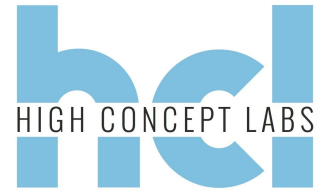


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CELEBRATE SPRING WITH THE HIGH CONCEPT LABS 2016 SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Biannual art party celebrates the work of the organization's Sponsored Artists

CHICAGO, IL — On Saturday, May 14, the arts service organization High Concept Labs (HCL) celebrates its Sponsored Artists in the biannual HCL Open House at Mana Contemporary Chicago from 7:30 to 11:30 PM. The open warehouse art party will include performances, installations, music, and film screenings by artists from the organization's past and present. Light bites, specialty drinks, and much more await partygoers.

"We're thrilled to host a strong group of our past and present Sponsored Artists to celebrate the tremendous growth that the organization has experienced in just the past several months," says HCL Executive Director Steven Wang. "This season's Open House will provide our audiences with an opportunity to engage with our artists in unique and interesting ways."

A tradition that reaches back to the beginning of the organization, HCL's biannual Open House gives an opportunity for artists and audiences to come together and celebrate new artwork in an environment of experimentation and discovery. Each Open House includes exciting works by present and past Sponsored Artists, highlighting the diversity and impact that the program has made upon the Chicago arts landscape. Hundreds of participants enjoy new and interactive experiences amidst food and drink in an atmosphere of transformative celebration.

Participating artists at the HCL 2016 Spring Open House include:

MC Andy North (bit.ly/1WKqYd0)
Joe BBall / Joe Miller (bit.ly/1rqgle9)
Honey Pot Performance (bit.ly/1XML6JP)
The Humans (bit.ly/1ppkNgJ)
Elise Cowin (bit.ly/214pGd6)
The Dilettantes (bit.ly/1WKsnQE)
Deidre Huckabay (bit.ly/1VM9kG9)
Mariah Karson (bit.ly/1YKYYVb)
Kristina Isabelle Dance Company (bit.ly/1VqctLR)
LlaboratoryCo (bit.ly/1UQaAGY)
Nadia Oussenko (bit.ly/1RQ5zv8)
Victoria Bradford and Todd Mattei (bit.ly/1NFAoPC)
Nicole Mauser (bit.ly/1qGuyYY)
Courtney Mackedanz (bit.ly/1VH9Eqj)
Dalia Chin of Fonema Consort (bit.ly/1r4yflk)
Coppice (bit.ly/1SVDUqn)

Mitsu Salmon & Simon Briggs (bit.ly/1zaZaPT)
Vaudeo Motion (bit.ly/1yr8dLe)
Scrappers Film Group

Tickets for the event are on sale now. **General Admission is \$15**, and includes one drink ticket; **Special Admission is \$20** and includes three drink tickets. **VIP Admission is \$40** and includes a 6:30 PM VIP reception, open bar, and two free tickets to a future HCL public event (this \$20 value excludes special events).

The Open House is supported this year by the generosity of Revolution Brewery, CH Distillery, Koval Distillery, Lagunitas Brewing, LlaboratoryCo, Trader Joes, Drape Kings, Paramount Events, and Gingersnap Sweets & Such.

For more information about the HCL Spring Open House, visit highconceptlabs.org/spring

High Concept Labs (HCL) supports artists and facilitates dialogue between artists, audiences, and staff. This increases access and transparency to the artistic process and fosters transformational experiences in an environment of experimentation and discovery. highconceptlabs.org

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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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