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McLean Project for the Arts presents (Not) Strictly Painting 14 Juried biennial exhibition opens Sept. 14, featuring the work of 50 Mid-Atlantic artists

McLean, VA: McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) will open (Not) Strictly Painting 14 on September 14, 2023. Now in its 14th iteration, Strictly Painting celebrates the depth and breadth of paintings, or works related in some way to paintings. This biennial exhibition features pieces from 50 artists throughout the Mid-Atlantic area. An Opening Exhibition Reception will be held on Thursday, September 14 from 7-9pm at MPA. RSVP here.

Juried by Tim Brown, Director of IA&A at Hillyer, *(Not) Strictly Painting* is regarded as one of the region's most important painting exhibitions.



"Now in it's 14th incarnation, (Not) Strictly Painting will exhibit works by some of the most interesting and innovative artists currently active in the Mid-Atlantic region," said Nancy Sausser, MPA Director of Exhibitions and Curator. "The exhibit was expertly juried by Tim Brown, Director of IA&A at Hillyer."

(Not) Strictly Painting featured artists include: Maremi Andreozzi, Sondra Arkin, MK Bailey, Julia Bloom, Maria Brito, Nikki Brugnoli, Tory Cowles, Pamela Crockett, Delna Dastur, Anna Davis, Thomas Drymon, Gayle Friedman, Genie Ghim, Jane Godfrey, Pat Goslee, Reni Gower, Freya Grand, Lou Haney, Amelia Hankin, Tom Hill, Andrew Hladky, Leslie Holt, Sabiha Iqbal, Barbara Januszkiewicz, Wayson Jones, Joanne Kent, Pamela Keravuori, Chee Kung, Ruth Lozner, Matthew Malone, Nicole Maloof, Nipun Manda, Sasha-Loriene McClain, Begona Morton, Olivia Niuman, Cory Oberndorfer, Sookkyung Park, Judith Pratt, Sharon Robinson, Violet Simulation, Kanika Sircar, Marsha Staiger, Ann Stoddard, Monica Stroik, Terry Thompson, Roderick Turner, Jessica van Brakle, Ashley Joi Whitley, Sharon Wolpoff, and Debra Wright.

In addition to the September 14 Opening Exhibition Reception, an in-person Artist Talk will take place on Thursday, October 19 from 7-9pm.

The MPA Emerson Gallery is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10am-4pm. The Atrium Gallery is available during McLean Community Center operating hours.

(Not) Strictly Painting 14 runs September 14 – November 11, 2023. To register for the September 14 Opening Exhibition Reception, please visit: https://tinyurl.com/notstrictlypainting14.

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About MPA

McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) is one of the mid-Atlantic region's most respected contemporary visual arts organizations. MPA provides high-quality art exhibitions showcasing the work of established and emerging artists, educational programs, art classes, MPAartfest, summer art camps, and ArtReach, an award-winning program serving students in grades K – 12, seniors, and individuals with special needs. For more information, visit <u>www.mpaart.org</u>.

About Tim Brown

As Hillyer Director, Tim Brown serves as lead administrator for the the Hillyer Contemporary art space. Prior to Hillyer, Brown was Director of Education at the National Law Enforcement Museum, and Taft Museum of Art; Curator of Education at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Art and Columbus Museum; Associate Curator at the Hunter Museum of American Art, Curator of K-12 at Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art, and Romare Bearden Fellow at the Saint Louis Art Museum.

