

THEMES for PRIOR LABS in 2021 and 2022

GLOSSARY

- Theme – a lens through which we may examine the work
- Featured: an aspirational/inspirational video & discussion to start off the evening (live presenter on rare occasion) This is a nationally or world renown creative or speaker.
- Headliner: The presenter who begins the line-up, aligned with the theme of the evening. Goal: a “high-bar” local professional.
- Special Feature: A special guest, usually a “high-bar” presenter, that would normally be a headliner but is presenting later in the line-up.

2022:

- JAN Theme: **“Looking Within”** – Examine our personal perspective on our works. Taking stock, recognizing and honoring our personal journeys, experiences and uniqueness.
 - Aspirational/Inspirational Feature:
 - **Neal Spackman and Saiful Haque:** In The Search for Meaning “Art Department Podcast #054.” Looking within to find meaning in our art. (Conceptual Artist, founder Kalpana Studios – worked on Avatar II, etc.)
 - FEB Theme: **“Gazing Out”** - Differences and similarities from our personal perspective and those of “others.” Uniqueness and commonality are explored.
 - Aspirational/Inspirational Feature:
 - **Langston Hughes** is profiled.
 - Music for the LAB included opener: Ella Fitzgerald with Duke Ellington, closer: John Coltrane.
 - Headliner: Jian Wang, world-renowned painter
- March Theme: **Perspective Anima** (how our “feminine” side affects our work, viewing our work using our Anima)
 - Headliner: International Storyteller Shylaja Sampath (zoomed in from South Asia)
- April Theme: **Evolving Perspectives** (how our perspectives change, evolve over time about our work and as expressed in our work)
 - Headliner: Blue Line Arts: Tacos & Tees Event
- May Theme: **Re-perception** (A renewed look at our work, at ourselves as artists – a second look or perception shift)
- June Theme: **“Prismatic Views”** – Examining facets in ourselves & our work
 - Headliner: Livia Wolfe, photographer, Transgender runway model, activist
- July Theme: **New Vistas**
 - Headliner: Rich Diltz
- August Theme: **“Enriching Your Vision.”** What barriers obscure our vision? How do we overcome them? How do we enhance our perception of works?
 - Special Feature (live): Mark Abildgaard, sculptor
- September Theme: **Through a New Lens**
- October Theme: **Looking for the Light**
 - Headliner: Linda Hoschler, glass artist & President, Rocklin Fine Arts

2021:

- JAN Theme: **“New”** New year, new perspectives, new partners, new works and **the effect of the “new” on the “old”**
 - Featured:
 - **Larissa FastHorse** (video/discussion) 2020 MacArthur ‘Genius’ Grant Recipient for Playwrighting
 - **Maidu Independent Theater** profile (video/discussion) – Education & celebration of Nisenan cultural heritage, Auburn, CA
- FEB Theme: **“Things we have in common...”** Embracing our common humanity, while celebrating the contributions of historically marginalized and underrepresented fellow humans
 - Featured: **Lynn Nottage** (video/discussion) NY two-time Pulitzer Prize winner for Drama
- MARCH Theme: **“Where do you come from?”** Family, culture, region, perspective. Women’s History Month and Irish American Heritage Month
 - Featured: **Georgia O’Keeffe** (video/discussion) – The Mother of American Modernism art movement
- APRIL Theme: **“Planting Seeds”**
 - Headliner: **Catalyst: A Theatre Think Tank** (live – UC Davis Dept Chair, former Broadway Director)
- MAY Theme: **“How Does Your Garden Grow?”**
 - Featured: **Grit: Angela Lee Duckworth** (video/discussion) professor of psychology & MacArthur Fellowship recipient
- JUNE Theme: **“The Promise of Bounty”**
 - Featured: **Kate Burton** (video/discussion) Actor, Tony & Emmy Nominee
- JULY Theme: **“The Hot House”**
 - Featured: **Ethan Hawke** (video/discussion) Actor/Author. “Give yourself permission to be creative”
- AUG Theme: **“Ripening. Maturation of the artist and the work”**
 - Featured: How to know when your art is finished (video/discussion)
- SEPT Theme: **“Harvest Time”** Paths for sharing your new work, bringing the journey to fruition
 - Featured: **Eva Price**, producer “Theatre: All the moving parts” (video/discussion)
- OCT Theme: **“Now is the Winter of our Discontent”** Finding Inspiration during Creative Slumps
 - Featured: **Rainn Wilson** (video/discussion) actor “How to solve creative blocks”