

# Space & Time

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Multispecies Inc.  
Parsons & Charlesworth  
May 12 - June 9, 2024



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**Opening reception:** Sunday, May 12 from 1:00PM - 4:00PM

*Multispecies Inc.* is a fictional organization through which artists and designers Parsons & Charlesworth (Jessica Charlesworth and Tim Parsons) explore multispecies future imaginaries. Over the past two years this multipart research-based project has generated works that provide a glimpse into a world of multispecies cohabitation, non-human-centric living and AI biome modeling. Weaving together elements of speculative fiction, environmental science, worldbuilding and design, the project fosters dialogue and critical inquiry into the complex challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss, encouraging a rethinking of our attitudes toward species, and the role technology plays in that relationship.

Space & Time presents a selection of works from their ongoing and multidimensional project: *Multispecies Inc.* Their digital and hand drawing collage hybrids hint at the lives of fictional *Multispecies Inc.* members and the internal structure of the organization. Works on paper illustrate imaginary and very real contraptions that are schemes for species co-habitation, generated by the collective. These include: an apparatus for making kin with algae, a nomadic fog collector, and a wearable device for feeling the health of a tree. Projected on the windows of the gallery in the evenings is *Eco Fables: Tales of Multispecies Inc.*, an animated 3D virtual environment. It features excerpts from the book of short stories *Multispecies Inc. Volume 1*. This publication is available for purchase in a new limited edition. Initially it debuted in 2022 at The New Museum's NEW INC dinner entitled *Microbial Chorale*, at the Ace Hotel, Brooklyn with a reading by Taja Cheek (singer, musician and composer L'Rain). This is Parsons & Charlesworth first solo exhibition in Chicago since 2016.

**Art Making Workshop:** Sunday, June 2nd from 2:00PM - 4:00PM  
Parsons & Charlesworth will lead an art making workshop that will explore making in response to the *Multispecies Inc.* project. All materials will be provided. This event is free and open to the public. All ages, children and families are welcome.

**Artist Bios:**

Parsons and Charlesworth have exhibited worldwide including 17th International Architecture Exhibition- La Biennale di Venezia, Walker Art Center (Minneapolis), Philadelphia Museum of Art, Piknic (Seoul), Museu de Arte, Arquitetura e Tecnologia (MAAT Lisbon), Science Gallery Dublin, Istanbul Design Biennial, the Museum of Contemporary Art(Chicago), London Design Festival and the Chicago Cultural Center. Recent honors include a 2022 Canada Council for the Arts grant, a 2021 Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts grant, support from the British Council, a 2020 Mitchell Enhancement Award from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and a 2019 Canada Council for the Arts grant. Notable artist residencies include the 2023 Artist-In-Residence Project Space at Headlands Center for the Arts, the 2019 Artist-In-Residence at Krems, Austria, the 2016 Residency at Kriti Gallery, Varanasi, India, Their work is featured in various private collections and in the permanent collection at the MAK Vienna and DePaul Art Museum.

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**Gallery hours:** Sundays 1:00PM - 4:00PM and also open by appointment.

**Contact:** For additional images, high res, questions or visit appointments email: [Nicole@spaceandtime.gallery](mailto:Nicole@spaceandtime.gallery)

**About us:** Space & Time is an artist-run gallery located in the Irving Park neighborhood of Chicago, Illinois that was co-founded in 2020 by Nicole Mauser and Matt Brown.

We are accessible to all on the street level. By public transit:  
Bus: take the #80 CTA bus route stop at Spaulding Ave.  
Train: take Blue Line or Brown Line to the Irving Park stop and walk to gallery or transfer to the #80 bus to Spaulding stop.  
Parking: pay meters parking directly out front (Sundays are free). Diagonal parking spots on adjacent Spaulding or Christiana streets also offer free parking.

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