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HIGH CONCEPT LABS' FALL 2017 OPEN HOUSE

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

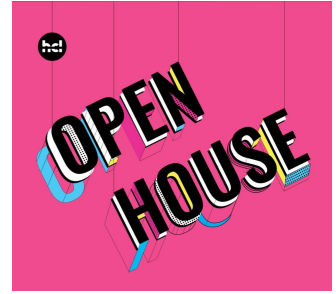
Thursday, October 19th, 2017

7 - 11PM

Hairpin Arts Center

2810 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago IL, 60618

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CHICAGO, IL — On Thursday, October 19, the arts service organization High Concept Labs (HCL) celebrates its Sponsored Artists at the biannual HCL Open House at [Hairpin Arts Center](#) from 7:00 to 11:00 PM. The bustling performance art party will include works-in-progress showings, films, installations, and music by artists from the organization's past and present. Light bites, drinks, and much, more await partygoers.

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 and projects-in-development 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.

"With the Open House expanding each successive season, we are delighted to announce a new partnership with the Hairpin Arts Center in Logan Square," says HCL Executive Director Steven Wang. "This is an opportunity to bring the programming and conversation to the organization's audiences, all within a dynamic space."

"Hairpin Arts Center is partnering with artists and organizations who are interested in fusing different disciplines and who will fearlessly transform our space - giving audiences a totally unique experience," says Hairpin Arts Center Performing Arts Director Kacie Smith. "HCL and their Sponsored Artists do just that. We are so excited to have them at Hairpin Arts Center and are looking forward to future collaborations!"

PARTICIPATING ARTISTS

[Jessica Aszodi*](#)

[Chicago Balinese Gamelan*](#)

[Lisa Gonzales & Tom Lee+](#)

[Hot Kitchen*](#)

[Anthony Janas*](#)

[Erin Kilmurray*](#)

[A.J. McClenon*](#)

[Andy Slater+](#)

[Kevin Sparrow*](#)

[Zafa Collective*](#)

and more TBA

**denotes current Sponsored Artist, +denotes current Institutional Incubation Artist*



Left to right: Photography by Omar Robles on display, Fall 2012 Open House; Mariel Harari performs "Flesh Deity", photo by Tingyu Huang, 2017; Lisa Gonzales and Tom Lee perform "Place (No Place)", photo by Kyungmin Ko, 2016; Kai-ye perform at the Spring 2017 Open House, photo by Tingyu Huang

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW

General Admission is \$20 and includes two drink tickets; **Special Admission is \$60** and includes open bar, a thank you gift, five raffle tickets, 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/fall2017

PRESENTING ORGANIZATIONS



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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website: highconceptlabs.org

calendar of events: highconceptlabs.org/calendar/

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HCL is based at Mana Contemporary Chicago at 2233 S. Throop St. Chicago, Illinois 60608.



The Logan Square Chamber of Arts established the **Hairpin Arts Center**, which acts as a space for cross-disciplinary exchange. By offering a variety of traditional and experimental programming, the Hairpin brings together and connects artists and the local community in Logan Square and Avondale.

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