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PIONEER WORKS ANNOUNCES NEW MUSIC PROGRAM An Illustrious Advisory Council, a Music Production Studio, and a Concert Series



Brooklyn, NY, October 6, 2015 – Pioneer Works, a nonprofit arts center for research and experimentation in contemporary culture, announces a renewed and robust music program that will consist of **Pioneer Works PRESENTS**, a collaborative concert series, and **Pioneer Works PRODUCTIONS**, a music production studio and residency program. The music program kicked off with a concert on Saturday, October 3, headlined by Psychic TV and featuring Haribo, Shilpa Ray, and WETWARE.

To structure Pioneer Works' new music program, Director Gabe Florenz worked closely with the newly formed **Pioneer Works Music Advisory Committee**, composed of American musicians renowned for pushing the boundaries of music. The group includes **Wayne Coyne**, lead singer, guitarist, and songwriter of the Flaming Lips; **Gibby Haynes**, lead singer of Butthole Surfers; **Genesis P-Orridge**, founding member of Throbbing Gristle and Psychic TV; **Ariel Marcus Rosenberg** (Ariel Pink), singer-songwriter and instrumentalist; **Andrew Van**

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Wyangarden, lead singer, guitarist, and songwriter of MGMT; and **Justin Vernon**, songwriter and front man of Bon Iver.

"Music has always been an important part of the Pioneer Works environment," explained Pioneer Works Director Gabe Florenz. "Our goal with this new program is to create a platform that supports musical experimentation and artistic integration in tangible ways. While live performances and recordings remain at the initiative's core, this program will engage musicians and other recording and performance artists beyond the stage, for example by creating synergies between Pioneer Works' educational and publishing programs to create archival recordings."

Pioneer Works PRESENTS will solidify the organization's current music initiative into a unique concert series, curated both in-house by Pioneer Works staff and the Music Advisory Committee and in collaboration with other organizations. The series will consist of at least two major shows in the fall/winter as well as in the spring/summer season.

For the fall 2015 roster, Pioneer Works PRESENTS brings two major performances to Brooklyn. The inaugural performance of the series took place on Saturday, **October 3**, featuring performative and experimental psychedelic punk and industrial music by the legendary **Psychic TV**, **Haribo**, **Shilpa Ray**, and **WETWARE**. Images of the show can be found at this [link](#).

This coming **Friday, October 16**, Pioneer Works PRESENTS will collaborate with the **Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians (AACM)**, the Chicago-based organization dedicated to nurturing, performing, and recording original "Great Black Music," to present a quintet led by Roscoe Mitchell, legendary saxophonist, composer, and founding member of AACM (concert details and ticket information provided below).

Pioneer Works PRODUCTIONS will focus on hosting and producing artists and musicians in the organization's brand-new music studio, built out of shipping containers by artist **Greg Kloehn** with the help of record label Mexican Summer's engineer **Thomas Clapp**. The first artists in residence are Raúl De Nieves, Jessie Stead, and Nathan Whipple of **Haribo**. The group blends punk installation, improvised narratives, and original music to present unruly, cross-genre operettas to sold-out crowds in New York and around the world. This will be Haribo's first studio album, and the group performed as part of the inaugural concert at Pioneer Works on **Saturday, October 3**.

For more information on upcoming music shows and projects, please visit www.pioneerworks.org/events.

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**Pioneer Works PRESENTS | ROSCOE MITCHELL In Celebration of the 50th Anniversary
of the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians (AACM)
An Evening of COMPOSITIONS and IMPROVISATIONS**

Featuring Thomas Buckner, Scott Robinson, Tani Tabbal and Gerald Cleaver

Friday, October 16 — 7 pm

Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door

[Click here to purchase tickets](#)

Roscoe Mitchell is a legendary saxophonist, composer, and founding member of AACM. In this celebratory concert, Mitchell will perform in a quintet alongside Scott Robinson (Woodwinds), Thomas Buckner (Baritone), Tani Tabba (Drums), and Gerald Cleaver (Bass Marimba and Drums). AACM is an all-black music collective based in Chicago that for the past 50 years has been an icon of creative innovation, self-determination, and creativity's power to transcend social and political barriers. For more information about the organization, please visit www.aacmchicago.org.

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ABOUT PIONEER WORKS

Pioneer Works is an arts center for research and experimentation in contemporary culture. Through a broad range of exhibitions, educational programs, performances, and arts and science residencies, Pioneer Works seeks to transcend traditional disciplinary boundaries, foster community, and provide a space where alternative modes of thought are supported and activated in tangible ways. Founded in 2012, by artist Dustin Yellin, Pioneer Works is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) located in a 25,000-square-foot manufacturing warehouse in Red Hook, Brooklyn.

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