



## Join us **NEXT WEEK** for this **Inaugural Event!** **MPA Inspires: A Weekend of Collecting and Connecting** — November 18 & 19, 2023



Join us **NEXT WEEK, November 18 and 19** as we celebrate MPA's rich artistic history with **MPA Inspires: Collecting and Connecting**, an exciting weekend featuring 60+ MPA Alumni Exhibiting Artists. Please save the date for **Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 18 and 19**, and join us at MPA Downtown, our hoped-for new supplemental space located at 6910 Fleetwood Road in McLean, VA for our inaugural Artist & Collectors' Weekend.

- **Saturday, November 18, 2-5pm:** MPA Inspires festivities kick off on Saturday, November 18 from 2-5pm with Art Insights | Panel Discussion and Reception. Presented by The Mather, the Art Insights event will begin with a panel discussion featuring collectors Michael Abrams and Sandra Stewart, art advocate Nancy Hirschbein, and Eric Key, Arts Program Director at the University of Maryland University College. A "Meet the Artists" session and gallery tour will follow the panel discussion.
- **Sunday, November 19, 11:30am-2:30pm (Collector's Drawing 12:30-2:30pm):** The celebration continues on Sunday, November 19 from 11:30am until 2:30pm with **Art + Soul | Jazz Brunch**. A casually sophisticated event designed to connect and engage artists and art-lovers, Art + Soul guests will enjoy live music by saxophonist Langston Hughes II. Accompanied by Chris Hon on the upright bass and Jan Krutson on guitar, the trio's distinctive style—honed through years of experience and mentorship under jazz greats—will transport guests to "a world of beauty, passion, and positivity."

In addition to the brunch and jazz performance, Art + Soul will include a highly anticipated **Collectors' Drawing** (see below for artist information) featuring art in the exhibition of more than 60 works generously contributed for the event by generations of alumni artists who represent MPA's artistic legacy. All artists featured in the MPA Inspires Alumni Art Exhibition have donated their works in support of the development of a new MPA Art and Education Center. [A preview of donated artwork is available on the MPA website.](#)

There is no cost to attend Saturday's Art Insights event, but reservations are required. [Art + Soul Jazz Brunch tickets](#) are available for \$150 a person, and [tickets for the Collectors' Drawing](#) are an additional \$600. Ticket sales are limited to the first 60 collectors. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Visit [mpaart.org](#) for more information.

### MPA Inspires: A Weekend of Collecting and Connecting

## MPA Inspires Weekend to Feature MPA Alumni Benefit Exhibition

McLean Project for the Arts' inaugural MPA Inspires weekend (*additional information included above*) will kick off on Saturday, November 18, 2023 with an **Art Insights Panel Discussion and Alumni Art Exhibition Showcase**. 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."

Prior to the event, the Alumni Art Exhibition Showcase can be viewed at MPA Downtown, MPA's hoped-for new supplemental space located at 6910 Fleetwood Road in McLean, VA.

The Alumni Art Exhibition Showcase will be on display the following days:

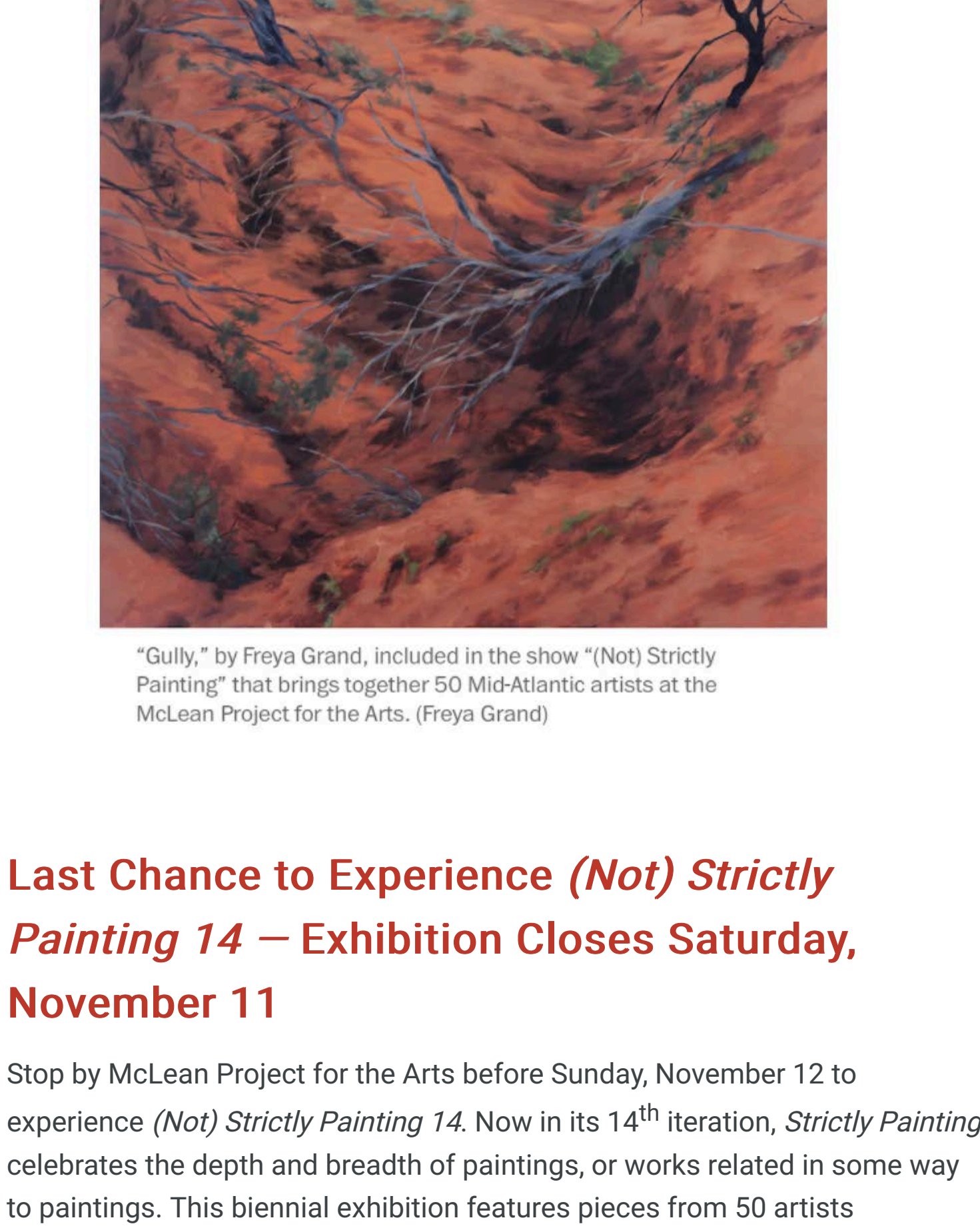
- November 9, 2023: 2-4pm
- November 12, 2023: 2-4pm
- November 14, 2023: 2-4pm
- November 17, 2023: 2-4pm

All artists featured in MPA Inspires: A Weekend of Collecting and Connecting have generously donated their works. [A preview of donated artwork is available on the MPA website.](#)

Featured artists include: Carol Barsha, Julia Bloom, Nikki Brugnoli, Renee Butler, David Carlson, Mei Mei Chang, Hsin-Hsi Chen, Joe Cortina, Patrick Craig, Sheila Corder, Joel D'Orazio, Elgon Daley, Richard Dana, Joan Danziger, Delna Dastur, Alonzo Davis, Catherine Day, Elisabe Johnson Dixon, Susan Eder, Nicole Fall, Annie Farrar, Clanne Fragione, Helen Frederick, Susan J. Goldman, Janis Goodman, Pat Gosslee, Freya Grand, Francie Hester, Ellen Hill, Michael Janis, Barbara Januszkiewicz, Maria Karametou, Bridget Sue Lambert, Kyujin Lee, June Linowitz, Isabel Manalo, Matthew Mann, Anne Marchand, Madalyn Marcus, Michele Montalbano, Nahid Navab, Georgia Nassikas, Sam Noto, Betsy Packard, Susan Due Pearcey, Maryanne Pollock, Beverly Rest, Marc Robarge, Robin Rose, Wendy M. Ross, Deirdre Saundier, Gretchen Schermerhorn, Elzbieta Sikorska, Hillary Steel, Betsy Stewart, Eve Stockton, Niles Henrik Sundqvist, Patricia Underwood, Josh Whipkey, Joseph White, and Yuriko Yamaguchi.

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### Alumni Art Exhibition Showcase & Collectors' Drawing



## Last Chance to Experience *(Not) Strictly Painting 14* — Exhibition Closes Saturday, November 11

Stop by McLean Project for the Arts before Sunday, November 12 to experience *(Not) Strictly Painting 14*. Now in its 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

Thank you to Mark Jenkins from The Washington Post for his recent review of *(Not) Strictly Painting*. [Click here to read the article.](#)

### Visit Our Galleries

The MPA Emerson Gallery is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10am–4pm. The Atrium Gallery is available during McLean Community Center operating hours. Please note: MPA will be closed on November 7 for Election Day, and on Friday, November 10, in observance of Veterans Day.

### Read The Washington Post Review

## Winter Art Class Registration Opens Soon!

This winter, come in from the cold and join MPA for an exciting lineup of Winter art classes for all ages, interests, and abilities. MPA's winter lineup includes some of our long-time favorites, as well as exciting new options, such as Ahmed Zaidan's Design Basics. We'll again be offering a series of "Creating Artwork with Layered Paper" workshops, including "Village on a Hill", "Picket Fence with Flowers", and "Trees in Springtime." Our always popular Open Studio will also return. Classes will take place in our DuVal Studio and online.

(Looking to get a head start on your holiday shopping? Give the gift of creativity! MPA art classes make a perfect holiday gift—for a child, a friend, or even yourself!)

For detailed descriptions on all of our fall classes, [visit our website](#).

Contact Briana Clorey at [bcloreym@mpaart.org](mailto:bcloreym@mpaart.org) with questions.

### Winter Art Class Offerings



## MPA ArtReach Update

It was so much fun for us to recently welcome a group of Vinson Hall residents to our gallery to tour our (Not) Strictly Painting exhibition with ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel.

This outreach to community groups of seniors is a key part of MPA's mission to provide access to visual arts education to all members of the community and we enjoyed hosting our guests from Vinson Hall, and look forward to seeing them again soon.

Sharon was also happy to spend time recently with the special ed students at McLean High School, in a continuing partnership and as a followup to their recent tour of *(Not) Strictly Painting*.

In addition to these community partnerships, we provide weekly in-person and online ArtReach classes with community partners, and are excited to again be scheduling Fairfax County Title I schools for in-gallery tours and activities in conjunction with our upcoming exhibitions. Reach out to Briana Clorey at [bcloreym@mpaart.org](mailto:bcloreym@mpaart.org) if you'd like to schedule your school for a visit.

As always, we're grateful for the support of our generous community in making this ArtReach possible and welcome your support. If you'd like to make a contribution to support our MPA ArtReach program, [visit our website](#).

### MPA ArtReach Information



## Coming Soon: MPA Winter Exhibitions!

Mark your calendars and join us this December as we open our winter exhibitions!

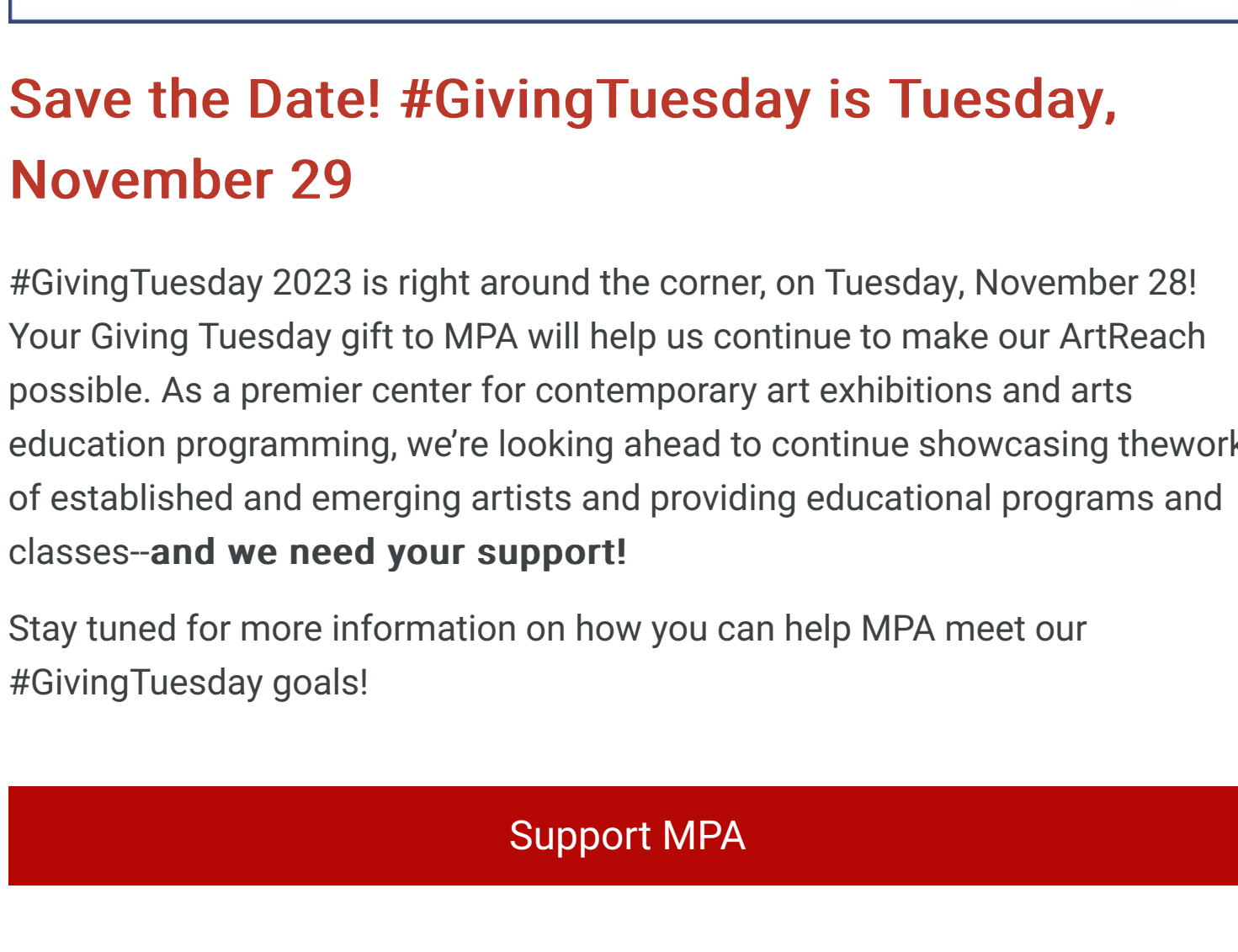
**Emerson Gallery:** *Moving Beyond Beauty: Reverence and Reclamation*  
**Atrium Gallery:** *To March is to Love: Weavings* by Janell Leppin

December 7, 2023 – February 17, 2024

Opening Reception: December 7, 7 – 9pm

*Moving Beyond Beauty: Reverence and Reclamation* brings together artists who make 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.

### Learn More

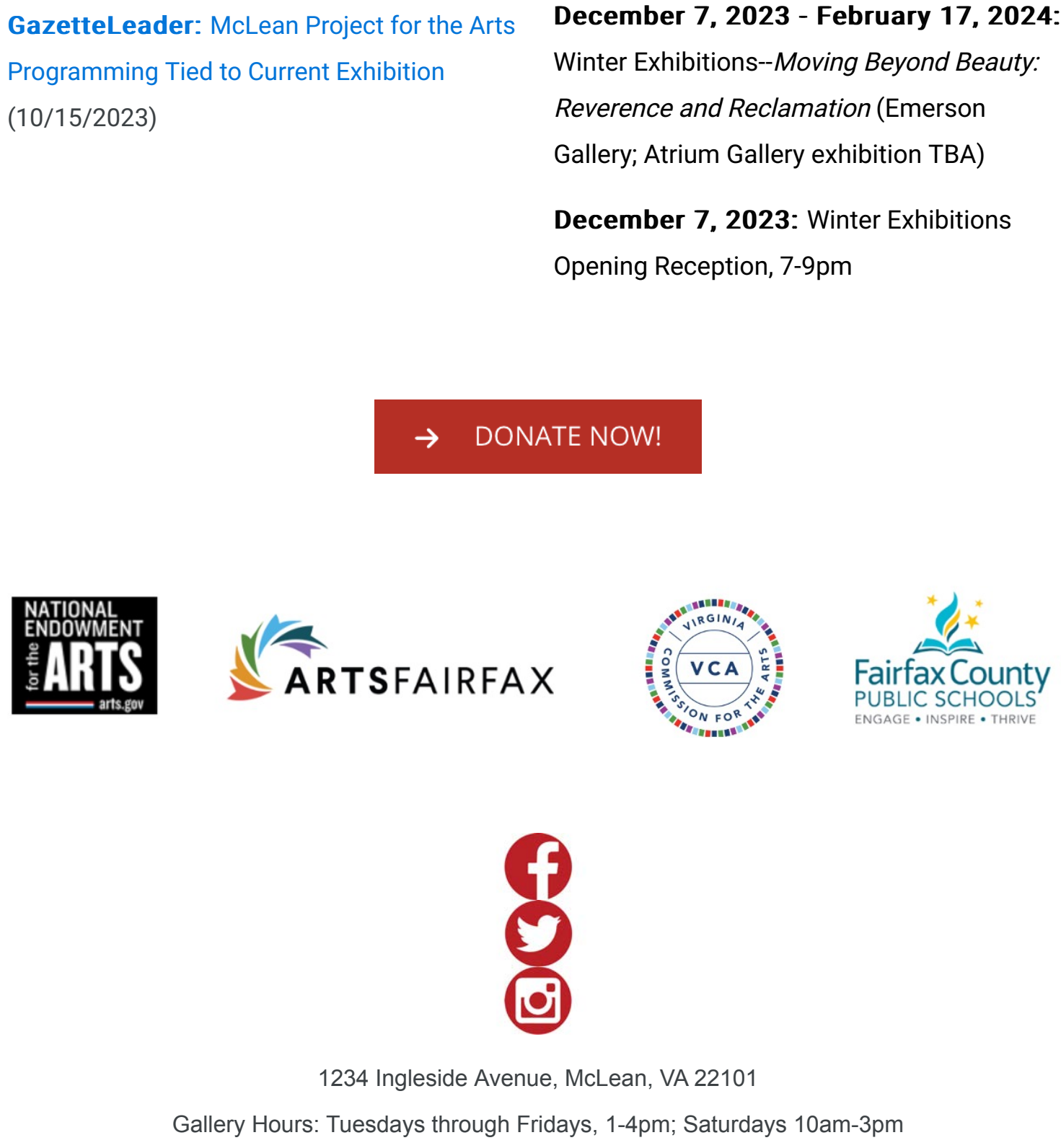


## Save the Date! #GivingTuesday is Tuesday, November 29

#GivingTuesday 2023 is right around the corner, on Tuesday, November 28! Your Giving Tuesday gift to MPA will help us continue to make our ArtReach possible. As a premier center for contemporary art exhibitions and arts education programming, we're looking ahead to continue showcasing the work of established and emerging artists and providing educational programs and classes—and we need your support!

Stay tuned for more information on how you can help MPA meet our #GivingTuesday goals!

### Support MPA



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Gallery Hours: Tuesdays through Fridays, 1-4pm; Saturdays 10am-3pm

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

[Hours and Directions](#) | [www.mpaart.org](http://www.mpaart.org) | 703.790.1953

