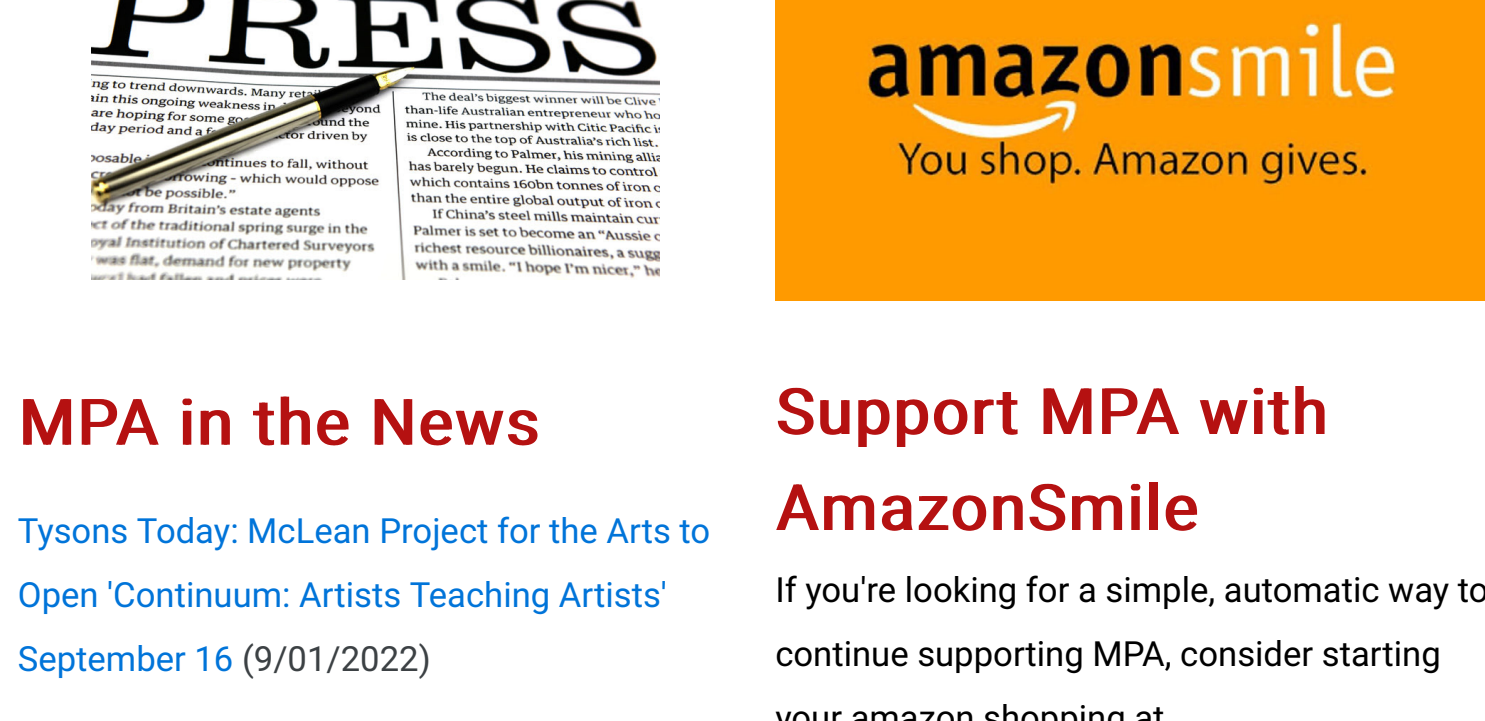
Our corporate sponsors benefit from helping support equitable access to visual arts education to our increasingly diverse community, and particularly to those who might not otherwise have these opportunities.

Our Live Musical Performance stage (\$3,500) will showcase a wide variety of musical artists. Visitors listen (and dance) to great music on the gazebo stage, featuring bands representing the best DC area musicians. Sponsorship includes a premier space at the festival and Emcee recognition throughout the day. Stay tuned for the lineup soon!

For more information, please contact Jennifer Wormser at [jwormser@mpaart.org](mailto: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!

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## MPA in the News

[Tysons Today: McLean Project for the Arts to Open 'Continuum: Artists Teaching Artists' September 16](#) (9/01/2022)

[Sun Gazette News: Art Installation to be Highlight of MPA Gala](#) (8/29/2022)

[InsideNova: McLean Project for the Arts Gala to Feature Art Installation](#) (8/29/2022)

[FFXNow: McLean Arts Non-Profit Gets Deep With Gala to Celebrate 60th Anniversary](#) (8/25/2022)

[McLean Patch: McLean Project for the Arts to Hold 60th Anniversary Gala Event](#) (8/23/2022)

[McLean Patch: McLean Project for the Arts to Open Fall 2022 Exhibition](#) (8/16/2022)

[Daily Campello Art News-Continuum: Artists Teaching Artists](#) (8/10/2022)

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## MPA Calendar of Events

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*Continuum: Artists Teaching Artists* Exhibition

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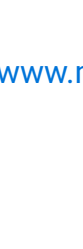
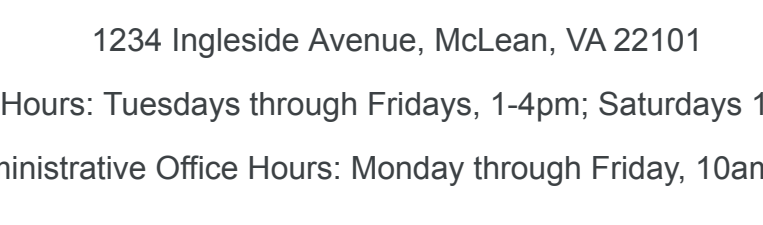
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