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**COME TOGETHER FOR HIGH CONCEPT LABS' 2017 SPRING OPEN HOUSE**

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

CHICAGO, IL — On Saturday, April 29, the arts service organization High Concept Labs (HCL) celebrates its Sponsored Artists at the biannual HCL Open House at Mana Contemporary Chicago from 7:30 to 11:00 PM. The open warehouse art party will include works-in-progress, performances, installations, and music by artists from the organization's past and present. Light bites, drinks, and much more await partygoers.

"It is important that we come together to celebrate our common humanity through art at times like these," says HCL Executive Director Steven Wang. "This season's Open House will be sleek and classy and will be fully curated by Artistic Planning Manager Billie Howard. Audiences will have a chance to mix and mingle with one another and to fully engage with our artists and their works."

As 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 2017 Spring Open House include:

[Rashayla Marie Brown\\*](#)  
[Cinchel](#)  
[Cerqua Rivera Dance Theatre](#)  
[Emma Draves\\*](#)  
[Lisa Gonzales & Tom Lee\\*](#)  
[Mariel Harari\\*](#)  
[Kai-Ye](#)  
[Kristina Isabelle Dance Company\\*](#)  
[Mozawa\\*](#)  
[The Runaways Lab\\*](#)  
[Andy Slater\\*](#)  
[Amanda VanValkenburg\\*](#)

\* denotes current Sponsored Artist

Tickets for the event are on sale now. **General Admission is \$15** and includes one drink ticket; **Special Admission is \$25** and includes three drink tickets. **VIP Admission is \$50** and includes a 6:30 PM VIP reception, open bar, and two free tickets to a future HCL public event (valued at \$20).

For more information about the HCL Spring Open House, visit [highconceptlabs.org/spring](http://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](http://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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