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- VCCA announces winners of *The Commission*
- Acclaimed London and Berlin artist Maja Spasova and Mexican composer Luis Hilario Arévalo
- *The Commission* takes place Saturday, June 1, at UVA's Morven Farm

## **VCCA Announces Winning Team for “The Commission”**

(AMHERST, VA) — VCCA has announced the winners of an international competition to design a multimedia arts installation for a signature event to be held at UVA's Morven Farm on June 1, 2013. Selected from a highly competitive field of VCCA Fellows - professional artists, writers and composers from around the world - were acclaimed visual artist Maja Spasova, who divides her time between London, England, and Berlin, Germany, and composer Luis Hilario Arévalo of Mexico City, Mexico. Their inspired multimedia arts installation will be entitled *Bright Shiny Me*.

On the evening of June 1, 2013, *Bright Shiny Me* will 'stage' an evening at UVA's beautiful Morven Farm. Although details of the arts installation will remain secret until the unveiling on June 1, Maja and Luis describe their collaboration as a "...work with the contradictions between beauty and terror, visual and sonic, light and dark, obvious and hidden, order and chaos. The audience will be free to move around the installation and to explore it at any moment from new angles and perspectives."

*Bright Shiny Me* will inspire the environment for a cocktail party where hundreds of guests can meet the artists as they mix and mingle in an atmosphere that could be provocative, beautiful, adventurous, theatrical or ... ? Like a midsummer night's dream, it will appear for one night and one night only.

Maja Spasova has designed and produced numerous interactive installations and performances. You can learn more about her work [here](#). Luis Hilario Arévalo has created compositions for orchestras and solo performers. His works have been performed on stages in Mexico, USA and Europe. You can learn more about Luis [here](#).

The June 1 event is called *The Commission* because guests are "commissioning" *Bright Shiny Me* with their ticket purchase. All funds raised beyond the cost of *The Commission* will help support hundreds of visual artists, writers and composers as they pursue their creative work at VCCA.

Nestled in Amherst, Virginia, VCCA is one of the nation's largest and best-known artists' communities. As a working retreat for exceptional artists from around the world, VCCA provides them with meals, private rooms and private studios. In 41 years, VCCA has established an international network of thousands of Fellows, with over 400 coming to VCCA each year. You've probably read a book written at VCCA, or enjoyed a symphony or visual arts exhibition that was created here. Work done by these VCCA Fellows garners local and international attention through publications, exhibitions, compositions and performances. They have been honored with just about every prestigious award there is, including the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award and the MacArthur "Genius Grant".

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