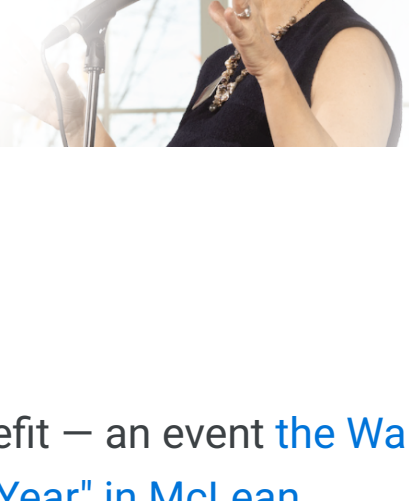




McLean Project for the Arts

A message from our Executive Director



Artistic Notes

Dear MPA Friends and Supporters,

A highlight each Spring in McLean is MPA's Spring Benefit – an event [the Wall Street Journal described last year as "The Event of the Year" in McLean](#).

McLean Project for the Arts is built on the transformative power of art and community. The generous support of our Spring Benefit guests each year helps us to continue to create, inspire and educate. And as we embark on the expansion of our programming into a new Arts & Education Center in downtown McLean, we are committed to maintaining our level of operations funding to smoothly continue our stellar exhibitions, ArtReach arts education outreach for all in our community, and Arts Education classes to enrich the creative lives of those that we serve.

Spring Benefit provides 25 percent of our operating budget for the year, the single largest source of funding for our work. Through your sponsorships and ticket sales, you help make so much of our programming possible, and we hope you will join us once again for this year's celebration! This year's Spring Benefit invitation features the artwork of recent Spring Solo artist Abol Bahadori, a contemporary artist who creates imaginative, super-charged, dynamic images that highlight by color and space and are created by using a unique mixed media process that combines digital printing and painting. His work was popular with area collectors, and we plan to have some of it on display at this year's event.

To confirm your Spring Benefit sponsorship, see

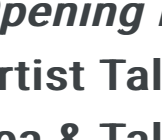
<https://mpaart.org/springbenefit2025/>

Thank you for being a vital part of MPA's journey to inspire, create, and build a legacy of connecting art and community! We hope to see you at MPA's Spring Benefit, May 8th!

With warmest regards,

Lori J. Carboneau
Executive Director

Spring Benefit 2025

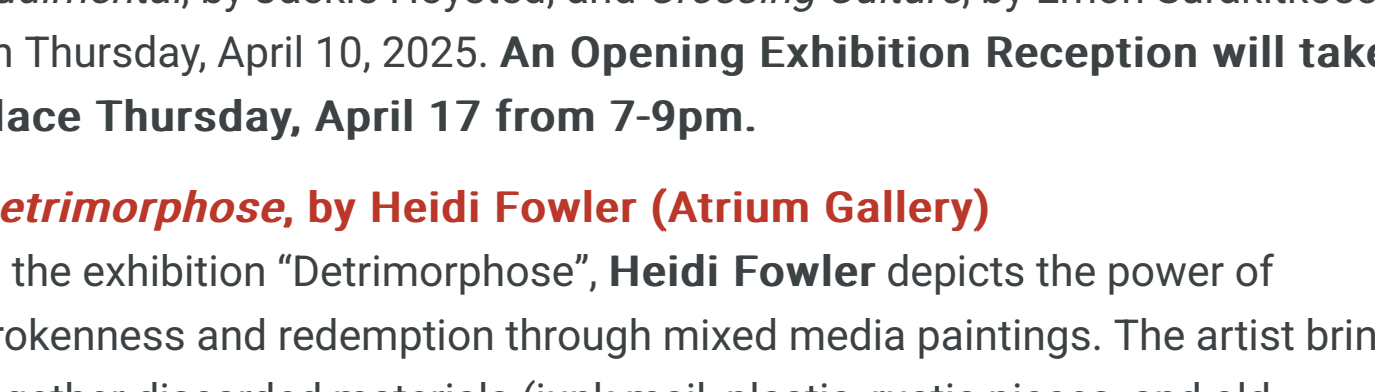


McLean Project for the Arts

April 10 - June 14, 2025

Spring Solos

Emerson Gallery: Crossing Culture, Emon Surakittakoson
Atrium Gallery: Detrimorphose, Heidi Fowler
Emerson Gallery: Rudimental, Jackie Hoysted



Opening Reception | Thurs., April 17, 7-9pm
In-Person Artist Talk | Sat. May 10, 11am

Tea & Talk | Wed. June 4, 11am

Coming Soon: Spring Solos

Featuring work by Jackie Hoysted, Emon Surakittakoson and Heidi Fowler

April 10 – June 14, 2025

Opening Exhibition Reception: Thursday, April 17, 7-9pm

Opening Exhibition Reception presented by *The Mather*

Artist Talk: Saturday, May 10, 2025, 11am

Tea & Talk: Wednesday, June 4, 11am

MPA will open its Spring solo exhibitions—*Detrimorphose*, by Heidi Fowler; *Rudimental*, by Jackie Hoysted; and *Crossing Culture*, by Emon Surakittakoson—on Thursday, April 10, 2025. An Opening Exhibition Reception will take place Thursday, April 17 from 7-9pm.

***Detrimorphose*, by Heidi Fowler (Atrium Gallery)**

In the exhibition "Detrimorphose", Heidi Fowler depicts the power of brokenness and redemption through mixed media paintings. The artist bring together discarded materials (junk mail, plastic, rustic pieces, and old computer parts) in assemblages to inspire a greater consciousness and creativity towards the paraphernalia we would otherwise discard; exploring the tension between the beauty of creation and the priorities of man.

***Rudimental*, by Jackie Hoysted (Emerson Gallery)**

Jackie Hoysted's *Rudimental* is an interactive immersive installation that evokes ideas of nature in interconnectedness. Using simple geometrical elements to generate imagery and meditative sounds, the installation harks back to undervalued ancestral connections with the land, the planet, the universe. It is a call for mutual respect, reciprocity and recognition of our minuteness in the universe.

***Crossing Culture* by Emon Surakittakoson (Emerson Gallery)**

Crossing Culture features two recent bodies of work by Thai-American artist Emon Surakittakoson, a culmination of her professional journey over the past five years. Using multiple conjoined canvases and wood panel, Emon created works that use shape and composition to convey unity among their unique contributing parts. The individual pieces take on new meaning and value when seen as part of a collective. With her sculptural work Emon translates her voice into a new visual language. This collection as a whole is born from Emon's personal and artistic growth, as she embraces the complexities of her cultural identity as an immigrant from Thailand in the United States.

Visiting Our Galleries

The MPA Atrium Gallery is available for viewing during McLean Community Center operating hours. The Emerson Gallery is open for visitors Mondays through Saturdays from 10am – 4pm.

MPA's 2025 Spring Solo Exhibitions are funded in part by an ArtsFairfax Project Grant.

Exhibition Information



Spring Benefit Individual Tickets on Sale NOW!

Limited Quantities Available!

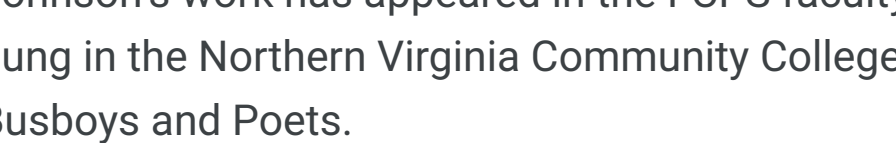
Individual tickets are now on sale for McLean Project for the Arts' signature spring fête, *Spring Benefit*. The event will take place on Thursday, May 8, 2025 in McLean, VA, at the home of Reggie and Dharini Aggarwal. MPA relies on the funds raised at Spring Benefit to further its mission to educate and inspire the community through contemporary visual arts exhibitions and arts education programs—including [MPA ArtReach](#), which extends these exhibitions into the community through gallery tours and workshops for FCPS Title I elementary schools and other underserved groups who encounter obstacles in accessing the visual arts. Cindy Green and Christine Wang will co-chair this year's event.

Secure your Spring Benefit tickets NOW, while quantities are still available.

PS: This year's theme will be A Sea of Art!

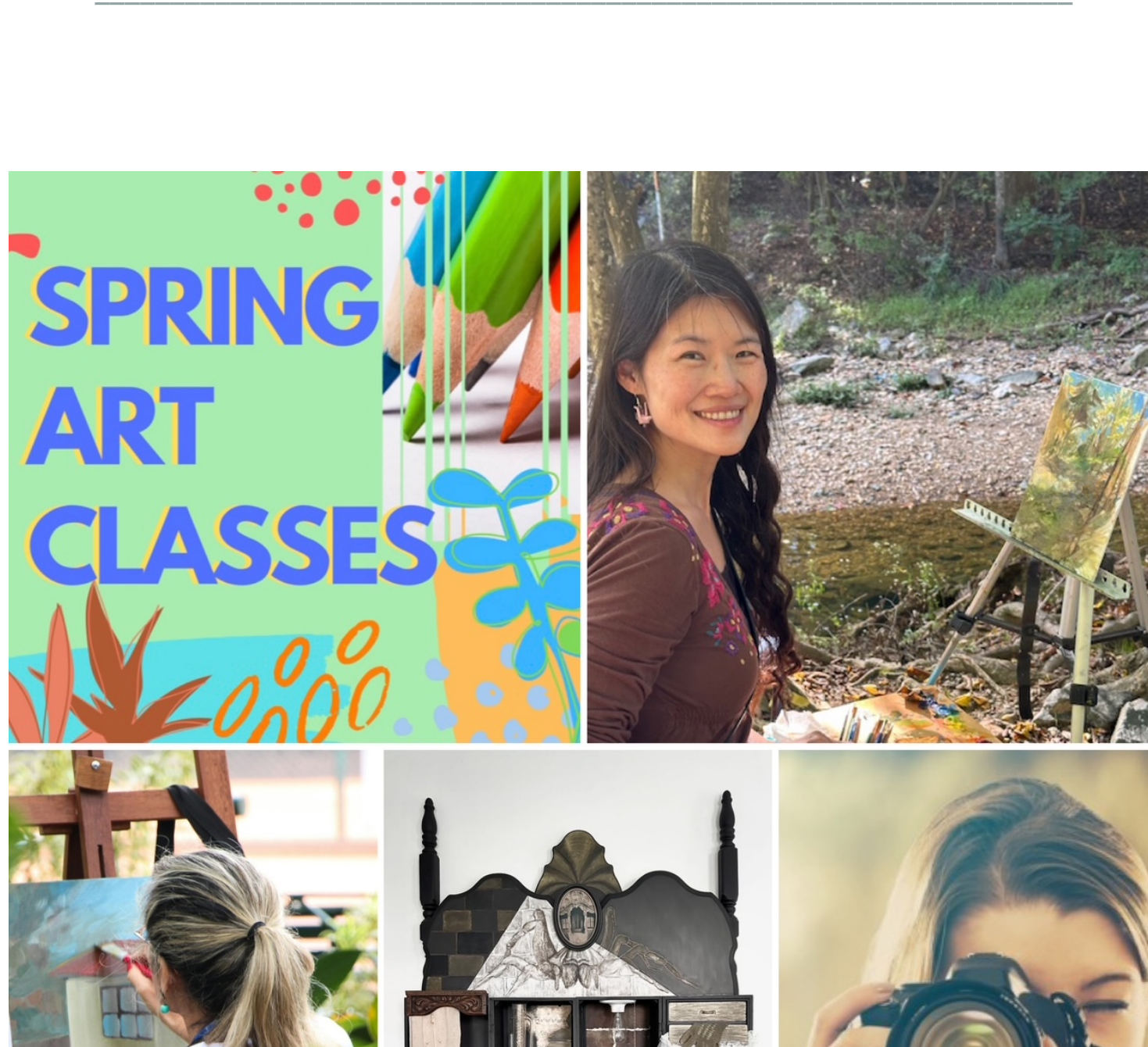
We invite guests to embrace our theme *A Sea of Art*

Suggested colours:



Individual tickets to MPA Spring Benefit are \$350 per ticket. Limited tickets available.

Purchase Spring Benefit Tickets



MPA Summer Art Camp Teacher Feature:

Meet Instructor Nathan Johnson!

"Our summer art camps are creative, colorful, and, most importantly, FUN! I want my campers to explore and practice new art techniques and build on their creativity—all while enjoying the camp experience. I look forward to an awesome summer!"

-Nathan Johnson, MPA Summer Camp Lead Instructor

Collage artist and illustrator **Nathan Johnson** returns for his seventh year with MPA Summer Art Camps. As an artist, Mr. Johnson seeks to find inspiration through what he sees in every day life—a sunset, certain color combinations in a book, or images that pop into his head. "I find so much satisfaction in exploring the medium and letting it take me on a journey," says Mr. Johnson. A long-time art teacher for Fairfax County Public Schools, Mr. Johnson's work has appeared in the FCPS faculty art show. His work has also hung in the Northern Virginia Community College Art Department and at Busboys and Poets.

Artists of all ages are invited to join Mr. Johnson and our other experienced instructors at [MPA's 2025 Summer Art Camps](#). 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. Our camps have something for everyone, from ages 6 to 18.

Offerings include [MPA Art Camps](#) (ages 6-13) and our [CIT program](#), for students age 14-18. Sessions run June 23-August 8, 2025. [Sign up early to secure your spot!](#) Contact Briana Clorey at bclorey@mpaart.org for more information.

Register Now for MPA Summer Art Camp



NEW Spring Art Classes Start Soon!

This spring, join us for one of our NEW MPA art classes, including [Photography: Basics and Composition Class](#), with Tom Woodruff, [Plein Air with Stephanie Chang](#), and [Assemblage Alchemy: Turning Found Objects into Art](#), with Zofie King.

Additionally, many of your longtime favorite instructors are also beginning new classes for spring! [Explore all of our class offerings on our website](#).

Open Studio

We're also pleased to announce the return of our always-popular Open Studio, with sessions on [Saturdays from 10:30am-1:30pm](#). Full-session registration is available, as well as drop-in pricing (\$20/session).

Explore MPA Art Classes



MPA ArtReach Visits Kingsley Commons in

New Community Partnership

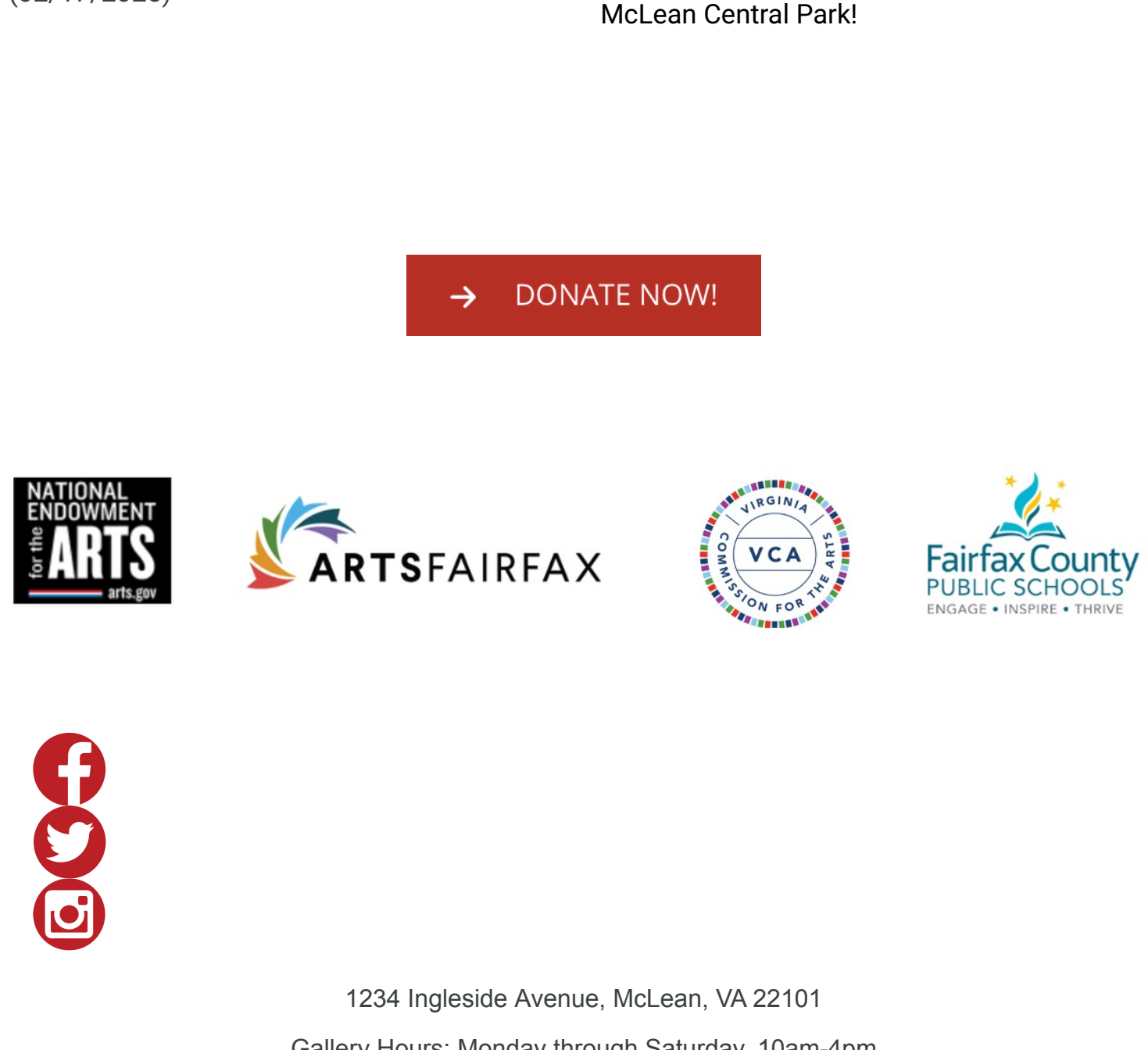
MPA's new partnership with Fairfax County's Kingsley Commons After-School Program is off to a great start, with ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel making weekly visits to their Falls Church area program for art workshops, including this recent visit where they created landscape themes in watercolor.

The program is part of Fairfax County's Community Technology Program, designed to enhance digital literacy among underserved communities throughout the county.

We're also looking forward to this group visiting our galleries for a tour of our Spring Solos exhibitions! ArtReach tours for those exhibitions are currently being scheduled and we'd love to host your school or community group too. Groups we look forward to welcoming to our galleries include ServiceSource, Second Story Safe Youth Projects, the Wellness Center for Older Adults, and classes from Timber Lane Elementary School.

Bus transportation can be reimbursed for Title I schools. For information on available dates and times, please contact Briana Clorey at bclorey@mpaart.org or call 703.790.1953. To make a donation in support of our MPA ArtReach program, [visit our website](#). We are grateful to the many donors who help make this outreach possible!

MPA ArtReach



Back for 2025: MPAartfest!

MPA is thrilled to announce that, after last year's hiatus, MPAartfest will return to McLean Central Park on Sunday, October 5, 2025! The call for artists will open in late April. Stay tuned for more information and further details! We can't wait to continue this treasured tradition of connecting art and community.

CANNES

SELECTION OF INTERNATIONAL INDEPENDENT FILM
INTERNATIONAL FILM WEEK 2025

Congratulations!

Congratulations to MPA Board Member Joe Coleman, whose film *Sio Roho Yangu – Not My Soul* has been officially selected for Cannes International Film Week. *Sio Roho Yangu*—which was shown at MPA in the fall of 2024—will be streamed online May 12-31, 2025.

Learn More

MPA in the News

[Arlington Magazine](#): 30 Things to Do in

[April Around Arlington, VA](#) (Spring Solo Exhibits) (04/02/2025)

[Arlington Magazine](#): 21 Fun-Filled Things

[to Do in March in Arlington](#) (02/28/2025)

[FFXNow](#): Annual Showcase of McLean

[Student Artwork to Return in March](#) (02/27/2025)

[TysonsToday](#): McLean Project for the Arts

[Youth Art Shows Open March 4](#) (02/21/2025)

[Discerning Eye](#), by Mark Jenkins:

[Movable Art](#) (*Playing with Shadows*) (02/17/2025)

MPA Calendar of Events

April 10 - June 24, 2025: Spring Solos, featuring work by Jackie Hoysted, Emon Surakittakoson and Heidi Fowler

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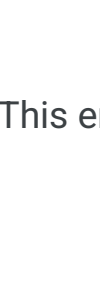
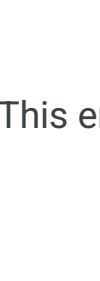
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June 4, 2025: Spring Solos Tea & Talk, 11am

October 5, 2025: MPAartfest returns to McLean Central Park!

DONATE NOW!



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