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**CALL FOR ARTISTS FOR FALL 2015 SPONSORSHIP**

*High Concept Labs now accepting applications through June 15, 2015*

May 7, 2015 — High Concept Labs (hcl) today announces a call for artists and collectives to take part in a residency during hcl's Fall 2015 Sponsored Artist Season, September 1 through December 31, 2015. hcl is an arts service organization dedicated to supporting working artists and engaging the Chicago community with arts and culture. hcl fulfills its mission through the Sponsored Artist Program. The Fall 2015 Sponsored Artist Application is due by midnight on Monday, June 15, 2015.

A successful applicants will be an emerging or established artist or collective with a history of successful work (need not be in same discipline as application project) and with clear goals for their residency. Accepted artists will be chosen to represent an array of artistic practices and will be chosen by hcl's Artistic Advisory Committee.

The Sponsored Artist Program is designed to promote the growth of artists and their work through the donation of customizable, no-cost support services including: access to the High Concept Labs studios (located in Mana Contemporary Chicago); participation in hcl critique sessions; use of production equipment; design, marketing, and administrative support; documentation services; audience development; artistic consultation; production assistance; and more. No direct financial support is offered with the residency.

Artists accepted into the Sponsored Artist Program will be placed into one of three tracks:

- Incubation – projects that require services to support the long-term development of a body of work and are not geared toward a public showing.
- Workshop – projects that are geared toward a workshop-showing of work after a period of incubation. The purpose of the showing is to gauge the development of the work and see how it changes in the presence of an invited audience.
- Exhibition/Performance – hcl acts as a producing partner to present a formal exhibition or performance for the public (may or may not also include a period of incubation and/or workshop).

The call for artists for the Fall 2015 Sponsored Artist Season also includes two themed residencies:

*Move / Remove // Place / Displace*, offered in conjunction with Borderbend Arts Collective and Carlos & Dominguez Fine Arts Gallery; and a performance art residency to be included in the IN>TIME16 Performance Festival in Winter 2016.

Applications are due by midnight on Monday, June 15, 2015 and may be submitted at [highconceptlabs.org/sponsored-artists-application/](http://highconceptlabs.org/sponsored-artists-application/).

More information on the *Move / Remove // Place / Displace* and IN>TIME16 residencies may be found at [highconceptlabs.org/sponsored-artists-program](http://highconceptlabs.org/sponsored-artists-program).

**About High Concept Labs:** High Concept Labs (hcl) is a Chicago-born not-for-profit arts service organization and cultural platform dedicated to supporting working artists and engaging the Chicago community with arts and culture. Partnering with artists at every step of the creative process, hcl offers high-quality custom support services through its Sponsored Artist Program. hcl also curates and hosts Cultural Conversations, presents special community events, and facilitates educational arts partnerships. With a vibrant cycle of programs and process-support, High Concept Labs grows community alongside culture and fosters new audiences for the arts.

hcl is supported in part by the generosity of MANA Contemporary Chicago, the Chicago Community Trust, the Illinois Arts Council Agency, The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation, the Chicago Dancemakers Forum, and individual donors.

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calendar of events: [highconceptlabs.org/calendar/](http://highconceptlabs.org/calendar/)

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hcl is based at Mana Contemporary Chicago in the Pilsen neighborhood, at 2233 S. Throop St. Chicago, Illinois 60608.

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