



McLean Project for the Arts

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**McLean Project for the Arts Unveils Musical Lineup
 for Oct. 1 MPAartfest**

*Expanded musical program features international roster
 of critically acclaimed artists*

McLean, VA: McLean Project for the Arts has released the lineup and programming for MPAartfest 2023, set for **October 1, 2023** in **McLean Central Park**. Presented by Mars and featuring everything from an jazz/ progressive soul to a female blues supergroup and a 15-piece youth swing big band, the MPAartfest Music Stage schedule offers something for every age and musical interest.

Curated by Ken Aris—radio host of Antidote [WETA 96.7 FM] and a performing musician with the award-winning band Verano—MPAartfest's musical lineup features acts fresh from the stages of venues such as the Kennedy Center, The Smithsonian Institution, Wolf Trap Farm Park, Blues Alley, and more.

Blues Alley Youth Orchestra will kick off the day at 10:00 am. This award-winning 15-piece youth swing big band, directed by renowned bandleader Michael Bowen, performs musical selections by masterful jazz composers such as Duke Ellington, Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, John Coltrane, and others.

The quintessential jazz/progressive soul singer of her generation, **Alison Crockett will take the stage at 11:00 am.** Alison has a voice dripping soul, with generous helpings of jazz, gospel, and blues. Her 2023 album release has spent three months on the US Jazz Chart.

Folk-blues singer-songwriter Bobby Thompson will kick off the 12:00 noon hour. Find out why *Blues Blast Magazine* said "Bobby Thompson's talent fills one's ears and heart with the vigor and camaraderie that only comes in the midst of an appreciative audience." Fresh from his summer



The Honey Larks will bring their roots music with incredible soul harmonies to the MPAartfest Music Stage on Oct. 1, starting their

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