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## Exhibition Opening: Culture Lab LIC presenting Anonymously J Iran, Exhibition Amplifying the Voices of Iranian Women

A show presented entirely anonymously to show solidarity with artists in Iran

**Long Island City, Queens, NY**—Culture Lab LIC is proud to present **Anonymously Ji Iran**, an exhibition amplifying the voices of Iranian women. The opening reception will take place on Thursday, February 9th, from 6-9 pm at Culture Lab Long Island City. The show is presented entirely anonymously to show solidarity with artists in Iran. Acclaimed artists will show work alongside artists selected through an open call. All sales of artwork go toward supporting the artists and nonprofit organizations aiding the Iranian people.

What: Opening Reception of Anonymously J Iran: An Exhibition Amplifying the Voices of Iranian Women

When: Thursday, February 9th, 6-9 pm

Where: Culture Lab LIC, The Plaxall Gallery, 5-25 46th Ave, Queens, NY 11101

The exhibition will be on view from February 9th to March 26th.

Gallery hours: Thursdays & Fridays, 5-9 pm, and Saturdays & Sundays, 2-9 pm

Since the murder of Jina (Mahsa) Amini, the global art community has taken an active and important role in support of the "Woman, Life, Freedom" movement in Iran. Iranian women are leading the fight against an aging theocratic regime clinging to power. While the authoritarian regime has sought to subdue the Iranian people and its culture, it is Iranians that are quelling the regime.

Art has been a form of resistance. We have witnessed artists, curators, museums, and galleries worldwide show their solidarity by creating, partnering and providing avenues to raise awareness of the ongoing revolution.

The aim of this exhibition is to amplify the voice of Iranians who are and have been bravely defying tyranny and protesting for their freedoms through the lens of art. This exhibition, featuring sculptures, installations, paintings, digital media, and performance art, is a celebration of the incredibly courageous Iranian people, especially the women of Iran, and its culture.

In solidarity with the artists and people of Iran, due to the current oppressive climate in Iran, and the risks protesters, artists, curators, and their families' face, all work from all artists (inside and outside of Iran) will be exhibited anonymously.

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## **About the Curators**

An anonymous curatorial team of Iranian artists, organizers, and community leaders have come together to bring a show to LIC that focuses on continuing to raise awareness for the atrocities that are continuing in Iran. This is a human rights issue and demands our support.

## **About Culture Lab LIC**

Culture Lab LIC is a 501(c)(3) formed to be the arts and culture umbrella for Western Queens. We present local, national, and international art of all genres, while supporting New York artists and other nonprofits by providing space, resources and a sense of community.

Operating out of a 12,000 square foot art center, Culture Lab LIC hosts two fine art galleries, a 90 seat theater, classroom space, and an 18,000 square foot outdoor venue, made possible by the generous donation of space from Plaxall Inc. CL is honored to host more arts programming than any other organization in New York City. Culture Lab is more than a venue, it is the heart of Long Island City.

A very special thanks to Plaxall Inc. for the donation of this amazing space and supporting us in turning it into this cornerstone of arts and community activity!

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