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### HIGH CONCEPT LABS ANNOUNCES SPRING 2018 OPEN HOUSE EVENT

*Biannual art party welcomes the public to celebrate the work of HCL's 2018 Sponsored Artists with drinks, appetizers and immersive art projects and performances*

CHICAGO — High Concept Laboratories NFP (HCL), a Chicago-based arts service organization, today announced its Spring 2018 Open House, taking place Wednesday, April 11 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at [Constellation](#) | [Links Hall](#). The biannual art party invites people of all ages to enjoy drinks, appetizers and special performances from HCL's Sponsored Artists sharing works-in-progress across music, dance, installations and multimedia art forms.

"Facilitating connections between artists and audiences is a central part of our mission at High Concept Labs," said Steven Wang, executive director of HCL. "The Open House is not only an opportunity for students, fans, patrons, fellow artists and the general public to engage with the truly unique and innovative art happening right now in Chicago."

HCL has invited the public to its Open House since the organization's formation in 2009, including the event as a core feature of the HCL Sponsored Artists program, which hosts a full range of no-cost support for artists to promote their long-term growth.

Each Open House includes new works and installations by present and past Sponsored Artists, providing hundreds of participants the opportunity to interact with new creations by leading artists from Chicago and abroad, highlighting their impact and interaction with the city's dynamic arts community.

Participating artists for the 2018 Spring Open House include:

- Jan Bartoszek (Dance): [highconceptlabs.org/jan-bartoszek](http://highconceptlabs.org/jan-bartoszek)
- Aquil Charlton (Music): [highconceptlabs.org/aquil-charlton](http://highconceptlabs.org/aquil-charlton)
- Yoshinojo Fujima (a.k.a. Rika Lin) (Dance): [highconceptlabs.org/rika-lin](http://highconceptlabs.org/rika-lin)
- Amir George (Video): [highconceptlabs.org/amir-george/](http://highconceptlabs.org/amir-george/)
- Aram Han Sifuentes (Performance/Installation): [highconceptlabs.org/aram-hansifuentes](http://highconceptlabs.org/aram-hansifuentes)
- Kristina Isabelle and Claudia Hart (Dance): [highconceptlaboratories.org/kristina-isabelle-dance-company/](http://highconceptlaboratories.org/kristina-isabelle-dance-company/)
- Annie Kielman and Joshua Patterson (Performance): [highconceptlabs.org/kielman-patterson](http://highconceptlabs.org/kielman-patterson)
- Meg Leary (Performance): [highconceptlabs.org/meg-leary](http://highconceptlabs.org/meg-leary)
- Cat Mahari (Dance): [highconceptlabs.org/cat-mahari](http://highconceptlabs.org/cat-mahari)

- Nicole Mauser (Mixed Media): [highconceptlabs.org/nicole-mauser/](http://highconceptlabs.org/nicole-mauser/)
- Margaret Morris (Dance): [highconceptlabs.org/margaret-morris](http://highconceptlabs.org/margaret-morris)
- Andy Slater (Sound): [highconceptlabs.org/andy-slater/](http://highconceptlabs.org/andy-slater/)
- More TBA

General admission is \$20. Cash bar.

Constellation | Links Hall is located at 3111 N. Western Avenue, near the intersection of Belmont, Western and Clybourn and steps from CTA bus lines 49 and 77. Street parking is available.

To purchase tickets and learn more about the participating artists, visit [highconceptlabs.org/spring2018/](http://highconceptlabs.org/spring2018/).

High resolution photos are available for download at [highconceptlabs.org/pressimages](http://highconceptlabs.org/pressimages).

### **About High Concept Laboratories NFP**

High Concept Laboratories NFP supports artists and facilitates dialogue between artists, audiences, and staff members. This increases access and transparency to the artistic process and fosters transformational experiences in an environment of experimentation and discovery.

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