

# McLean CONNECTION

## MPAartfest Promises 'Spectacular Event'

Second annual event will feature 40 artists.

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With a little more than three months to go, McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) has selected the 40 juried artists who will be exhibiting their work at the 2008 MPAartfest in early October, according to event chairwoman Bari Levingston.

The second annual MPAartfest will feature artists and crafters from Northern Virginia and the greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Additionally, several artists from the mid-Atlantic region — from Delaware to North Carolina — will be participating. The free, rain-or-shine event will take place Sunday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at McLean Central Park, located at 1234 Ingleside Ave. in McLean. More than 3,500 people are expected to attend.

"McLean Project for the Arts is excited about the 40 juried artists selected for this year's MPAartfest," Levingston said. "These artists are some of the best in our region. We welcome back 16 returning artists and look forward to the nearly 25 new artists who will be joining us for what promises to be a spectacular event."

For a complete list of MPAartfest participating artists visit the MPA Web site at [www.mpaart.org](http://www.mpaart.org) and click on MPAartfest.

ON OCT. 5, MPAartfest will transform McLean Central Park into a landscape of mini art galleries showcasing and offering for sale the work of a diverse group of 40 juried artists. A Children's ArtWalk, an ArtTent and live entertainment throughout the day will make this a must-see event for art lovers of all ages. In case of inclement weather the event will move into the McLean Community Center adjacent to McLean Central Park.

MPAartfest will feature live entertainment and refreshments from local restaurants including Lebanese Taverna, Morton's The Steakhouse, Vinson Hall, Greenberry's Coffee and Tea Company, Old Fashioned Kettle Korn Man and Moorenko's Ice Cream Café. Berry Artsy — the official ice cream of MPAartfest and the creation of Moorenko's — will be making a return engagement.

MPAARTFEST attendees can purchase paintings, drawings, prints, sculpture, photography and fine crafts that will appeal to all levels of collectors. Artists will keep 100 percent of art sales proceeds. Donations from corporate sponsors, individual donors and a portion of the event's food proceeds benefit McLean Project for the Arts, helping to fund a multitude of art exhibitions and educational programs at its galleries located in the McLean Community Center.

McLean Project for the Arts is a non-profit visual arts center founded in 1962 to exhibit the work of emerging and established regional artists. Designated as a museum partner by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, MPA's mission is to bring the visual arts into the community by promoting public awareness and understanding of contemporary art. Additionally, in its Susan B. DuVal studio MPA offers instruction and education to the public by dedicated professional artists in partnership with the Corcoran College of Art + Design. MPA is permanently housed at the McLean Community Center.



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**MPAartfest will transform the McLean Central Park into an art gallery. At the 2007 MPAartfest Children's ArtWalk is Julia Walker.**

### More Information

For more information about MPAartfest, visit the MPA Web site at [www.mpaart.org](http://www.mpaart.org) and click on the MPAartfest section, call 703-790-1953 or send an e-mail to [artfest@mpaart.org](mailto:artfest@mpaart.org).

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