

McLean CONNECTION

Citizens Foundation Supports Children's ArtWalk

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McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) has received \$5,000 from the McLean Citizens Foundation (MCF) to support and sponsor the Children's ArtWalk at the 2008 MPAartfest this fall.

The Children's ArtWalk will be one of the many highlights of the second annual MPAartfest set for Sunday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at McLean Central Park.

MPA expects more than 40 juried artists and fine craftsmen from throughout the mid-Atlantic region to participate and attendance to be greater than the 3,500 Northern Virginia residents who attended last year.

The Children's ArtWalk will feature artwork created by elementary school children from McLean-area public and private schools. Hundreds of creations will line the walkway from Dolley Madison Library to McLean Central Park creating a visually fitting entryway to the 2008 MPAartfest.

"Sponsoring the MPAartfest Children's ArtWalk this year will round out our history of support for McLean students and give MCF a direct role in this great community-wide day of expression and creativity," said Patricia Butler, MCF president.

MPAartfest Chair Bari Levingston said: "McLean Project for the Arts is grateful to the McLean Citizens Foundation for its support of the 2008 MPAartfest and Children's ArtWalk. We encourage other local companies and organizations to follow McLean Citizens Foundation's lead by participating in this community event for art lovers of all ages."

MPAartfest is seeking corporate sponsors for the 2008 event. Sponsorship commitments range from \$600 to more than \$10,000. Each level provides organizations promotional opportunities at this widely attended community arts festival. For more information about MPAartfest sponsorships, contact Sheri McGrath, MPA's director of development, at 703-791-1953 or at smcgrath@mpaart.org.



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The Children's ArtWalk at McLean Project for the Arts Artfest attracts children artists and arts lovers. Pictured here is Julia Walker enjoying the last year's event.

Community Support

MPAartfest is grateful for the support of Fairfax County Supervisor John Foust, the Fairfax County Park Authority, the Friends of McLean Central Park, the McLean Community Center, the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce and the many corporate and individual sponsors who make the event possible, MPAartfest Chair Bari Levingston said.

ABC 7 and NewsChannel 8 are this year's MPAartfest broadcast media sponsors.

For more information about MPAartfest, visit the MPA Web site at www.mpaart.org and click on the "MPA artfest logo," call 703-790-1953 or send an e-mail to artfest@mpaart.org.

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