

McLean Project for the Arts

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**McLean Project for the Arts to Open Spring Solo Exhibitions April 30,
Opening Reception May 2, 2-4pm at MPA at McLean Community Center**
Exhibits include works by Sabine Carlson, Zsudayka Nzinga and Darlene R. Taylor

McLean, VA: McLean Project for the Arts will open its 2026 Spring Solo Exhibitions on April 30, 2026. The three featured exhibits include *Dream a Better World*, featuring work by Sabine Carlson; *Ancestral Iconography*, featuring work by Zsudayka Nzinga; and *Heirlooms: Garden Beauty*, featuring work by Darlene R. Taylor. The exhibitions will run through June 13, 2026, with an Opening Exhibition Reception on Saturday, May 2 from 2-4pm at MPA at McLean Community Center.

Ancestral Iconography **Work by Zsudayka Nzinga** **Emerson Gallery**

Rooted in research, Zsudayka Nzinga is interested in examining issues related to American labor systems and their historical and ongoing impact on the communities and cultures of the diaspora in America. Sourcing traditional American folklore and myth, her work creates fantasy interior, exterior, and figurative spaces from hand-printed and painted materials.

Heirlooms: Garden Beauty **Work by Darlene R. Taylor** **Emerson Gallery**

Multidisciplinary artist Darlene R. Taylor merges heirloom fabrics and paper in portraits that meditate on the lifework, sweatwork, and lovework of Black mothers. Memory pulses within Taylor's chosen fabrics: vintage linens, laces, cottons, and buttons handed down from one generation to another.

Dream a Better World **Work by Sabine Carlson** **Atrium Gallery**

Dream a Better World displays a series of paintings where water birds and humans appear



Work by Sabine Carlson
Carlson is one of three artists featured
in MPA's Spring Solo Exhibitions, opening April 30

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to be engaged in various kinds of rescue efforts. Carlson's work depicts chance encounters between humans and water birds alongside rivers, lakes and the sea.

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.

In addition to the May 2 Opening Exhibition Reception, a Tea & Talk with Artistic Director Nancy Sausser is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 11am, and an Artist Talk is scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 11am. Both events will take place at MPA at McLean Community Center.

MPA's 2026 Spring Solo Exhibitions are sponsored by the O'Shaughnessy Hurst Memorial Foundation.

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MPA Exhibits, Educates and Inspires

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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