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Hung Up: An Evening of Stars In Your Eyes

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A new year of openings begins with Take My Money / Take My Body at LACE, Stephanie Buer in tandem with Daniel Bilodeau at Thinkspace, and Hannah Epstein's must-see installation at Steve Turner Contemporary. Here's the Los Angeles art to get hung up on as you start your new year right…

You've officially survived holiday feasting with crazy family members and now it's finally time to tackle your most important New Year's resolution: See more art in Los Angeles! And what better way to greet the new year than with an evening full of musical performances, wild installation art, and the chance to go home wearing hand-painted, one-of-a-kind clothing (from your new favorite local artist)? *Stars In Your Eyes* promises to deliver all this and more with a magical evening of artistic convergence this Saturday, January 6th, at Paramount Academy of Music in Studio City. Curated by Mia Orozco in partnership with West Hollywood's Radiant Space gallery, *Stars In Your Eyes* will give visitors the chance to take their 2019 goals from mediation to manifestation in this collaborative, one-night event.

Artist Laurie Shapiro via Looure.com

Underlining Saturday night's theme of reinvention is Laurie Shapiro's *Temple Of The Future*; a solo installation meditation chamber. A rising, LA-based artist whose 2018 showings included We Rise, Chicago's Peter Mars Gallery's 30th anniversary, and a solo show at Deplume Gallery; Laurie Shapiro's installations seize viewers within immersive other-worlds at the junction of the surreal and the natural. An artist dedicated to living in her art, her large-scale, mixed-media installations are born amidst the convergence of paint, tin foil, and hand sewn muslin. Her work far extends beyond the act of disguising an empty space as it induces viewer perception to cross the threshold of another world where art becomes a living experience. Considering her past work as indication, *Temple Of The Future* will allow visitors to fully greet their dreams and aspirations for this new year.

Artist Laurie Shapiro via Looure.com

Stars In Your Eyes will also continue to saturate the senses with live musical performances by Tuff Ghost, Alexia Riner, and Clio Wilde, as well as feature a pop-up apparel shop full of unique items. Lucky visitors will be able to shop for clothing from Liz Montecastro and Legray Vintage, and even go home wearing a piece from CoValence urban, adventure gear hand painted by Laurie herself. All this, plus proceeds from the evening's very wallet-friendly ticket sales will go to support Paramount Academy of Music, one of LA's most innovative, non-profit music schools benefitting children across the city.

The beginning of any new year always evokes that beautiful, collective promise to refine and reinvent ourselves, and spending an evening enjoying art, music, and supporting a good cause is a pretty good way to start.

Stars In Your Eyes takes place Saturday, January 5th, from 8—11:30 PM at Paramount Academy

of Music. You can grab your tickets here.

Stars In Your Eyes, January 6th

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