

McLean Project for the Arts



Call for Entries: MPAartfest 2023

Calling all artists! **MPA is currently seeking submissions for our 17th annual MPAartfest!**

MPAartfest 2023 will consist of a one-day in-person juried fine arts and craft show held in McLean Central Park on October 1, 2023. Accepted Artists will be provided one tent on October 1, and will receive recognition on the MPAartfest website.

MPAartfest was recently recognized by *Sunshine Artist* as one of the **Top 100 Fine Art and Design Shows**.

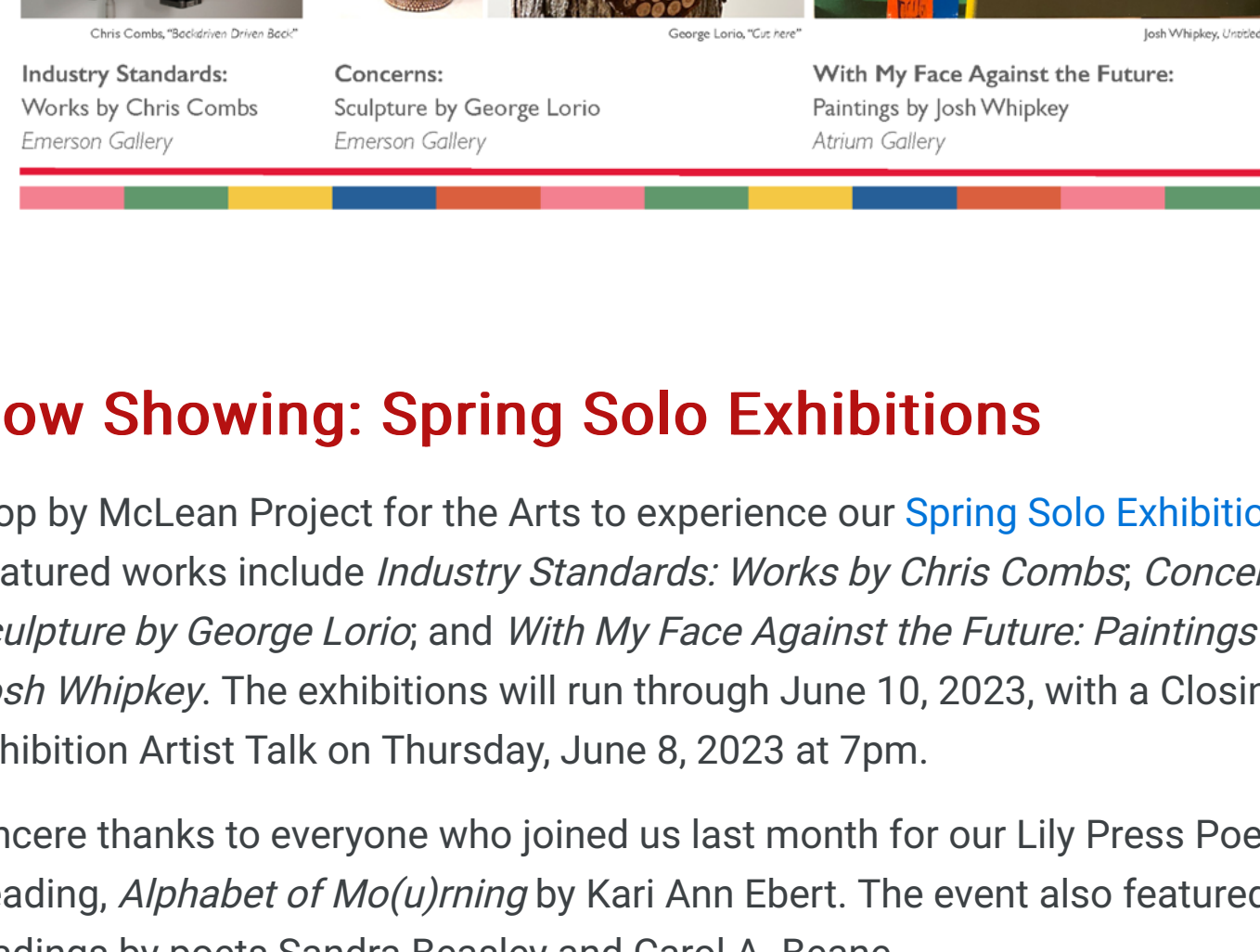
Artists retain 100 percent of in-park sales from MPAartfest.

Early Application Deadline: May 20, 2023 (\$300)

Deadline for Submissions: June 17, 2023 (\$350)

Additional rules and submission instructions are available [here](#).

[Apply Now](#)



Now Showing: Spring Solo Exhibitions

Stop by McLean Project for the Arts to experience our [Spring Solo Exhibitions](#). Featured works include *Industry Standards: Works by Chris Combs*, *Concerns: Sculpture by George Lorio*, and *With My Face Against the Future: Paintings by Josh Whipkey*. The exhibitions will run through June 10, 2023, with a Closing Exhibition Artist Talk on Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 7pm.

Sincere thanks to everyone who joined us last month for our Lily Press Poetry Reading, *Alphabet of Mo(J)ring* by Kari Ann Ebert. The event also featured readings by poets Sandra Beasley and Carol A. Beane.

NEW Gallery Hours

The MPA Atrium Gallery will be available for viewing during [McLean Community Center operating hours](#). The Emerson Gallery will be open for visitors Mondays through Saturdays from 10am – 4pm. Additionally, MPA will also be open during the following Alden Theater performances: Sunday afternoon, May 7, 1:30-4pm; Saturday evening, June 3, 6:30-9pm; and Sunday afternoon, June 4, from 1:30-4pm.

MPA's 2023 Spring Solo Exhibitions are funded in part by [ArtsFairfax](#).

Exhibition Information



Spring Benefit is May 18!

Limited Individual Tickets Still Available – Act Fast!

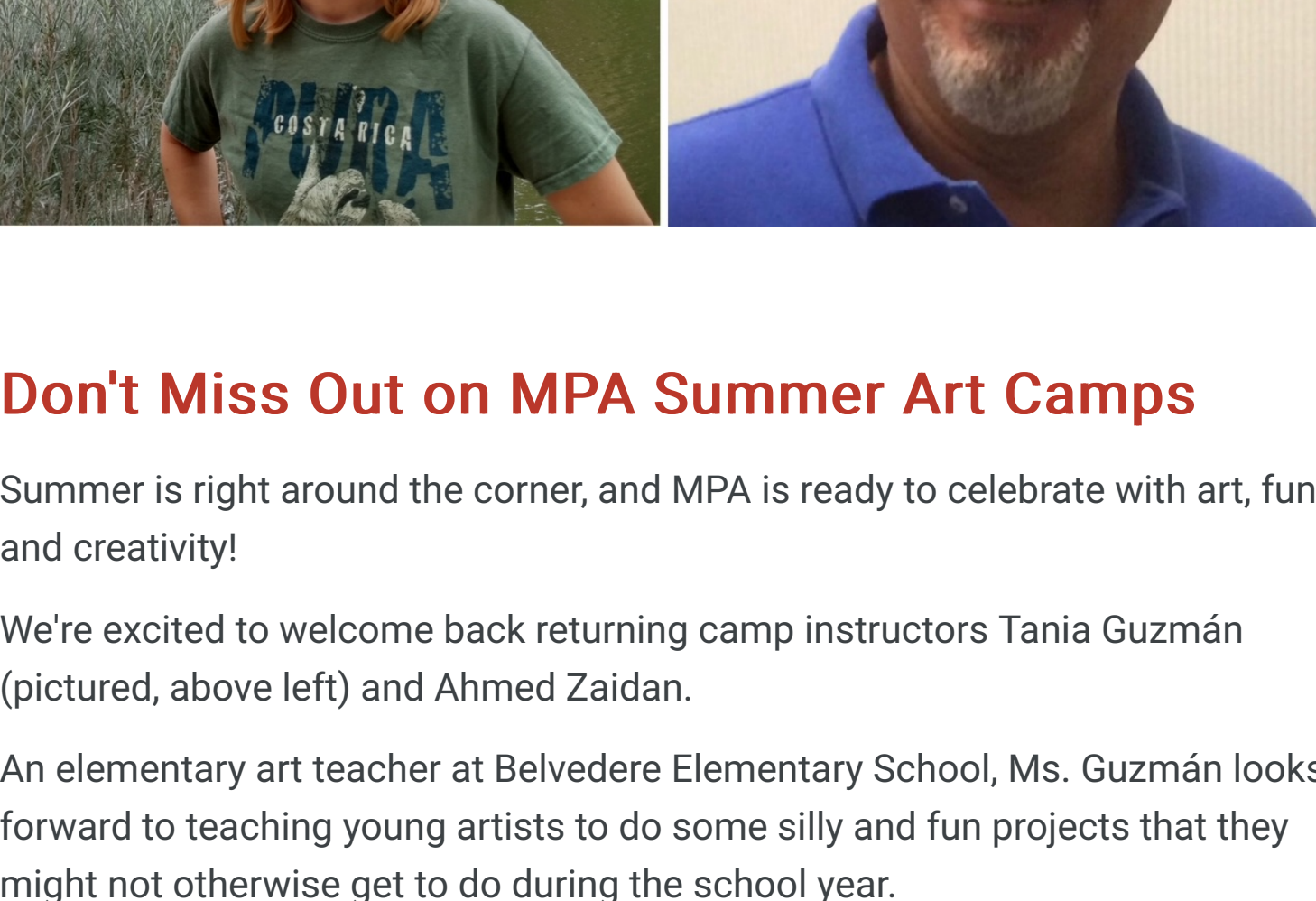
Please mark your calendars and join us on **Thursday, May 18, 2023 for MPA's signature spring fête, Spring Benefit**. Co-chaired by Marsha Muawwad and Natalie von Seelen, the May 18th sunset party will take place at the Wildersmoor House in Great Falls. Located just one mile from the entrance to Great Falls Park, this year's venue is definitely not to be missed!

MPA is excited to announce that this year's Spring Benefit will include work by sculptor **Emilie Brzezinski** (1932-2022; pictured above). A longtime resident of McLean, Emilie Brzezinski's monumental wood sculptures have been shown across the country and around the world. She is best known for using a chain saw and ax to carve new life into found, felled tree trunks. Look for Emilie Brzezinski's work displayed on the beautiful grounds of Wildersmoor House! Additionally, Spring Benefit 2023 will feature the music of The Bitter Dose Combo, DC's premier gypsy jazz and swing band, and Abbie Palmer, a multi-genre harpist. The event will also include fare from Windows Catering Company.

Limited Spring Benefit individual tickets are currently available. [Visit our website to secure your spot](#).

We look forward to welcoming you to the stunning grounds for our signature MPA spring event in this magical outdoor oasis.

Reserve Your Spring Benefit Tickets



Don't Miss Out on MPA Summer Art Camps

Summer is right around the corner, and MPA is ready to celebrate with art, fun, and creativity!

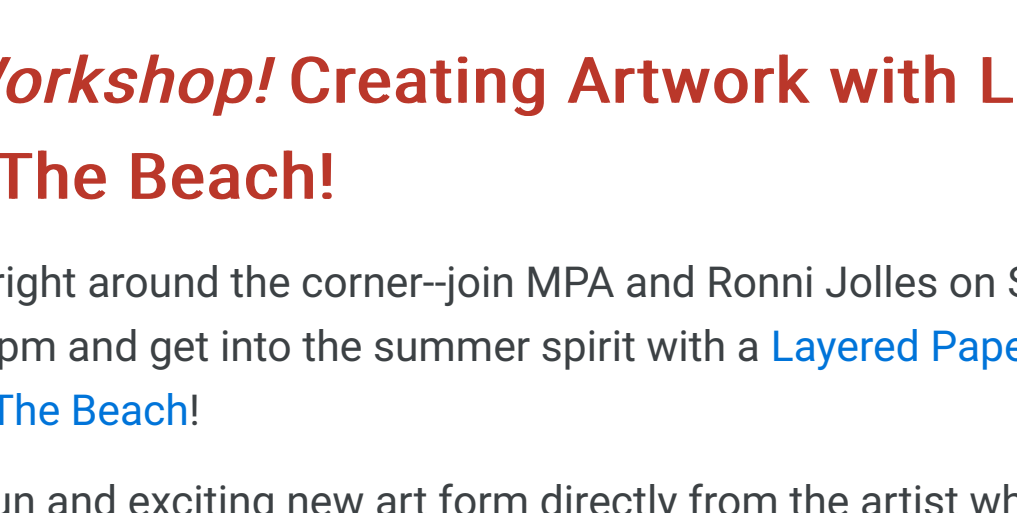
We're excited to welcome back returning camp instructors Tania Guzmán (pictured, above left) and Ahmed Zaidan.

An elementary art teacher at Belvedere Elementary School, Ms. Guzmán looks forward to teaching young artists to do some silly and fun projects that they might not otherwise get to do during the school year.

An experienced artist whose work has been displayed across the Middle East, South Africa, England, and the US, Ahmed Zaidan previously worked as a projects and art director for many years for a major international airline. He has also worked as an art teacher at Fairfax County Public Schools.

Join Ms. Guzmán, Mr. Zaidan, and the rest of our instructors for a summer of creativity! MPA's Summer Art Camps will run from June 27-August 12, with both half-and full-day options available. [Check out our weekly camp themes and dates here](#), and register today. Offerings include [MPA Art Camps](#) (ages 6-13) and [AbraKadoodle Camps](#) (ages 3-6), as well as our [CIT program](#). Sign up now to secure your spot--and don't forget to invite a friend!

Register Now for Summer Art Camp

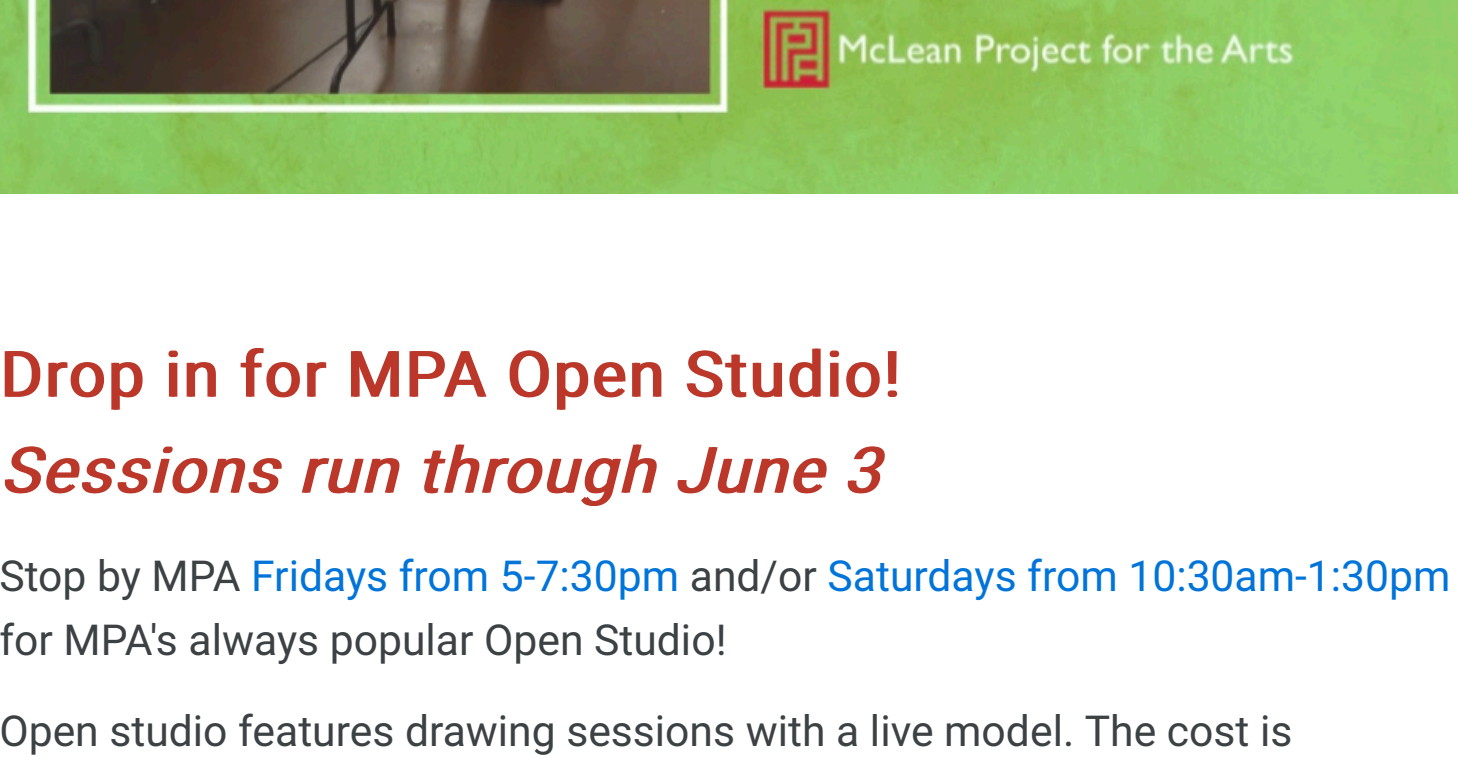


Summer is right around the corner--join MPA and Ronni Jolles on Sunday, May 21 from 1-4pm and get into the summer spirit with a [Layered Paper Workshop: The Beach!](#)

Learn this fun and exciting new art form directly from the artist who created it. Using hundreds of kinds of paper--gathered from all over the world--students will learn how to create a beautifully textured scene of the beach. Students will gain skills in cutting, ripping, and manipulating the papers as they glue them, in layers, to stretched canvas.

The cost per participant is \$75. Supplies will be provided. A material fee of \$25 is to be paid to the instructor at the time of the workshop. Beginners welcome!

Register Now!



Drop in for MPA Open Studio!

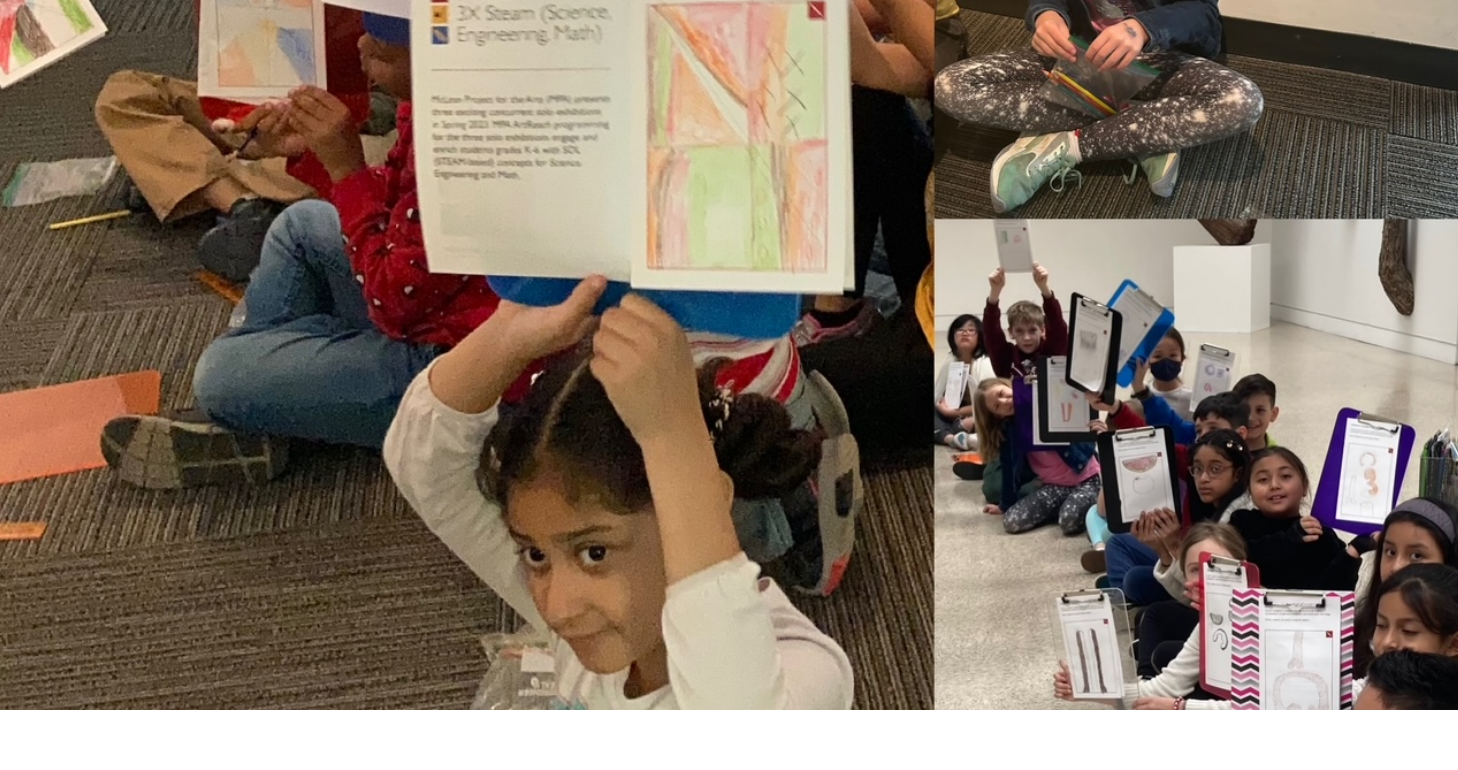
Sessions run through June 3

Stop by MPA **Fridays** from 5-7:30pm and/or **Saturdays** from 10am-1:30pm for MPA's always popular Open Studio!

Open studio features drawing sessions with a live model. The cost is \$20/drop-in session. Friday sessions will be a series of quick gestural poses, while Saturday sessions models will hold for longer poses. **If you are choosing to paint (specifically oil), you must use odor-less materials.**

Visit <https://mpaart.org/mpa-classes-workshops-for-adults/> to learn more.

MPA Spring Art Classes



MPA ArtReach Welcomes FCPS Title I Tours

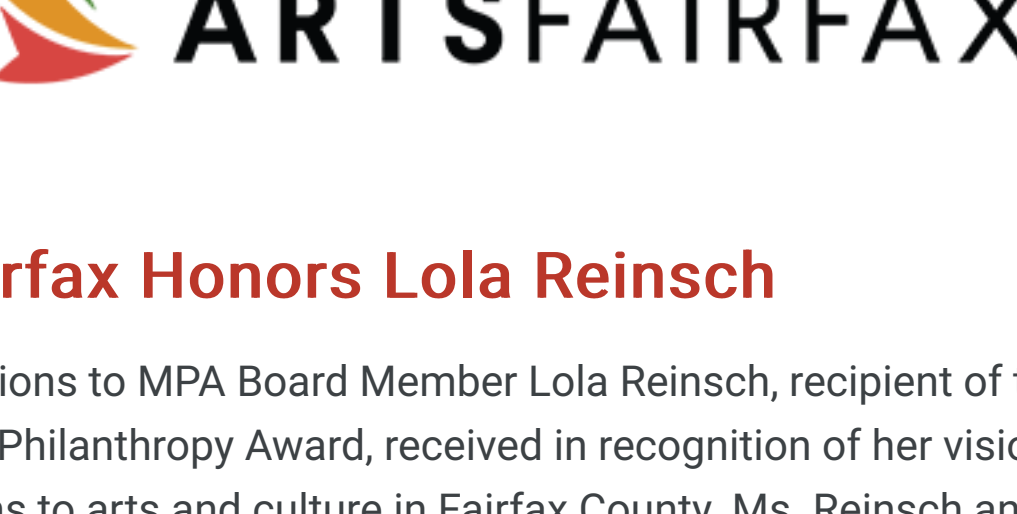
It's the busiest time of year for MPA's ArtReach as we welcome FCPS Title I school tours and other community groups to our galleries--we've already welcomed more than 400 FCPS students to our galleries this year!

It's been wonderful to see the elementary students from schools including Beech Tree Elementary, Belvedere Elementary, Timber Lane Elementary, as well as Special Ed and Best Buddies groups from McLean High School, engage with our three Spring Solos exhibitions. Such inquisitive and delightful FCPS students. And we're looking forward to welcoming students from Greenbriar Elementary later this month.

This outreach is a key part of our mission at MPA, and we're grateful to the donors who help provide the funding to reimburse these Title I schools for the bus transportation that makes these field trips possible. We're also grateful to ArtsFairfax for the recent Project Support Grant that provided additional funds to enhance these field trips with a special Gallery Guide to the exhibitions and a catalogue documenting the work of these three artists.

If you'd like to make a contribution to support our MPA ArtReach program, visit our [website](#).

MPA ArtReach



ArtsFairfax Honors Lola Reinsch

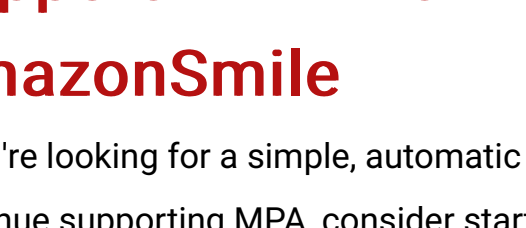
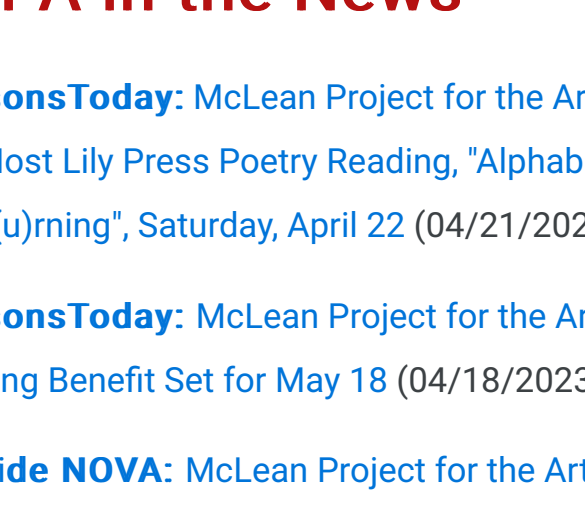
Congratulations to MPA Board Member Lola Reinsch, recipient of the 2023 ArtsFairfax Philanthropy Award, received in recognition of her visionary contributions to arts and culture in Fairfax County. Ms. Reinsch and the other award winners will be recognized at a ceremony in October.

Held annually to raise the visibility of arts and culture throughout Fairfax County and the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church, the **ArtsFairfax Awards** attract more than 300 guests, including local, state, and federal elected officials, as well as private supporters, business professionals, and arts and community leaders.

Congratulations to all of this year's award winners!

[Click here](#) for more information on the ArtsFairfax luncheon.

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MPA in the News

TysonsToday: [McLean Project for the Arts to Host Lily Press Poetry Reading, 'Alphabet of Mo\(J\)ring', Saturday, April 22](#) (04/21/2023)

TysonsToday: [McLean Project for the Arts' Spring Benefit Set for May 18](#) (04/18/2023)

Inside NOVA: [McLean Project for the Arts' Spring Benefit Set for May 18](#) (04/17/2023)

Washingtonian: [Things to Do in DC | Spring Solo Exhibitions](#) (04/13/2023)

McLean Patch: [McLean Project for the Arts to Hold Benefit at Wildersmoor House](#) (04/12/2023)

Fairfax County Times: [Dulles Art Walk Brightens Security Lines](#) (04/07/2023)

DC Style is Real: [McLean Project for the Arts to Open Spring Solo Exhibitions April 13](#) (03/25/2023)

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MPA Calendar of Events

Through June 10, 2023: Spring Solo Exhibitions

Thursday, May 18, 2023: MPA Spring Benefit 2023

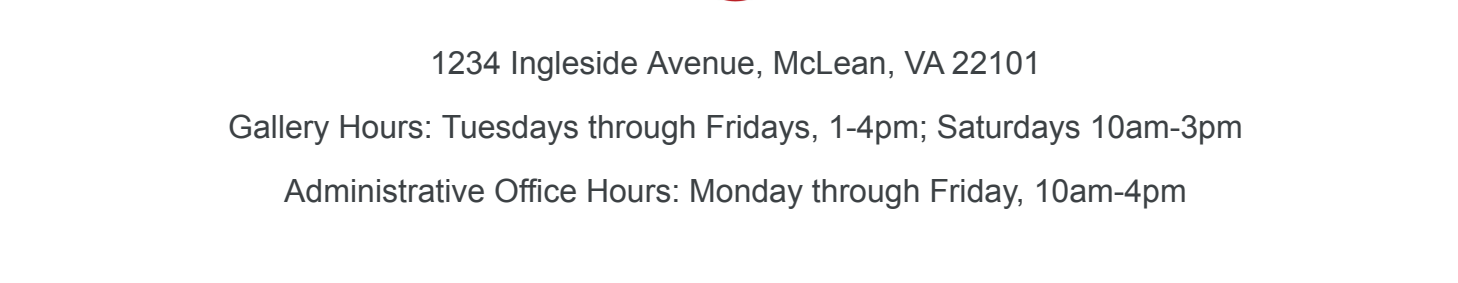
Thursday, June 8, 2023: Spring Solos Closing Exhibition Artist Talk, 7pm September 14 - November 11, 2023: (Not) Strictly Painting Juried Show (Call for entries to be announced soon)

September 14, 2023: (Not) Strictly Painting Opening Exhibition Reception, 7-9pm

October 1, 2023: 17th Annual MPAartfest

December 8, 2023 - February 17, 2024: Winter Exhibitions--*Moving Beyond Beauty: Reverence and Reclamation* (Emerson Gallery; Atrium Gallery exhibition TBA)

December 8, 2023: Winter Exhibition Opening Reception, 7-9pm



1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA 22101
Gallery Hours: Tuesdays through Fridays, 1-4pm; Saturdays 10am-3pm
Administrative Office Hours: Mondays through Friday, 10am-4pm

[Hours and Directions](#) | www.mpaart.org | 703.790.1953