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McLean Project for the Arts

MPAartfest 2023 is Sunday, October 1 in McLean Central Park — Meet This Year's Artists!

MPA is excited to announce the selection of 38 artists whose work will be featured at MPAartfest 2023 on October 1, 2023 in McLean Central Park.

Featured artists include: Lynda Andrews-Barry, Michele Banks, Jill Banks, Cheryl Ann Bearss, Adah Rose Gallery, Chris Carskaddon, Jacqui Crocetta, Lucinda Esh, Robert A. (Bob) Friedenberg, Ute Gil, Justine Thompson Godown, Hilary Hachey, Amoretta M Hoeber, Yasmine C. Iskander, Carolee Jakes, M. Jane Johnson, Carl Johnson, Katie Kesterr– ReCreatively, Giselle Kolb, Camille Kouyoumdjian, Christiane Lavin, Joyce Lee, Susan Livingston, Mike McConnell, Haley McKay, Beaudoin Glass (Jennifer Beaudoin Moffitt), Regula Morton, Renee Lajoie Newell, Susan Moskow, Marc Roman, Carol Samour, Claudia Samper, Bikki Shricker, David Sturtevant, Laura Sumner, Davrill Nash, Dorian Traynham/STUDIO 797, and Julie Wallace.

Along with the artists' tents and live music, MPAartfest offers food from local restaurants; Craft Beer, presented by The Matthew; the New Dominion Women's Club Children's Art Walk; and a hands-on Children's Art Village to engage creative minds and captivate art-lovers of all ages, sponsored by BOWA and Deirdre Mault Orthodontics.

MPAartfest 2023 is presented by the McLean Project for the Arts, with the help of lead community sponsor, McLean Community Center; signature sponsor, Mars, and through partnership with Fairfax County Park Authority.

Sponsorships for MPAartfest 2023 are currently available. Contact Jennifer Wormser to learn more.

Sponsor MPAartfest 2023

Coming Soon: *(Not) Strictly Painting 14*

Mark your calendars and join MPA September 14 - November 11, 2023 for *(Not) Strictly Painting 14*, a juried biennial exhibition celebrating the depth and breadth of paintings--or works related in some way to painting--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 A&A at Hillyer.

(Not) Strictly Painting featured artists will be announced in early August--visit our website for more information.

Exhibition Information

MPA ArtReach Summer Update

Pandas was the theme-of-the-week in both the Wellness Center for Older Adults and the virtual ServiceSource MPA ArtReach classes.

McLean Project for the Arts is pleased to announce that we recently reached an agreement with ServiceSource to continue these weekly ArtReach classes both virtually and at the Wellness Center for Older Adults. We look forward to welcoming both of these groups for future gallery visits when our exhibitions start up again in the fall!

If you'd like to make a contribution to support our MPA ArtReach program, visit our website.

Read the Fairfax Times Article on MPA ArtReach

Fall Art Class Preview

Registration opens on August 14 for MPA's fall art classes. Autumn offerings include new classes as well as returning favorites:

- **Open Studio (Tues., Fri., Sat.)** – Pay for drop-in sessions or save when you register for the series! Tues. 10/03-12/12, 6-8:30pm; Fri. 10/06-12/08, 6-8:30pm; Sat. 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 creating a narrative. Some knowledge of design is recommended.
- **Abrakadoodle: Sculpt It!, Ages 7-12** (Wednesdays, 10/04-12/06, 4:30-5:30pm) – Abrakadoodle in 3D! Have a blast creating 3-D art using a variety of modeling compounds and other materials.
- **Art in Motion, Ages 7-12** (Mondays, 10/16-12/04, 4:30-5:30pm) – Children will learn about kinetic art and create their own sculptures and 3D art, exploring different ways to design art that moves! Instructor: Pamela Saunders

For detailed descriptions on all of our fall classes, visit our website.

Classes will take place in both our DuVal studio and online.

Learn More

Virginia Commission for the Arts (VCA) Awards MPA General Operating Support Grant

MPA is excited to announce that the Virginia Commission for the Arts (VCA) has awarded MPA a General Operating Support grant in the amount of $33,328. MPA extends its deepest gratitude to the Commission and to the local members of the Virginia Assembly for their support of the arts in the Commonwealth.

Read the Complete Grant Announcement

Join Us for the Final Week of MPA Summer Art Camp!

It's been a wonderful summer full of fun, art, and creativity at MPA Summer Art Camps! We've loved having these budding artists join us in our studios.

If you're looking for last-minute, end-of-summer fun for your child, limited space is available in our final week of camp:

- **Camp Abrakadoodle, Week 7** (August 7-11), Masters and Me (Afternoon session)
- **MPA Summer Art Camp, Week 7** (August 7-11), Celestial Art (Ages 9-13)
- **MPA Summer Art Camp, Week 7** (August 7-11), Magical Mythical Creatures (Ages 9-13)

Thank you to everyone who has joined us so far this summer! We wish you all a wonderful school year, and hope to see you all in our studios for a fall class. (See above, or click here for a complete listing of fall youth art classes; secure your spot on August 14 when registration opens!)

Register Now for Summer Art Camp

MPA in the News

GazetteLeader: 38 Artists Tapped for Autumn Celebration in McLean (07/26/2023)

Daily Campello DC Art News: 2023 MPAartfest Artists (07/25/2023)

Fairfax Times: MPA ArtReach Serves Students at Title I Schools (07/07/2023)

Inside NOVA: MPAartfest Scheduled for Oct. 1 in McLean (07/06/2023)

GazetteLeader: McLean Project for the Arts Sets Date of MPAartfest 2023 (07/05/2023)

Daily Campello DC Art News: 17th Annual MPAartfest Set for Oct. 1 in McLean Central Park (07/03/2023)

MPA Calendar of Events

August 14, 2023: Fall class registration opens

September 14 - November 11, 2023: *(Not) Strictly Painting 14* Juried Show

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

October 1, 2023: 17th Annual MPAartfest

October 19, 7-9pm: In-Person *(Not) Strictly Painting 14* Artist Talk

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

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

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Administrative Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 10am-4pm

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