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McLean Project for the Arts

A message from our Executive Director

Artistic Notes

Dear MPA Friends and Supporters,

Summer and Summer Art Camp season is an especially busy time at MPA for our Education & ArtReach Operations Manager, Briana Clorey.

Briana goes into Camp Director mode each summer – coordinating the recruitment and hiring of the FCPS teachers joining us as staff, coming up with themes for each week, working with camp teachers on supply orders, and preparing all of the forms and administrative materials to help ensure things run smoothly for our 300 campers and their families and everyone stays safe.

When camps kickoff, she graciously and efficiently coordinates camper drop offs at the beginning of each week, handles any camper emergency needs through each day of camp, continually checks in with camp teachers on any issues, accompanies all-day campers at lunch, and sometimes even jumps in as an extra camp teacher – like last week, when our morning campers experimented with spray art outside on the MCC grounds.

We don't know what we'd do without her, and hope if you happen to see her in our galleries or around the MCC, you say hi and thank her for the great job she does helping to make each camper's experience special!

Lori Carbonneau
MPA Executive Director

Call for Entries: *Sculpture NOW 2024*

Calling all sculptors! MPA currently seeks submissions for *Sculpture NOW 2024*, presented by Washington Sculptors Group and McLean Project for the Arts. The dates for the exhibition will be from Thursday, September 12 – Saturday, October 26, 2024. Nancy Sausser, MPA Artistic Director and Curator, will juror the show.

Sculpture NOW 2024 is a non-thematic exhibition of new works, finished within the last two years. Three-dimensional freestanding sculpture, wall-hung and ceiling-hung sculpture, and installations as well as multimedia and performance-based works are welcome.

The exhibition is open to members of the Washington Sculptors Group only. Artists who are not already members may join WSG by paying annual dues of $45. Click here for more information. The deadline to apply is Sunday, August 4 at 11:59pm.

Apply Now!

Fall Arts Education Preview!

MPA is excited to be adding new instructors and new classes to our Fall arts education lineup. Here's a small preview of some of our NEW offerings.

New Offerings for Fall, ages 16 - Adult

NEW – Cross Currents in Contemporary Art
Join MPA ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel for this off-site art appreciation class. Each session explores new ways of seeing and thinking about contemporary art in selected exhibitions at three local venues: The Phillips Collection, National Museum of Women in the Arts and IA&A at Hillyer, as well as other galleries located at Dupont Circle in D.C. There will be an optional sketchbook component for drawing or writing from the exciting works on view. Instructor: Sharon Fishel
Off-site Class
3 sessions @3 hours, $150
Fridays, 10/11-10/25
1-4pm

NEW – Exploring Landscapes in Pastels
Students will learn how to create believable impressionistic landscapes with soft pastel. They will learn the basics of pastel papers, colors and theories that they can employ to create paintings they would love to display or sell to others. The workshop covers aerial perspective, working with a limited palette, how to make various types of marks, paying attention to what's in light and what's in shadow, and more. Instructor: Bryan Jernigan
3 lessons @2.5 hours
Sundays, 9/29-10/13
2-4:30pm

NEW – Abstract Painting Series
For all levels! Knowledge of acrylics or oils is a prerequisite. Students develop abstract painting skills through the self-expression of color and form through limitations. Classic foundational concepts of composition, value and color are discussed before going into abstract style. The motifs of landscape, figure and still life are examined along with the classic compositional elements of line, balance and contrast. Students respond to color and emotion and document it in class. Instructor: Bryan Jernigan
3 lessons @2.5 hours
Sundays, 11/17-12/1
2-4:30pm

NEW – Intro to Oil
Open for all levels! The class provides a foundation in observation-based painting in the style of classical realism. We will learn about value, proportions and colors and explore painting of a still life, landscape and portrait. Classes will include a combination of demonstration, step-by-step direction and discussion/art appreciation. Instructor: Stephanie Chang
6 lessons, @2.5 hours

Tuesdays, 9/24-10/29
10am-12:30pm

NEW – Portrait and Figure Painting
This class provides a foundation in observation-based figure and portrait painting in the style of classical realism. We will cover the anatomy of the human face and figure and learn about gestures, value, proportions and colors. Classes will include a combination of demonstration, step-by-step directions and discussion/art appreciation. Instructor: Stephanie Chang
6 lessons@3 hours
Tuesdays, 11/12-12/17
1-4pm

And **MORE NEW CLASSES** ARE COMING SOON:
MPA's Education Program will be offering NEW Fashion Design, 2D Composition, Cyanotype Workshops and Photography classes this coming Fall and Winter. Please visit our website for information on those classes and all of our Fall classes as times and dates are announced – mpaart.org/education

Explore MPA Art Classes

Looking for a Break from the Heat for Your Kids? Join MPA for a Summer Art Camp!

This summer in Northern Virginia has been crazy hot, and campers at our **Summer Art Camps** are having a great time in the nice, cool McLean Community Center! Don't miss the opportunity for your kids to spend a fun and creative week in both half-day or full-day camp sessions for ages 6-13.

Did you know that MPA's Summer Art camps are all taught by FCPS art teachers? Camps take place in our Emerson Gallery and DuVal Studio **and continue through the week of August 5.**

MPA's weekly themed camps are a great way to discover and explore a different art medium, make new friendships, and create artworks for friends and family to enjoy. Offerings include MPA Art Camps (ages 6-13) and Abrakadoodle Camps (ages 3-6), as well as our CIT program. Sessions run June 24-August 9.

Please review our MPA Summer Camp Policies & Procedures. Contact Briana Clorey at bclorey@mpaart.org for more information.

Register for MPA Summer Art Camps

MPA ArtReach

Our ServiceSource online weekly ArtReach class was happy to welcome instructor Sharon Fishel back from her recent Artist Residency in Italy. The class--all 50 participants!--enjoyed last week's Cat theme and we're grateful to longtime student Kai for sharing her work!

MPA's ArtReach extends our exhibitions and arts education into our community. We always appreciate our generous funders for supporting this work!

Our ArtReach gallery tours and workshops will return again this fall with our Sculpture NOW exhibition. Please consider joining us if you work in education or with a community group that could benefit from the experience. Email info@mpaart.org to learn more.

To make a contribution towards this outreach, visit our website at https://mpaart.app.neoncrm.com/forms/22.

MPA ArtReach

CANCELLED
for 2024

MPAartfest
connecting art and community

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MPAartfest 2024 Cancelled

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Fairfax Regional Artist Survey, ArtsFairfax

ArtsFairfax just launched a survey tool to assess the opportunities and resources local artists need to thrive. The Fairfax Regional Artist Survey is the first study of its kind and is designed to identify the needs and obstacles for artists across all art forms living and working in Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church.

Learn More

MPA Offices Closed August 12-23

NOTE: MPA's exhibitions take a break during the summer to accommodate our Summer Art camps in our Emerson Gallery as well as the DuVal studio. At the close of this year's camps, our office will be closed the weeks of August 12th and 19th. (Staff is available via leaving a phone message, or by email.) We look forward to welcoming visitors again in the Fall as we kick off our exhibitions with a juried exhibit with the Washington Sculptors Group. Sculpture NOW 2024 will open September 12, 2024, and will be juried by MPA's Artistic Director and Curator Nancy Sausser.

MPA in the News

The Washington Post: In the Galleries--Artworks Serve as Gateways to Private Worlds (05/31/2024)

FFXNow: Spring Art Exhibitions on Display in McLean (05/23/2024)

GazetteLeader: New McLean Exhibitions Spotlight Creativity of Artists (05/22/2024)

UPCOMING EVENTS

MPA Calendar of Events

August 12-23, 2024: MPA's Offices and Galleries will be closed. Please note that we'll be checking voicemail and emails.

September 12, 2024: *Sculpture NOW 2024* Opening Exhibition Reception, 7-9pm

September 12 - October 26, 2024: *Sculpture NOW 2024* -- Washington Sculptors Group Juried Exhibition

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