

# Faculty & Friends



## Scientists are rock stars!

The April 9 "Labapalooza!" experiment proves it. More than \$150,000 was raised in support of CSHL's youngest and brightest investigators. The evening featured two dozen scientist-musicians in seven bands and ensembles including Jellyfish Explosion & Friends [image above], AC/TG and the Young and The Restless!

Rock stars who double as CSHL scientists include vocalist Emily Hodges, Ph.D., who developed the array capture resequencing technology that facilitated the discovery that modern humans are incredibly similar to Neandertals at the level of the proteome—the full set of proteins that our genes encode.

Research Investigator Shane McCarthy, Ph.D., another rocker, has helped show that rare mutations can increase the risk for schizophrenia and autism. By day, guitarist Luke Dow, Ph.D., is focused on finding ways to exploit the mutations

in tumor cells to develop more targeted and effective therapies for colon cancer and melanoma.

Labapalooza! showcased notable Long Island painters, sculptors and photographers, including David Peikon, Rachel von Roeschlaub and William B. Jonas, who donated proceeds from the sale of their pieces.

Long Island's finest food establishments—Besito, Birch Hill Market, Fiorello Dolce, Messina Market, Nisen Sushi and Rothmann's Steakhouse, Sterling Affair Caterers—offered guests a sampling of specialties.

The Laboratory thanks Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Association Directors and event co-chairs: Michele Celestino, Nelson DeMille, Ginny Knott, Lauren Knutsen, Tim O'Neill, David Peikon, Tracey Serko, Heather Spehr, and President Sandy Tytel. This uniquely successful feast for the eyes, ears and palate would not have been possible without generous sponsorship from CSHL friends and neighbors. You rock!