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MUSEUM HOSTS JIM BELUSHI, DOCUMENTARY FILMS & THE SECOND CITY

The Chicago History Museum's fall programming line-up has something for everyone!

CHICAGO (August 20, 2007) – The Chicago History Museum has an exciting line-up of fall programming from September through November of 2007. Programs are held at the Museum and vary in cost depending on the program. All events are held in the evenings and Museum members receive discounts on all programs.

Chicago Treasures returns this fall on September 12, 19, October 10, and 17. This program allows for guests to engage in conversations with some of Chicago's most interesting and influential citizens. The September 19th program will be a discussion with members of the band *Chicago*. On October 17th, **Jim Belushi** will talk about his experiences and how Chicago has influenced his career and life. The other two program participants are still being finalized. Programs begin at 7:00 p.m. and are \$12/\$10 for Museum members. Tickets for the four-part series are \$42/\$35 for Museum members.

Project Sunday, our new monthly documentary film series, is held in collaboration with ITVS and Kartemquin Films. There are three screenings scheduled for this fall. **And This Is Free**, being shown on Sunday, September 16, is a film revealing the multicultural texture and rhythms of Chicago's Maxwell Street Market. **The Weather Underground**, on Sunday, October 14, features members of The Weather Underground as the face their pasts as privileged young people who turned to systematic violence as an effort to stop the Vietnam War. On Sunday, November 11, **In the Realms of the Unreal** reveals the janitor-by-day, visionary-artist-by-night Henry Darger and the treasure trove of work that was discovered after he died. All screenings begin at 1:30 p.m. and are followed by a discussion. Tickets are free with general Museum admission.

Chicago and Comedy is a program series this fall that looks at some of comedy's best and brightest. This series is held in collaboration with The Second City. On Tuesday, October 30, **An Improvised History** features Sheldon Patinkin and Anne Libera discussing the legacy of Chicago comedy. On Tuesday, November 6, **Comedy Speaks**

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showcases Scott Simon as he moderates a conversation with Chicago's comedy legends. On Tuesday, November 13, **Tuesday Night Live with The Second City** is a 60-minute discussion followed by a 30-minute performance, which includes audience participation. All Chicago and Comedy programs begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12/\$10 Museum members.

In The K/Now features programs that explore contemporary issues facing Chicagoans. Tuesday, September 11 explores the issue **Why Do We Care? Pop Culture and the Media**. Journalist Walter Jacobson and entertainment reporter Mark Caro discuss the evolution of the media and our obsession with Hollywood. On Thursday, October 4, **Immigration and the Nation** looks at one of the hottest issues facing the nation this election season. **The Great Chicago Smoking Ban** on Thursday, November 1 will debate how this new law will affect life in the Windy City. All In the K/Now programs start at 6:30 p.m. and are free to the public.

The Social World of Women will discuss the social aspects of womanhood and women's influence on American culture. Chocolate and wine compliment this evening, with the chocolate donated by Vosges Haut-Chocolat. Individuals must be 21 years of age or older to attend. Reservations are required for this free program on Wednesday, November 14, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

On Saturday, November 17, the Museum will present the premier concert performance of **Subliminal Strings: Link City** by New York based artist and musician Paul D. Miller, aka DJ Spooky. In collaboration with the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Link City Chicago examines the idea of the urban landscape as a legible text, and looks at the global city from the viewpoint of how form and function are evolving in the radically accelerated information economy. Tickets are \$30/\$25 Museum members/\$15 for students. There are a limited number of student tickets available.

For details on any of these fall programs, 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.