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LIGHT CITY

A FESTIVAL OF LIGHT, MUSIC AND INNOVATION

SAVE THE DATE:

Light City 2018 Takes Place Over Three Weekends, April 6-21

Baltimore, MD (November 7, 2017) – The **Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts** announces the return of **Light City**, a free festival of light, music and innovation to Baltimore for its third year in April 2018. Light City expands to three weekends with **Neighborhood Lights**, the community artist-in-residence program kicking off **April 6-8**; **Light City** featuring the BGE Light Art Walk **April 14-21** and **Labs@LightCity**, the festival's daytime innovation conferences **April 18-21** at the IMET Columbus Center.

The theme used to describe Light City 2018 is "More Love! More Lights!" as the festival expands to touch even more areas of Baltimore City beyond the original footprint of the Inner Harbor. **Neighborhood Lights**, Light City's immersive community artist-in-residence program kicks off April 6-8 and expands from eight to fourteen neighborhoods this year. The following artists were selected to receive a \$15,000 grant to create an illuminated visual or performance art project within the neighborhood of their residency: **Ada Pinkston** for Belair-Edison and Hamilton-Lauraville; **Sean Michael Kenny** for the Bromo Tower Arts and Entertainment District; **Kyle Yearwood** for Darley Park; **FutureMakers** for Federal Hill; **Maura Dwyer** for Baybrook (Brooklyn and Curtis Bay) and Remington; **BE | THE | TO Studio / k.lechleiter ARCHITECT / LED-BETTER Studio** for Highlandtown; **Malaika Aminata Clements** for Hollins Roundhouse/Southwest Baltimore; **Laure Drogoul** for Little Italy; **XXS Group** for Locust Point; **Pablo Machioli and Owen Silverman Andrews** for Patterson Park; **MANIFOLD design** for Pigtown and **The Rise of Charm City** for Waverly.

On Saturday, April 14 through Saturday, April 21, **Light City** returns to the Inner Harbor featuring more than 20 brand new light art installations, live music, performing arts, children's activities and local food and beverage vendors along the BGE Light Art Walk. The festival is open from 7pm to 11pm each night and is completely free to attend.

Labs@LightCity, one of the largest and most unique social innovation conferences in the country returns Wednesday, April 18 through Saturday, April 21 to the IMET Columbus Center. This year Labs@LightCity introduces a unique "Pay What You Can" registration system, allowing accessibility for more attendees. A new restructured format combines the topics of Education, Green, Arts and Culture, Social, Health, Makers, Design and Food into a condensed four-day schedule. The Labs will again be shaped by a group of curators consisting of artists, activists, community leaders, executives and entrepreneurs, and will feature national leaders alongside local innovators.

In addition, Light City continues to offer more opportunities for artists and community members to be involved. Light City is currently accepting time-based digital content to be featured in ***On Demand***, an exhibition displayed on an LED screen throughout the festival. Applications are being accepted until **Wednesday, November 15** and are posted on www.lightcity.org.

Light City also invites businesses and residents to show their civic pride by participating in **Brilliant Baltimore**. Brilliant Baltimore is a program that invites businesses, attractions, landmarks and apartment complexes downtown to illuminate their buildings in the official Light City colors during the festival. This year, Brilliant Baltimore expands to include residential areas through the new **Brilliant Baltimore - Community Showcase Program**. Through the Community Showcase Program, a community group has the chance to win \$2,018 by creating a light display in their neighborhood. Nine honorable mentions will be awarded \$1,000 each for funding community projects. Applications for Brilliant Baltimore and the community showcase program are available on www.lightcity.org.

Light City is produced by the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts. More details including light art installations, artists, performing arts and musicians are to be announced in Mid-February. For updates and more information, visit www.lightcity.org or call the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts at 410-752-8632. Stay connected via [Facebook: Light City Baltimore](#), [Twitter: @LightCityBmore](#) and [Instagram: @LightCityBmore](#) by using the hashtag #LightCity.

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The Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization which serves as Baltimore City's arts council, film office, and events agency. By producing large-scale events such as Light City, Artscape and the Baltimore Book Festival, and providing funding and support to artists, arts programs and organizations across the city, BOPA's goal is to make Baltimore a more vibrant and creative city.

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