



McLean Project for the Arts

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McLean Project for the Arts' Winter Exhibitions Debut December 7 Exhibits include *"Moving Beyond Beauty: Reverence and Reclamation"* and *"To March is to Love: Weavings by Janel Leppin"*

McLean, VA: McLean Project for the Arts will open its winter exhibitions—*Moving Beyond Beauty: Reverence and Reclamation* (Emerson Gallery) and *To March is to Love: Weavings by Janel Leppin* (Atrium Gallery)—on December 7, 2023. Both shows will run through February 17, 2024, with an Opening Exhibition Reception on Thursday, December 7, 2023 from 7-9pm.

Bringing together five artists—[Adjoa Jackson Burrows](#), [Jacqui Crocetta](#), [Maggie Gourlay](#), [June Linowitz](#), and [Elzbieta Sikorska](#)—*Moving Beyond Beauty* features work that is at once aesthetically pleasing and philosophically compelling.

Visual attractiveness and the expression of deep and sometimes unsettling ideas live together, as each artist feels an urgency to address love, concern, and reverence for the natural world.

"Beauty, created through skillful and inventive use of materials, becomes the doorway through which the viewer enters into a sincere dialogue about our fundamental need to experience and learn from nature and our ever more pressing responsibility to honor and care for it," said MPA Curator and Artistic Director Nancy Sausser.

MPA's Atrium Gallery will feature *To March is to Love: Weavings by Janel Leppin*. Leppin's whimsical and moving fiber art represents the dichotomy of a wondrous and fragile world, weaving textiles and used clothing to create unexpected textures and patterns. Her work mirrors the struggle between action and complacency, inviting us to engage with and contemplate our humanity.



June Linowitz, "Planet in Peril WATER"
Linowitz is one of five artists featured in "Moving Beyond Beauty: Reverence and Reclamation," opening December 7

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The Atrium Gallery exhibit (*To March is to Love*) will be available for viewing during McLean Community Center operating hours. *Moving Beyond Beauty* will be open for visitors Mondays through Saturdays from 10am – 4pm.

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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 www.mpaart.org.

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