



McLean Project for the Arts



Calling all Mid-Atlantic artists! McLean Project for the Arts currently has open submissions for *(Not) Strictly Painting*, a juried biennial exhibition of the depth and breadth of paintings—or works related in some way to

from artists throughout the Mid-Atlantic area. Now in its 14th iteration, *Strictly Painting* is one of the region's most important painting exhibitions. *(Not)* *Strictly Painting* will be juried by Tim Brown, Director of IA&A at Hillyer. Awards totaling \$1,500 will be distributed.

(Not) *Strictly Painting* will be on display at McLean Project for the Arts September 14 - November 11, 2023.

Deadline for Submissions: July 22, 2023



**Save the Date! MPAartfest 2023 is Sunday,
October 1 in McLean Central Park!**

MPA will host its annual MPAartfest on Sunday, October 1 from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm at McLean Central Park. Now in its 17th year, MPAartfest transforms Central Park into a lively landscape of mini art galleries showcasing and offering for sale the work of juried artists from throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. In addition to contemporary art, this FREE event features children's activity tents, live music from some of the DC-area's best musical talents, a Children's Art Walk, food vendors, and much more.

MPAartfest 2023 is made possible with the help of the McLean Community Center, and through partnerships with Fairfax County Park Authority and community and corporate sponsors.

Sponsorships for MPAartfest 2023 are currently available. [Contact Jennifer Wormser](#) to learn more.

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Fairfax Times Spotlights MPA ArtReach

Thank you to the Fairfax Times for their recent [article](#) spotlighting MPA's ArtReach program and Director Sharon Fishel.

It's been wonderful to see elementary students from schools including Beech Tree Elementary, Belvedere Elementary, Timber Lane Elementary, Greenbriar Elementary, as well as Special Ed and Best Buddies groups from McLean High School, engage with our three Spring Solo exhibitions.

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.

wood sculptures being our favorite! We had a great time learning about the art, the artist, and the science that could be connected along with it. The packets and activities were very helpful with keeping us engaged and our parent chaperones also learned a lot. We hope that you will be able to invite us back again next year with a new batch of second graders!"

Firstly, the teachers were impressed with the exhibit's relevance to their students. They appreciated the professionalism and enthusiasm of the staff. Teachers have already expressed booking for next year's cohort. Secondly, the students thought the exhibit was so fun and engaging. Many of them said they had never been to a 'place like this' and wanted to find more. Kudos to the team. Look forward to next year!"

Moonhee Doan, Greenbriar East Elementary

[Read the Complete Fairfax Times Article](#)

Fall Art Class Preview

Registration opens in early August for MPA's fall art classes. Autumn offerings include new classes as well as returning favorites, including:

- Open Studio (rules, etc.)** 10/07-12/09, 10:30am-12:30pm, 10/07-12/09, 8:30pm-11:00pm, 10/07-12/09, 8:30pm-11:00pm, 10/07-12/09, 10:30am-1:30pm)
- Fundamentals of Animation: Storyboarding, Ages 13+ (Saturdays, 10/07-11/18, 2-4pm)** – Students will develop their skills to create sequential and dynamic images as well as create a narrative. Some knowledge of design is recommended.
- Arakadoodle: Sculpt It!, Ages 7-12 (Wednesdays, 10/04-12/06, 4:30-5:30pm)** – Arakadoodle in 3D! Have a blast creating 3-D art using a variety of modeling compounds and other materials.
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- Classes will take place in both our DuVal studio and online.



MPA Summer Art Camps: Space Still Available in Select Weeks

MPA Summer Art Camps are underway! We are enjoying celebrating summer break with art, fun, and creativity!

If you haven't yet finalized your summer camp plans, you're in luck: space is

- **MPA Summer Art Camp, Week 4 (July 17-21), Surrealist Art (Ages 6-8)**

- **Camp Abakadoodle, Week 5** (July 24-28), Kid-tastic Art Camp ([Afternoon session](#))
- **Camp Abakadoodle, Week 6** (July 31-August 4), Dreamy Art ([Afternoon session](#))
- **Camp Abakadoodle, Week 7** (August 7-11), Masters and Me ([Afternoon session](#))
- **MPA Summer Art Camp, Week 7** (August 7-11), Celestial Art ([Ages 9-13](#))
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