

McLean Project for the Arts

A message from our Executive Director



Artistic Notes from Lori & Nancy

Happy 2024! MPA is excited to kick off the year with a new feature in our monthly newsletter: "Artistic Notes from Lori & Nancy." Stay tuned for a closer look at the passion, creativity, and inspiration that fuel our vibrant arts community as MPA Executive Director Lori Carbonneau and MPA Curator and Artistic Director Nancy Sausser share insights, highlights, and behind-the-scenes stories about all things MPA!

Dear MPA Friends and Supporters,

As we embark on the journey of a new year, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible support that has propelled the McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) through 61 years of nurturing the human imagination.

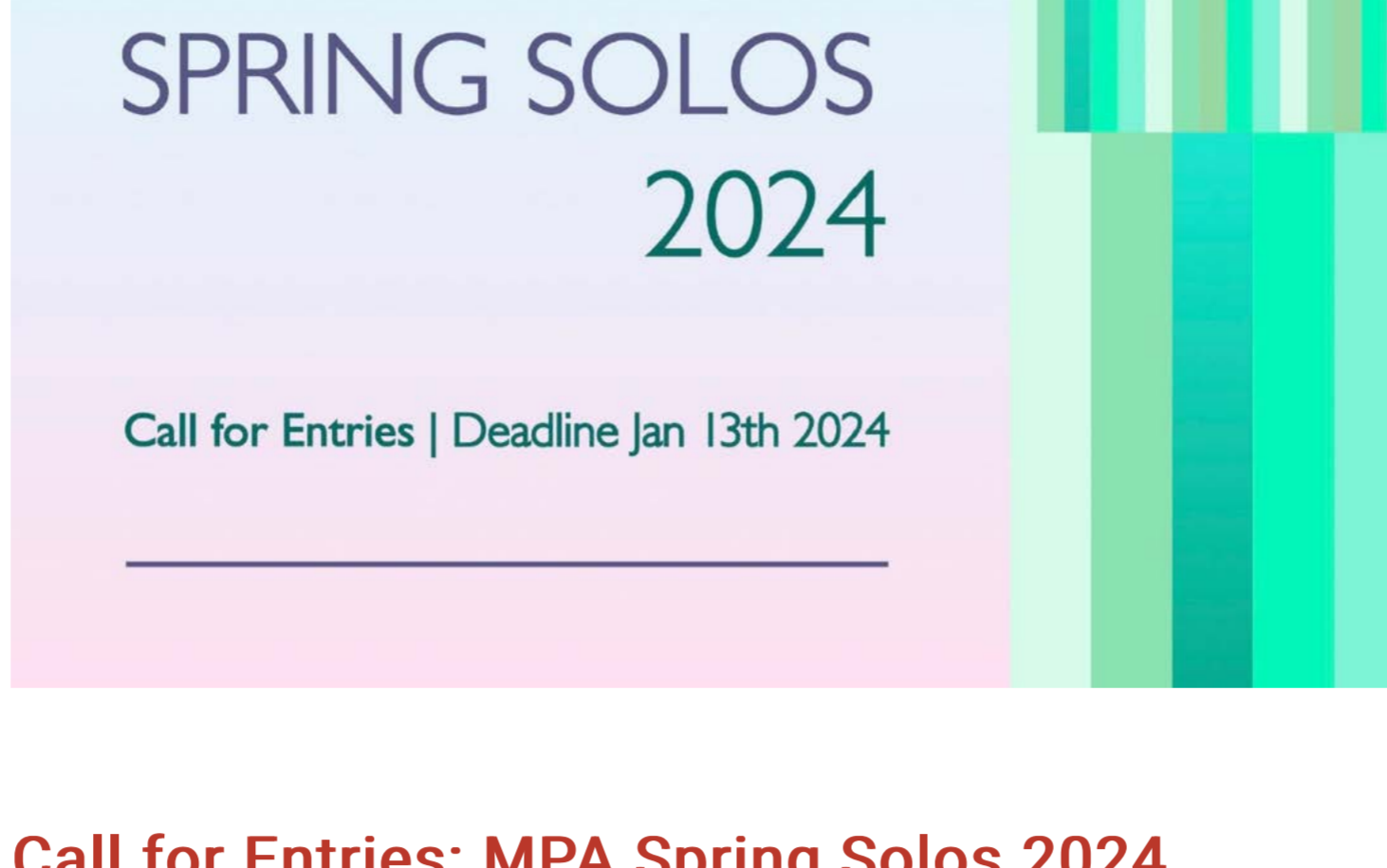
Amidst our excitement at all that's ahead, our commitment to nurturing our collective imagination remains steadfast. Winter Art Classes kick off this month, offering opportunities for creative exploration, and registration for Summer Art Camp opens next month, promising enriching experiences for our young artists.

We look forward to welcoming you to our gallery for thought-provoking art talks, captivating exhibitions, and concerts that resonate in the heart of creativity. Your continued engagement ensures that MPA's mission to inspire, educate, and connect through the arts thrives, and we invite you to join us on this artistic journey.

Thank you for being an essential part of our community, and here's to a year filled with creativity, exploration, and the enduring power of the arts.

Hope to see you soon in our galleries!

Lori Carbonneau



Call for Entries: MPA Spring Solos 2024

Attention all artists: MPA is currently seeking submissions for our 2024 Spring Solos. Contemporary living artists working in the Mid-Atlantic Region are invited to submit exhibition or project proposals to be on display in the Emerson and Atrium Galleries. The dates for the exhibitions will be from April 11 – June 15, 2024. Each selected artist will receive a \$500 honorarium.

Exhibition Dates: April 11 – June 15, 2024

Opening Reception: April 11, 2024

Artist Talk: May 19, 2024 1-3pm

Application: Proposals will be submitted via the online submission system [Submittable](#). There is no fee for submission. Exhibition proposals will be reviewed by the curatorial team of the McLean Project for the Arts. All works must fit through an 81" x 64" doorway. A 30% sales commission will be retained by MPA on all sales resulting directly from the exhibit.

Visit our website, [www.mpaart.org](#), for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Lillis, Assistant Curator jilllis@mpaart.org. The deadline for submissions is **January 13, 2024 at midnight**.

[Apply Now](#)



Now Showing! MPA Winter Exhibitions

Join us this winter for two exciting exhibition events!

Mark your calendars and join us this winter for these exciting exhibition events:

- **January 20, 1-3pm: Winter Exhibition Artist Talk** featuring artists Adjoa Jackson Burrowes, Jacqui Crocetta, Maggie Gourlay, June Linowitz, Elizabeth Sikorska, and Janel Leppin
- **February 8, 11am: Tea & Talk**, hosted by MPA Curator and Artistic Director Nancy Sausser. Guests are invited to enjoy a cup of tea and discuss the Winter Exhibitions

Winter Exhibitions

Emerson Gallery: *Moving Beyond Beauty: Reverence and Reclamation*, featuring [Adjoa Jackson Burrowes](#), [Jacqui Crocetta](#), [Maggie Gourlay](#), [June Linowitz](#), and [Elzbieta Sikorska](#)

Atrium Gallery: *To March is to Love: Weavings by Janel Leppin*

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. Our galleries will also be open on Sunday, January 21 from 12-4pm as a special opportunity for Sunday visitors, including those attending the chamber music concert that afternoon in The Alden Theater.

[Exhibition Information](#)

Annual Giving – Thank You for Your Support!



Sincere thanks to everyone who supported our 2023 Annual Giving Campaign. Your investment in us and our mission ensures that the arts will continue to thrive in our community.

If you haven't yet had a chance to participate and would like to do so, [please visit our website](#). Your gift, big or small, makes a world of difference.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey!

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Winter Art Class Spotlight: NEW Pottery Classes with Jimmy Potters!

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, including:

- **NEW! Folding Forms & Hand Building for the Garden**, with Jimmy Potters – Thursdays from 11am-12:30pm, beginning January 25
- **NEW! Pottery Around the World for ages 6-12**, Thursdays from 4:30pm, beginning January 25

Meet Jimmy Potters

Jimmy Potters, a skilled ceramic artisan residing in Northern Virginia, embarked on his journey into the world of clay artistry through formal education at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia.

In addition to his own artistic endeavors, Jimmy is deeply passionate about sharing his craft with young minds. He established The Jimmy Potters Workshop, a unique mobile studio that travels to various locations, including daycares, community centers, and after-school programs.

When he's not imparting his knowledge to aspiring artists, Jimmy ventures beyond his hometown to exhibit and sell his handcrafted ceramics at art shows in different locales.

Register now for Jimmy's [Folding Forms & Hand Building for the Garden](#) (adults) and [Pottery Around the World](#) (ages 6-12) classes. Both sessions begin January 25. Young artists ages 7-12 are also invited to join us on Monday evenings from 5-6:15pm for [AbraKadoodle: Sculpt It!](#)

Other exciting winter offerings include:

- **Colorful Mixed Media**, with M Jane Johnson (Mondays, 10am-1pm)
- **Design Basics**, with Ahmed Zaidan (Wednesdays, 10:30am-12:30pm)
- **Freedom of Watercolor**, with Barbara Januszkiewicz (Virtual; Thursdays, 10am-12pm)

Our Open Studio will also return this winter, with sessions on [Tuesdays](#) and [Saturdays](#). Attendees are welcome to register for the full session, or pay a drop-in fee of \$20/class.

For detailed descriptions on all of our fall classes, [visit our website](#). Contact Briana Clorey at bclorey@mpaart.org with questions.

**Please Note: The McLean Community Center recently implemented a new refund policy, effective January 1, 2024. This refund policy will apply to MPA classes. Effective immediately, all withdrawals, refunds and cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to info@mpaart.org. Patrons who submit refund requests 14 days or more before the start of a class or activity will be granted a refund less a 10% administrative fee. Refunds requested 13 days or less before the start date of a class or activity will not be granted.*

[Winter Art Class Offerings](#)

[MPA ArtReach Information](#)



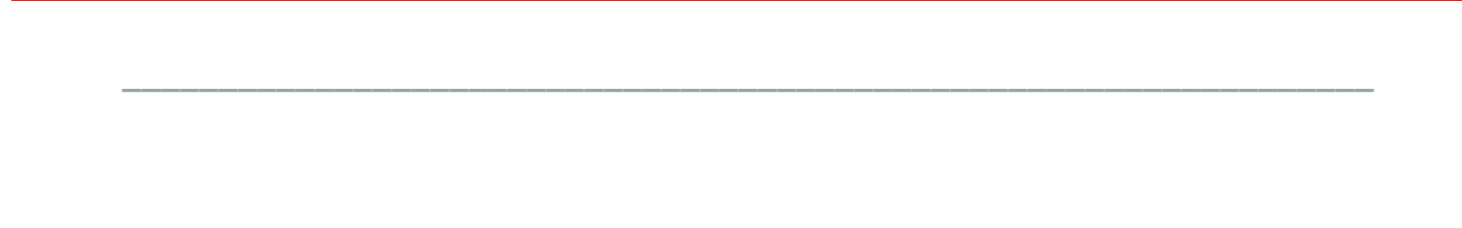
MPA ArtReach Offers Tour Opportunities

MPA ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel is scheduling schools and community groups to visit our current Winter Exhibitions, *Moving Beyond Beauty: Reverence and Reclamation* and *To March is to Love: Weavings by Janel Leppin*. If your school or group is interested in [scheduling a visit](#), please email BClorey@mpaart.org. Reimbursement is available to cover bus transportation for FCPS Title I Schools.

In addition to tours during both of these current Winter Exhibitions, and our upcoming Spring Solo Exhibitions, ArtReach weekly virtual classes are ongoing with Fairfax County seniors through the Lewinsville Senior Center, as well as ServiceSource adults with disabilities. We are also continuing weekly in-person ArtReach classes with the Wellness Center for Older Adults in Fairfax, and bi-weekly with another ServiceSource group.

Thank you to our many donors that help make our ArtReach programming possible. It's a key part of our MPA mission, and if you'd like to make a contribution towards this outreach, visit our website at <https://mpaart.app.neoncrm.com/forms/22>.

[MPA ArtReach Information](#)



MPA in the News

Gazette Leader: [McLean Project for the Arts to Open New Exhibitions](#) (11/29/2023)

Home & Design: [Transformational Art—Sheila Crider Unites Painting and Recycled Materials in Robust, Richly Hued Works](#) (November/December 2023)

Tyson's Today: [McLean Project for the Arts' Winter Exhibitions Debut December 7](#) (11/25/2023)

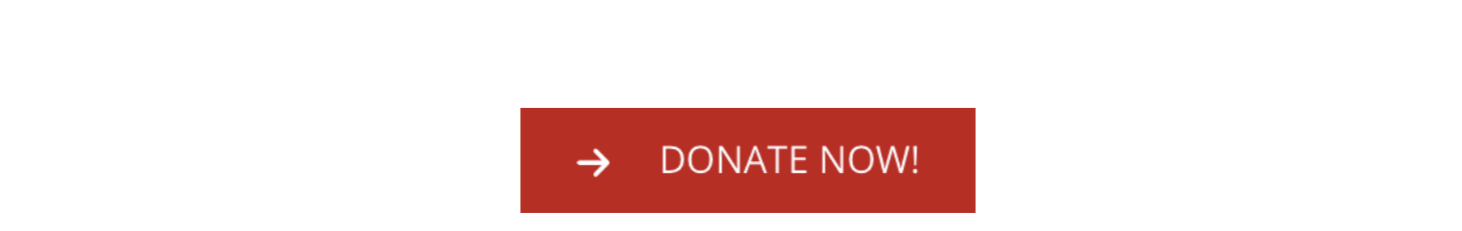
MPA Calendar of Events

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January 20, 2024: Winter Exhibitions Artist Talk, 1-3pm

February 8, 2024: Winter Exhibitions Tea & Talk, 11am

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