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CRAWL THROUGH CHICAGO'S HISTORIC AND INFAMOUS PUBS

Neighborhood and themed pub crawls offered by the Chicago History Museum through the end of 2007

CHICAGO (Month, Date, Year) – The Chicago History Museum proudly presents *History Pub Crawls*, a new monthly tour series that takes participants to four or five watering holes per tour providing historic information about the neighborhood and the pubs. Led by bar expert, Sean Parnell, participants will be able to have a drink and relax as Parnell educates them on the theme for the month, which will range from neighborhoods to Irish pubs to speakeasies, and even some haunted history too.

The first tour of the series kicks off on March 15, *Erin Go Beer! Irish Pubs of Chicago*. To honor St. Patrick's Day, the Museum will explore historic Irish pubs via a private trolley. On April 26, *Saloons of Old Chicago: The Gold Coast* will explore the Gold Coast neighborhood as participants wander in and out of old time "saloons" and learn about Chicago's original entertainment district. *Bars and Bootlegging: Prohibition Era Chicago*, happening on May 17, allows participants to get a real feel of the speakeasies once owned, operated, or frequented by Al Capone, Bugs Moran, and other infamous gangsters. Also, learn how the prohibition shaped Chicago and its image worldwide.

The fourth tour of the series on June 21 titled, *Ye Olde Libations: The Classic Bars of Old Town*, looks at the types of residents that have made up this unique area over time. From Germans, to hippies, to yuppies learn about the neighborhood's distinctive past and how the pubs helped make Old Town what it is today. *Tales and Taverns: A Literary Pub Crawl* on July 19, explores Chicago's often overshadowed literary history visiting various pubs that served as haunts for some of the city's signature authors. The August 16 tour, *The Art of Drinking in Lincoln Park*, traces the stomping grounds of generations of Lincoln Park residents and visitors. Learn about some historic watering holes whose history began long before the popular bars of today.

The pub crawls occurring in the last four months of 2007 lend themselves to the season and the holidays. On September 20 the theme is *Historic German Pubs of Chicago* in celebration of Oktoberfest. During the month of

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October, tours will run on October 16, 18, 23, and 25, featuring *Haunted Historic Pub Crawls*. November 29 explores the pubs and history of the Andersonville neighborhood and on December 13 the pub crawl will focus on bars and pubs that celebrate the holiday season.

Tours start at 7:00 p.m. and run approximately 2 hours. All tour participants must be 21 years of age or older to crawl. Tickets are \$25/\$20 Museum members. Beverages are not provided with the ticket price, but drink specials will be included for tour-goers. Reservations are highly recommended as tours are limited to 25 people. For more information, and for meeting locations, please visit www.chicagohistory.org or call 312.642.4600.

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The Chicago History Museum, a major museum and research center for Chicago and American history, is located at 1601 N. Clark Street. The Museum can be reached by CTA buses 11, 22, 36, 72, 151, and 156. Parking is conveniently located one block north of the Museum at Clark and LaSalle Streets (enter on Stockton Drive). Admission to the Museum is a suggested donation of \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/students, free for children 12 years and younger. General Admission is free on Mondays. Please call 312.642.4600 or visit us at www.chicagohistory.org. The Chicago History Museum is affiliated with the Chicago Historical Society and acknowledges the Chicago Park District's generous support of all the Museum's activities.