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**ISSUES OF CONCERN TO CHICAGO
ADDRESSED IN RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING IN THE
THIRD QUARTER 2016**

1. School Reform and Education: Efforts to improve student performance and achievement, making sure teachers are performing well in the classroom and general educational issues in Chicago and suburbs.
2. Business and Job Development: Creating an economic climate that supports small business and entrepreneurs. Provide assistance to develop new businesses and jobs in distressed economic areas.
3. Crime and Violence: Support of community policing efforts in Chicago, efforts to reduce gang activity and the spread of gangs into the suburbs, ensuring that the police department operates legally and with respect the communities it serves.
4. Transportation: Maintenance, improvement and safety of Chicago's transportation system, including the airports, commuter rail service, and highway development.
5. Neighborhood and Suburban Development: Efforts within the City of Chicago to promote neighborhood cohesion, economic opportunities and housing. Infrastructure concerns.
6. Civil Rights: Enforcing legal rights and developing respect for different races and ethnic groups as well as religious differences; gay and lesbian issues; immigration issues.
7. Family Issues: Helping to maintain stable families; parental education; finding permanent homes for children in state care.
8. Health Care: Providing adequate facilities for health care, particularly indigent care; providing affordable health care and access to services.
9. Voter Information: Helping voters make personal election decisions by giving insights into those that are running for offices in upcoming elections.

**WXRT-FM 93.1
PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES**

1. At Issue: (Saturdays from 6a-6:30a, except for July 16, August 20 and September 17, and Sundays from 7a-7:30a. Duration: 30:00)
Locally produced interview show featuring top newsmakers discussing state and community issues.

2. WXRT Public Affairs Show: (Saturday from 6a-6:30a on July 16, August 21 and September 17. Duration: 30:00)
Locally produced interview show featuring newsmakers and local charitable events in the Chicagoland area.

I. SCHOOL REFORM AND EDUCATION

WXRT Public Affairs Show

August 20, 2016

Guests: Charlie Greengoss & Adam Victorn, Music Producers

30 minutes out of 30 minute program

Charlie Greengoss & Adam Victorn joined Terri Hemmert on the WXRT Public Affairs show to discuss Vinyl for a Cause, a local company teaming with bands to record covers of various songs for charity. Charlie and Adam have worked as record producers and created Vinyl for a Cause to help restore music education programs in American public schools. Proceeds from the recorded songs are benefitting VH1's Save the Music Foundation.

At Issue

September 24 and 25, 2016

Guest: Felicia Davis, Executive Director Public Building Commission

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III. CRIME AND VIOLENCE

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July 17, 2016

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At Issue

September 3 and 4, 2016

Guests: Liz Dozier, Managing Director of Chicago Beyond

Meade Palidofsky, Founder and Artistic Director Storycatchers Theatre

30 minutes out of 30 minute program

Dozier is the former principal of Fenger High School in Chicago, featured in a documentary of what can be done right for education. Dozier helped start the philanthropic organization Chicago Beyond this past spring. She calls it a philanthropic venture capital fund. She said there are 45,000 individuals between 16 and 24 who are not working and not in school. As a result, she said there is a need to invest in programs for youth. She said typically grants are smaller investments of \$5,000 to \$50,000 that she called band aids helping keep programs just above water. Chicago Beyond, she said, wants to hit key inflection points to make a real difference, and they're partnering with the University of Chicago to study their investments to be sure there are both immediate and long term objectives met. She said they have a small group of private investors backing their mission. They began with an innovation challenge, looking for early stage ideas that could be proven effective. She said they found three innovation partners including Storycatchers. Palidofsky founded Storycatchers and is a youth development specialist. She said Storycatchers' mission is to help young people make more thoughtful life choices through the process of writing, performing and producing original musical theater inspired by their personal stories. She said they focus on court-involved youth, followed from probation to detention and incarceration, and now Storycatchers in post-relief. She said theater is an incredible vehicle for young people to look at their lives, the environment they live in, their relationships, the traumas they've experienced and create a musical that has their own ending with a positive future. Dozier said Chicago Beyond invested in Storycatchers because they address the root of the issue and the most vulnerable, at-risk children who would likely be on the path to incarceration. Dozier said

the goal is to use what is learned from the Storycatchers program to help others all over the country.

IV. TRANSPORTATION

At Issue

September 10 and 11, 2016

Guests: Mike Sturino, CEO Illinois Road & Transportation Builders Association
Marc Poulos, Exec. Dir. IN-IL-IA Foundation for Fair Contracting

30 minutes out of 30 minute program

This program discussed the so-called Safe Roads Referendum, which would forbid the state of Illinois from shifting tax revenues in Illinois's road fund to non-transportation projects. Both guests were for the amendment. Sturino said the amendment is about safety, accountability and promoting our economy. He said when people gas up and pay taxes, renew driver's licenses, etc., those funds were intended for the road fund. This amendment would ensure these user fees go to reinvest in Illinois' transportation infrastructure: roads, bridges, transit and rail. He said this is needed because elected officials in Springfield since 2003 have diverted about \$6.8 billion for non-transportation projects. Poulos said an Illinois Supreme Court ruling on a case said legislators cannot hamstring future legislators from being able to balance the budget. So the only way to protect these special funds is through a constitutional amendment. Poulos cited "staggering" numbers highlighting how underfunded various transportation agencies are. He said transportation is funded by user fees, and he said we have not protected what we have or raised user fees such as gas taxes in a couple decades. Sturino added that 27 percent of major urban roads are in poor condition, 40 percent statewide. He said that has resulted in motorists spending \$4.4 billion a year in extra repairs, an average of \$540 per motorist. He said 16 percent of Illinois bridges are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete—meaning it is not designed to handle today's vehicle traffic. Poulos made clear this amendment is about all means of transportation, not just roads. Poulos said there is a broad coalition of support. He called it the first time in memory that organized labor and The American's for Prosperity on the same side of an issue. He said local chambers of commerce, road builders, farming, rural and metropolitan all agree on this. He also said it is important that people actually vote for this referendum on election day. He said unlike California there are no easy-to-remember "proposition number 15" and is difficult to understand on the ballot. He said citizens to protect transportation funding started a web site so people could understand this before heading to the polls. Sturino said a similar measure in Wisconsin had a 70 percent positive vote.

V. NEIGHBORHOOD AND SUBURBAN DEVELOPMENT

At Issue

July 2 and 3, 2016

Guest: Richard Monocchio, Director Cook County Housing Authority

30 minutes out of 30 minute program

Monocchio began by talking about the renovated Jane Perlman Apartments in Evanston. It is the county's first such project for seniors and disabled. He said it is the start of rehabilitating the entire housing stock in Cook County, approximately 2,000 housing units. He said those units were built in the 70's, and affordable housing is getting scarce. He said the Perlman building will now be ready for the next generation of folks who really need it. But he said Cook County is short 170,000 affordable units, calling it a difficult time for both low and moderate income people. He said the authority only receives about \$2 million per year for housing, but they've found a way to leverage tax credits and financing worth about \$54 million. He said the county's building for seniors helps administer healthcare and other services in addition to actual housing. He said they also own a family site in Evanston, where there's an after school program. He said this type housing becomes a platform to help lift people. He talked about a dearth of affordable housing in the top job sectors and wealthier housing areas, and in the southern suburbs where many lower income live, there's a dearth of jobs. He called that a huge public policy issue. He said in this country, where you were born, what your zip code is, is the greatest determinant of where a young person will wind up. Monocchio talked about a systematic reduction in federal and state commitment to housing in general. More units being built are upscale because those people can afford it, he said. The mid-range housing and starter homes, he said, are not being built or are less affordable. Without federal subsidies and federal tax credits he said those buildings won't be built. He said there are a limited number of vouchers available to help people pay for housing in better areas that feature better schools. That allows lower income people to pay higher rents for similar housing that is much cheaper in poorer areas. Monocchio said for those left behind in housing in poorer areas, they've started a brand new college program to send 40 kids to Prairie State University.

WXRT Public Affairs Show

July 16, 2016

Guest: Kelly Leonard, The Second City

30 minutes out of 30 minute program

Kelly Leonard joined Mary Dixon on the WXRT Public Affairs show to discuss the techniques of improvisational comedy and how its techniques can help people get along better. Kelly discussed how improv can assist people in working more cohesively in their neighborhood or their jobs, how it encourages people to listen to each other and show empathy. Kelly also discussed how improvisational techniques can be used within a family unit to combat stress and other conflicts.

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VII. FAMILY ISSUES

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At Issue

September 17 and 18, 2016

Guests: John Baldwin, Director Illinois Department of Corrections

George Sheldon, Director Illinois Dept. of Children and Family Services

30 minutes out of 30 minute program

This program centered on steps the Illinois state prison system is taking to confront mental health issues. The department of corrections has moved to expand and enhance services for the mentally ill. There have been accusations of inadequate treatment for inmates. Baldwin said 9.1 percent of offenders have been diagnosed as seriously mentally ill. He said 25 percent have behavioral health issues. He said Illinois and other states have been slow to treat people while incarcerated. Baldwin said they are training all 12,000 of their staff members. He talked about a class action lawsuit against the department about mental health issues. The suit languished in the courts for 8 years, but they reached an agreement earlier this year. He said the Department of Corrections is the largest provider of mental health services in the state. Baldwin said it is time they acted like they know what they're doing. Part of that involves working with private providers 30 days before an inmate's release, to help for a seamless reentry to society. Sheldon said DCFS sees 80 percent of children come into care because of behavioral health and substance abuse issues. He said too many youths who age out of care, if they don't have an education and social skills, move on to homelessness and the criminal justice system. There's an 11-15 waiver now that's meant to fundamentally prevent behavioral issues rather than managing those issues. This involves Medicaid dollars, providing support for innovative and research based ideas. Baldwin said while some employees naturally deal with the issues well, others struggle, and his department must do a better job hiring the right people. Sheldon said research shows those incarcerated do better when they keep a connection with their children—a bond that helps in the rehabilitation process. The research also shows, he said, that children whose parents are incarcerated lose interest in schools and lose motivation. So they have a program at one prison for women where they will connect infants and toddlers with mothers in a child-friendly visiting room. He said they're also looking at video conferencing for older children. Baldwin added that nationally 78 percent of offenders who assault staff have behavioral issues. So Baldwin said collaboration among agencies to deal with mental issues will help in the safety of staff. He said to see the full effect of the changes they're making will take five or six years, but some change is visible now. He said among other things, they're starting a life-skills reentry prison to focus on giving people the life skills to make it on the outside, skills they should have had before their incarceration.

VIII. HEALTH CARE

At Issue

August 6 and 7, 2016

Guest: Susan Russell, Executive Director Chicago Animal Care and Control

30 minutes out of 30 minute program

Steve Miller hosted this program, featuring a tour of Chicago's Animal Care and Control facility. Russell has been in this job for about three months. She talked about the wing featuring dogs suffering from anything from dog flu to kennel cough. People wear special garb to keep from having the illness transmitted via humans. Russell said in 2015 more than 17,000 animals went through their facilities. Some are captured, some brought in by owners, some are dangerous, some brought in because of neglect. They receive everything from snakes, chickens, court-case confiscated animals kept for evidence. No animals, she said, are turned away. She emphasized most of these animals eventually are looking for homes, and she hopes this interview will lead people to go there to look at animals available. Russell talked specifically at dogs and how stereotypes work against them. She said breed does not determine behavior, and pit bulls get a bad rap. She said all dogs should be treated as individuals. She also discussed the need to save as many animals as possible, but some animals cannot be released to the public, perhaps too sick. Russell said she wants more partnering with organizations to find animals homes, but they're fighting the pit bull stereotype with mixed breed dogs. For those interested in adopting, at the time of this recording, there were 10 cats and close to 30 dogs available, and many wind up at their partners. She said the adoption fee is \$65 and all the animals have a microchip, all the vaccines and are spayed or neutered. Chicago Animal Care and Control also has volunteer training sessions scheduled for August and September, and they welcome both new and returning volunteers.

At Issue

August 13 and 14, 2016

Guests: Tim Ryan, Founder A Man in Recovery Foundation

Caroline Kacena, Board Member A Man in Recovery Foundation

Chris Reed, Founder New Directions Addiction Recovery Services

Derak Horan, Banyan Tree Treatment Centers

30 minutes out of 30 minute program

Lisa Fielding hosted this program which followed up her recent news feature "Generation Heroin." Fielding reports heroin is cheaper than cigarettes and more accessible for young people than alcohol. Last year Illinois had more than 800 overdose deaths. Two of the guests have recovered from addiction, and another had a son die from overdose. Ryan said he struggled with everything: cocaine, alcohol and heroin. He said he got in a car accident and almost killed four people. He said prison and drug treatment saved his life, but he lost his wife and house in the process. His foundation drives people to treatment and recovery whether or not they have insurance. Reed said heroin has become a new drug of choice among young people because it is powerful and appealing. He said younger people can't really comprehend the consequences. Ryan said it is easier for a teenager to get heroin than a six-pack of beer. The average heroin addict today, he said, is a 22-year-old white middle class female and 23-year-old white middle class male. Kacena lost her son John to heroin four years ago when he was 20. She said at that time there wasn't enough press about the danger of heroin. She didn't know her area, Naperville, had a problem there. She said her son hid the problem well, until he got

arrested. She said she's involved in distributing narcan at various meetings. Narcan reverses an overdose. The law now allows all first responders to carry narcan under a new law. Horan said one key issue is people overdose, are taken to hospitals, then being released three hours later. He wants a law saying those people are remanded to treatment on the spot, or put in jail. Horan said he originally got hooked on opioids while recovering from a sports injury, and it hooked him from the time he was 16 until six months ago (age 22.) Kacena said all opioids, in effect, are synthetic heroin. Ryan said even marijuana today is much stronger than when he grew up. He said people need to be educated—"to be aware is to be alive." Reed said his organization focuses on advocacy and prevention along with treatment. He said they have a "sober bar," a bar without alcohol. That gives people in recovery mode a place to socialize. He said they also just got zoning approved for a male sober-living facility in Crystal Lake. Ryan said recovery must come first, ahead of all the other elements of a person's life. He said weekly meetings in Naperville may have 100 people show up each week. And they include both the recovering addicts, and a loved one needed to help them and understand.

WXRT Public Affairs Show

September 17, 2016

Guest: Karen Young, National Ovarian Cancer Coalition spokeswoman

30 minutes out of 30 minute program

Karen Young from the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition joined Terri Hemmert to promote national ovarian cancer awareness month in September. Karen discussed the symptoms of ovarian cancer, how it is diagnosed and how it is treated. Young also provided a glimpse into what future research hopes to seek, including a cure.

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This program centered on steps the Illinois state prison system is taking to confront mental health issues. The department of corrections has moved to expand and enhance services for the mentally ill. There have been accusations of inadequate treatment for inmates. Baldwin said 9.1 percent of offenders have been diagnosed as seriously mentally ill. He said 25 percent have behavioral health issues. He said Illinois and other states have been slow to treat people while incarcerated. Baldwin said they are training all 12,000 of their staff members. He talked about a class action lawsuit against the department about mental health issues. The suit languished in the courts for 8 years, but they reached an agreement earlier this year. He said the Department of Corrections is the largest provider of mental health services in the state. Baldwin said it is time they acted like they know what they're doing. Part of that involves working with private providers 30 days before an inmate's release, to help for a seamless reentry to

society. Sheldon said DCFS sees 80 percent of children come into care because of behavioral health and substance abuse issues. He said too many youths who age out of care, if they don't have an education and social skills, move on to homelessness and the criminal justice system. There's an 11-15 waiver now that's meant to fundamentally prevent behavioral issues rather than managing those issues. This involves Medicaid dollars, providing support for innovative and research based ideas. Baldwin said while some employees naturally deal with the issues well, others struggle, and his department must do a better job hiring the right people. Sheldon said research shows those incarcerated do better when they keep a connection with their children—a bond that helps in the rehabilitation process. The research also shows, he said, that children whose parents are incarcerated lose interest in schools and lose motivation. So they have a program at one prison for women where they will connect infants and toddlers with mothers in a child-friendly visiting room. He said they're also looking at video conferencing for older children. Baldwin added that nationally 78 percent of offenders who assault staff have behavioral issues. So Baldwin said collaboration among agencies to deal with mental issues will help in the safety of staff. He said to see the full effect of the changes they're making will take five or six years, but some change is visible now. He said among other things, they're starting a life-skills reentry prison to focus on giving people the life skills to make it on the outside, skills they should have had before their incarceration.

IX. VOTER INFORMATION

At Issue

July 9 and 10, 2016

Guests: Cynthia Canary, Executive Director Independent Maps Campaign

Ra Joy, Executive Director CHANGE Illinois

30 minutes out of 30 minute program

This program centered on redistricting and the way legislative districts are drawn. Both guests are in favor of having an independent citizen's committee decide on district maps, rather than allowing the legislature to gerrymander the districts. The Independent Map Proposal has enough signatures to qualify for a spot on the ballot allowing voters to decide the system. However, there's a court challenge backed by the state Democratic Party, about whether that question legally qualifies to be on the ballot. Canary said voters have been able to amend the 1970 constitution only once. The reason is a narrow provision, she said, allowing voters to only decide changes in structure and procedure of legislature. She said the question is what that exactly means. Joy said more than 150,000 voters have signed to put the measure on the ballot. He said competitive elections are important for democracy, but in Illinois, he said, they're an endangered species. Right now, he said, legislators have a free pass for re-election. Canary said the current system minimizes debate, and this issue is about fundamental fairness and giving people a voice. Joy called it an effort to bring more transparency and public participation to state government. He referred to all issues in Springfield are held up by hyper-partisanship and dysfunction.

At Issue

July 23 and 24, 2016

Guests: Tim Schneider, Cook Co Commissioner & IL Republican Party Chairman

Mark Levine, Illinois Republican Convention Delegate

Steve Chaggaris, CBS News Political Editor

30 minutes out of 30 minute program

Craig Dellimore covered the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, and used this program to both recap the events, and discuss what's ahead with the guests. We also heard some of nominee Donald Trump's acceptance speech, along with Indiana Governor and Vice Presidential running mate Mike Pence, and Trump's former competitor Ted Cruz. Schneider admitted it was a tumultuous week but said Republicans were leaving the convention united. He said Illinois' delegates, many newcomers, were together all week, had great conversations and events which brought them "together." He said the Republican Party is one of ideas, but that doesn't mean everyone has to agree on everything. But he said there are key principles such as secure borders, strengthening our national defense, supporting our troops overseas and bringing middle class jobs and companies back to the US. Schneider said Trump was an outsider, a businessman, and many delegates have been asking what our government has been doing for me over the last eight years. He said he wants government working for the people, and not for its own self-interest. He also says the gloves will be off for this election, and in the past Republicans perhaps have made a mistake not doing that. Mark Levine said Republicans have lost five of the last six Presidential races, so Donald Trump is trying "new stuff." Levine said he wasn't in favor of some of Trump's policy changes, but he is for trying to win. He wants to hear Trump tout change, and not spend as much time insulting people. He said that's the key to winning. Chaggaris called remarkable Trump's accomplishment to gain the nomination over 16 competitors, as a non-politician who has not been a longtime member of the party. But Chaggaris also said his unfavorable numbers are higher than any other Presidential candidate in modern history, but against Hillary Clinton who has the second highest unfavorable numbers in modern history. He also said the boos for Ted Cruz when he refused to endorse Trump, showed that many party regulars have come around to support the former outsider. Chaggaris said while there are two "third party" candidates, the election will come down to Trump versus Clinton.

At Issue

July 30 and 31, 2016

Guests: Michael Madigan, Speaker of the Illinois House

Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Board Chairperson

30 minutes out of 30 minute program

Craig Dellimore covered the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, and used this program to both recap the events, and discuss what's ahead with the guests. Like the RNC, the DNC had disruptions and dissent from Bernie Sanders supporters.

Preckwinkle talked about the dissention. She said Michele Obama's speech hit the topic well, saying eight years earlier Hillary Clinton lost to her husband, but supported him and eventually became Secretary of State. She talked about Clinton's history of social activism and commitment to women's rights. For Sanders supporters, she said you don't always get the candidates you want but the candidates that there are. She said they have a clear choice between Clinton and Donald Trump. She also called it amazing there has never been a major female contender for President. Talking about the two main nominees now, she said Trump is not talking about getting illegal weapons off the streets and eliminating gun show loopholes. She said he's not talking about investing in public education at high enough levels, food deserts or lack of employment opportunities for those in violent neighborhoods. Madigan is chairman of the Illinois Democratic Party. He said Sanders did a great service for the party, by talking about income inequality, financial abuses on Wall Street, and lack affordability of college education. Madigan said he created enthusiasm among new voters who will vote in the general election, voters he expects will reject what he called the extremism of Trump and Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner. He said Rauner is on record he would fully support the Trump candidacy, even though he tried to distance himself by staying away from the Republican Convention. Madigan links the two together. He said America wants full, healthy debate and then settle in the middle. He said the Illinois budget deficit problem should have been solved a year and a half ago. He said Rauner's goal is to reduce wages in Illinois, and Democrats are against that. On the topic of term limits, which Rauner has pushed, Madigan said he supports term limits as determined by the voters in the state. He said if voters did not want him, they could have ousted him. He said his own longevity has helped his ability to fight against extremism. Madigan said Illinois can solve its budget deficit problem, a problem that hurts the most vulnerable and the state's credit rating. He said the solution is to sit, negotiation and be reasonable. Seven times, he said, when Rauner has dropped the turnaround agenda, some temporary budget agreements have been reached.

At Issue

August 27 and 28, 2016

Guests: Raja Krishnamoorthi, 8th Congressional District Democratic Candidate

Peter DiCianni, Congressional Opp. & DuPage County Board member

30 minutes out of 30 minute program

Krishnamoorthi is an attorney and businessman who is running for Congress against Peter DiCianni. The seat is held by Tammy Duckworth, who instead is running for Illinois' U.S. Senate seat. Krishnamoorthi previously has been an Illinois Deputy Treasurer and special assistant to the Attorney General. He said the number one issue facing the district and the country is how to grow and strengthen the middle class. He said as a youngster his parents fell out of the middle class, but eventually worked their way back up. He proposes Congress raise the minimum wage, guarantee access to sick leave and maternity leave, and make college more affordable through expanding tax credits and Pell grants. Krishnamoorthi said he's a small businessman in tech, and said if the minimum wage isn't raised, there will be further growth in income inequality and

inequality between the rich and poor in opportunities. That, he said, will lead to more problems down the road. He said small business owners generally pay better than minimum, but big businesses have an unfair advantage. He said he believes strongly in a woman's abortion rights. The second guest was DiCianni, who has been on the DuPage County Board since 2012. Before that he was mayor of Elmhurst. He also is President of his own print graphics firm which he said began in his parents' garage but has grown into a million-dollar business. He said he's a lifelong resident of the district. DiCianni talked about wanting to give back after 10 years building a successful business, so he helped start a non-profit called the Elmhurst Children's Assistance Foundation. He said they've raised more than a million dollars to help kids with special needs, disabilities, and illnesses. He said he ran the charity for 10 years, and he realized he's best as a public servant. He said his first priority is reviving the American dream, something he himself has experienced by building his own business. He said capital needs to be freed up by loosening some regulations to revive community banking. He also wants to see accelerated depreciation. He said he does believe in raising the minimum wage, but the minimum is meant to be a starting point, not a lifetime wage. He said money needs to be reinvested in career and tech education to give kids the skills needed to get higher paying jobs.

WXRT Promos that ran during 3rd Quarter 2016

Women and Children First Books – 7/12 2:45a, 7/17 2:15a, 7/22 4:15a

City of Chicago – 7/14 2:45a, 7/22 2:15a

Ravinia – 7/20 2:45a, 7/24 3:45a

City of Chicago Farmers Market – 7/4 4:15a, 7/9 4:45a, 7/15 2:15a, 7/19 2:15a, 7/26 3:45a

Windy City Times – 7/1 2:15a, 7/2 2:15a, 7/7 5:45a, 7/11 4:15a, 7/16 5:15a

College of Complexes – 7/6 3:15a, 7/11 2:15a, 7/16 3:45a, 7/22 4:45a

Grant Park Orchestra – 7/20 3:15, 7/29 3:45a

Sheffield Garden Walk – 7/12 4:45a, 7/17 4:45a, 7/21 3:45a

MLK Fair Housing Center – 7/3 3:45a, 7/9 3:45a, 7/14 3:15a, 7/18 4:45a

Museum of Broadcast Communications – 7/4 2:15a, 7/9 4:15a, 7/13 3:45a, 7/18 2:45a

Adler Planetarium – 7/13 3:15a, 7/18 2:15a, 7/21 3:15a

National Flood Insurance Program – 7/2 3:45a, 7/8 2:15a, 7/11 3:45a, 7/16 4:45a, 7/19 3:45a

Art Institute – 7/1 4:15a, 7/7 4:20a, 7/11 4:45a, 7/16 5:45a, 7/19 3:15a

Chicago Shakespeare Theater – 7/5 4:15a, 7/10 5:45a, 7/16 4:15a

Better Business Bureau – 7/2 5:45a, 7/9 2:15a, 7/13 4:45a

Jazz Institute – 7/3 3:15a, 7/9 3:15a

PAWS Chicago – 7/2 4:45a, 7/8 3:15a, 7/11 3:15a

Chicago Sinfonietta – 7/7 2:15a, 7/16 2:15a, 7/23 2:15a, 8/2 2:45a

Wrightwood Neighbors – 7/25 3:15a, 7/30 4:45a, 8/3 12:50p

Lupus Society – 7/14 4:45a, 7/18 4:15a, 7/24 5:15a, 7/30 2:45a, 7/31 2:45a

College of Complexes – 7/22 2:45a, 7/27 2:45a, 7/31 4:45a, 8/4 11:50a

Ukrainian National Museum – 7/17 5:45a, 7/23 5:15a, 7/28 4:45a, 8/1 4:45a, 8/6 5:45a

Marshall Law School – 7/18 3:45a, 7/23 5:45a, 7/29 2:45a, 8/2 3:45a, 8/7 2:45a

Better Business Bureau – 7/27 4:15a, 8/1 3:45a, 8/6 4:45a, 8/8 11:50a, 8/13 3:45a

Women & Children First Books – 8/5 2:45a, 8/9 3:15a, 8/13 4:15a

Healthy Women – 7/29 3:15a, 8/2 4:15a, 8/7 2:15a, 8/11 2:45a, 8/14 3:45a

Steppenwolf Theater – 7/23 3:45a, 7/28 3:45a, 8/1 4:15a, 8/6 5:15a, 8/10 4:45a

City of Chicago Reggae Fest – 8/3 2:45a, 8/7 4:45a, 8/9 11:50a, 8/13 5:45a

Uptown United – 8/3 3:15a, 8/8 2:15a, 8/13 2:15a

Frontline Foundations, Inc. – 7/23 4:15a, 7/28 4:19a, 8/2 2:15a, 8/7 3:45a, 8/11 3:45a

Rockopelli Music Festival – 7/27 2:15a, 7/31 4:15a, 8/5 4:45a, 8/10 2:15a

Albany Park World Fest – 8/12 4:45a, 8/16 3:15a, 8/19 4:15a, 8/19 11:50a

Metropolis – 8/2 4:45a, 8/7 3:15a, 8/11 1:46a, 8/14 5:45a, 8/17 12:50p

Willow House – 8/7 5:15a, 8/11 3:15a, 8/15 3:15a, 8/18 2:15a, 8/18 11:50a

Chicago Humanities Festival – 8/15 4:45a, 8/18 4:15a, 8/19 2:15a, 8/21 5:15a, 8/24 4:45a

Radiological Society – 8/11 4:45a, 8/15 4:15a, 8/19 2:45a, 8/22 3:15a, 8/25 2:45a

City of Chicago Film Series – 8/13 4:45a, 8/17 3:45a, 8/21 4:45a, 8/22 11:50a, 8/23 10:45a

Chicago Dancing Festival – 8/3 4:15a, 8/7 5:45a, 8/11 4:15a, 8/15 3:45a, 8/21 5:45a

Taste of Greektown – 8/20 4:15a, 8/23 3:45a, 8/24 11:50a

College of Complexes – 8/18 3:45a, 8/22 2:45a, 8/25 4:45a, 8/29 3:45a, 8/30 11:50a

Chicago Jazz Fest – 8/12 2:45a, 8/16 4:15a, 8/21 2:15a, 8/26 11:50a, 8/29 2:45a

Rush Hour Concerts – 8/4 2:45a, 8/14 5:15a

Ravinia – 8/27 2:15a, 8/30 3:45a, 9/3 5:45a

City of Chicago Farmers Markets – 8/22 2:15a, 8/25 3:45a, 8/29 3:15a, 9/1 10:50a, 9/5 3:15a

Metropolis – 9/2 4:45a, 9/6 4:15a, 9/7 12:50p

Make a Wish – 8/31 2:15a, 9/4 2:15a, 9/6 11:50a

Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce – 9/1 2:45a, 9/5 2:15a

Museum of Science & Industry – 8/24 2:15a, 8/28 2:45a, 9/2 2:45a, 9/5 10:50a

Adler Planetarium – 9/3 5:15a, 9/7 4:15a, 9/11 3:15a, 9/14 2:15a, 9/14 11:20a

Women & Children First Books – 9/4 3:45a, 9/8 4:15a, 9/11 5:45a, 9/13 11:50a

Columbia College – 9/1 2:15a, 9/6 3:15a, 9/10 4:45a, 9/14 2:45a

Dominican University – 9/1 3:15a, 9/4 4:45a, 9/8 4:45a, 9/12 4:15a, 9/12 12:20p

World Music Fest – 9/8 3:15a, 9/11 4:45a, 9/15 2:15a, 9/17 5:15a

Lambs Farm – 9/18 3:45a, 9/21 2:15a, 9/22 4:15a, 9/25 3:15a

Main Street Opera – 9/3 2:15a, 9/9 4:15a, 9/17 3:15a, 9/20 2:45a, 9/22 3:45a

St. Alphonsus Church – 9/18 3:15a, 9/20 4:45a, 9/21 4:45a, 9/22 11:50a

Greenhouse Theater – 9/10 3:15a, 9/13 4:45a, 9/17 2:15a, 9/19 4:45a, 9/20 12:20p

Chicago Symphony Orchestra – 9/1 3:45a, 9/6 3:45a, 9/10 5:15a, 9/17 3:45a

Year Up – 9/5 4:15a, 9/9 4:45a, 9/13 2:45a, 9/16 2:45a, 9/19 2:45a

Loyola University Farmers Market – 9/3 4:45a, 9/7 3:45a, 9/12 2:45a, 9/16 2:15a, 9/19 4:15a

AIDS Foundation – 9/10 4:15a, 9/13 4:15a, 9/16 4:15a, 9/19 3:45a, 9/19 11:50a

Timeline Theatre – 9/5 2:45a, 9/9 3:15a, 9/12 4:45a, 9/15 3:15a, 9/17 5:45a

World Music Fest – 9/15 3:45a, 9/18 2:20a, 9/20 3:45a, 9/22 3:15a, 9/23 11:50a

Park Art Center – 9/18 2:45a, 9/20 4:15a, 9/23 4:45a, 9/26 3:15a, 9/29 4:15a

Radiological Society – 9/17 4:15a, 9/22 2:45a, 9/25 2:15a, 9/28 3:15a

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – 9/17 4:45a, 9/20 2:15a, 9/23 4:15a,
9/26 2:45a, 9/28 11:50a

City of Chicago Farmer’s Market – 9/19 3:15a, 9/21 12:50p, 9/25 4:45a, 9/28 4:45a