



McLean Project for the Arts

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McLean Project for the Arts to Open Spring Solo Exhibitions April 13 *Exhibits include works by Chris Combs, George Loria, and Josh Whipkey*

McLean, VA: McLean Project for the Arts will open its Spring Solo Exhibitions on April 13, 2023. Featured works include *Industry Standards: Works by Chris Combs*; *Concerns: Sculpture by George Loria*; and *With My Face Against the Picture: Paintings by Josh Whipkey*. The exhibition will run through June 18, 2023, with an Opening Exhibition Reception on Thursday, April 13, 2023 from 7-9pm. [R3Y7 bars](https://tinyurl.com/springsoloopening). (<https://tinyurl.com/springsoloopening>)

"We are pleased to offer these three outstanding artists—selected from an open call for proposals—solo exhibitions at MPA," said MPA Curator and Artistic Director Nancy Sasser. "Solo exhibitions are hard to come by, and MPA is happy to be able to offer artists this important opportunity to show a significant body of their work, particularly in light of how many exhibitions were cancelled during the COVID-19 pandemic."

Industry Standards: Works by Chris Combs

Chris Combs' sculptures are made from reclaimed or surplus industrial components. Puffed together to both perform a task [of the artists' making] and draw the viewer in aesthetically and technically, the pieces seem almost familiar and yet strangely new. While addressing themes of technology, surveillance and the destruction of the environment, Combs creates sculptures which are at once ominous and distinctly playful.

Concerns: Sculpture by George Loria

In George Loria's sculptures, tree-like forms are presented as metaphorical references to the possibility of healing and regeneration. Built from a combination of plywood armatures and found bark and twigs, the works exemplify a partnership between human effort and



George Loria, "The Tree"

