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The Art and Science of Deception at SummerFest 2019

Off the Hook Arts presents their 8th annual summer cultural festival.

Fort Collins, Colorado: Fort Collins-based non-profit Off the Hook Arts announces **SummerFest 2019: Perception/Deception, Illusion/Confusion**, a month-long community cultural festival which brings together music, neuroscience, psychology, magic, comedy, painting, and photography to explore human perception and techniques of deception and illusion in the arts and in life. SummerFest 2019 will run from June 17 to July 12, 2019.

Executive Director for Off the Hook Arts, Jephta Bernstein, on this year's unique festival theme:

"Perception/Deception, Illusion/Confusion will be an arts festival incorporating science and culture like no other. Riding on all the excitement generated from SummerFest 2018 and the great success of our recent WinterFest 2019: B Natural, we are looking forward to sharing this season's thought-provoking discussions, deceptive twists and turns, and stunning musical performances."

SummerFest features three distinct series of concerts and events, *Image and Illusion* - an art show - and the Off the Hook Arts Summer Academy with Music, Art and STEM programming for children of all ages. The seven-part **Concert Series** and eight-part, interdisciplinary **Dynamics Series** feature fascinating programs in traditional and non-traditional venues which allow audiences uniquely intimate access to internationally-acclaimed performers and speakers. The **Viewpoints Series** presents one-hour lunchtime talks on cognitive psychology topics in comfortable community gathering places throughout Fort Collins. Festival performers include Grammy-nominated clarinetist/world music star **David Krakauer**, Hollywood screen and TV writer and comedian **David Misch**, Grammy-winning jazz violinist **Zach Brock**, and a concert of **Piano Puzzlers** by composer and Off the Hook Arts Artistic Director **Bruce Adolphe**, from his popular American Public Media feature of the same name. *"When I compose the piano puzzlers for public radio, I mix elements of a particular composer's style with a tune by another, such as a Gershwin tune in the style of Stravinsky or a Beatles tune as if it were composed by Brahms. Usually, the listeners are at first confused by the mix, then they experience a kind of deja entendu, then suddenly they perceive something familiar and eventually the whole thing sounds so obvious. This summer's festival is all about that kind of experience and we've invited a remarkable group of speakers, musicians, and visual artists to delve into Perception/Deception, Illusion/Confusion together."* - Bruce Adolphe.

Off the Hook Arts' mission is to provide free and low-cost musical instruction to students in Front Range communities, funded through charitable donations and the production of two annual cultural festivals, SummerFest and WinterFest. Each festival features a unique theme and includes events spanning music, art, scientific talks, wellness workshops, and STEAM programs for children. Off the Hook Arts offers musical instruction for all ages through its Chamber Music Academy, and will soon launch the new Meadowlark Music Program, which will provide beginning guitar and violin instruction for low-income children in the Fort Collins community.

For more information and to purchase tickets for SummerFest 2019 events, please visit offthehookarts.org.