



## McLean Project for the Arts

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### McLean Project for the Arts to Host November 18 Art Insights Panel Discussion and Alumni Art Exhibition

*Collectors' panel and gallery tour part of MPA's inaugural  
MPA Inspires: A Weekend of Collecting and Connecting event*

McLean, VA: McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) will host an **Art Insights Panel Discussion and Alumni Art Exhibition Showcase** on **Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 2-5pm**. Part of MPA's inaugural [MPA Inspires: A Weekend of Collecting and Connecting](#) celebration, the event will take place at MPA Downtown, the organization's hoped-for new supplemental space located at 6910 Fleetwood Road in McLean, VA. The **Alumni Art Exhibition Showcase** will feature work by more than 60 MPA alumni artists.

"The 61 outstanding artists featured in the MPA Inspires Weekend have donated their works in support of the development of a new MPA Art and Education Center," explained Helen Frederick, member of the MPA Board of Directors and member of the MPA Art and Education Curatorial Host Committee. "These dynamic artists are making this generous donation because they appreciate what MPA has done for them, and they want to support MPA as it plans to expand and offer more opportunities for the art community."

Presented by The Member, the Art Insights event will begin with a panel discussion featuring collectors **Michael Abrams** and **Sandra Stewart**, art advocate **Nancy Winkhorn**, and **Eric Key**, Arts Program Director at the University of Maryland University College.

Seasoned art collectors, **Michael Abrams** and **Sandra Stewart** have been collecting together for more than 15 years, with Abrams' independent collection spanning more than 40 years. Abrams currently serves as Commissioner at the Southeastern American Art Museum (SEAM), and previously served on the boards of the Corcoran Museum, Photography Committee of the Art Institute of Chicago, and as past board chair of CulturalDC.

A passionate advocate for DC arts and artists, **Nancy Winkhorn** has served on the board of several DC arts organizations, including Harnibonians Artists and Studio. She is also a director at the Winkhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden and at the Southeastern American Art Museum, as well as a volunteer at the National Gallery of Art.

An art lover, investor, and collector, **Eric Key's** background includes more than 35 years of experience in art administration. Over his tenure in the art field, Key has served as curator for the African American Museum in Dallas, Assistant Curator of African American History at Old City Park in Dallas, and

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