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## FALL PROGRAMS AT THE CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM

*Treasures*, *CRISIS!*, and *Paschke* public programs help explore the city's past and future

CHICAGO (October 09, 2006) – The Chicago History Museum is announcing a new program line-up for the fall in conjunction with the re-opening of the 150-year-old institution. New programming focuses on the people and events that have influenced Chicago – its past and future.

*Chicago Treasures*, a four-part series, hosted by Steve Edwards, of Chicago Public Radios's *Eight Forty-Eight* daily flagship magazine, sits down with Chicago personalities and discusses their views on Chicago and how their careers have helped shape and influence the city. The first program on Thursday, October 12, is a conversation between Cubs great Ernie Banks and White Sox legend Minnie Minoso. This discussion will focus on the generations of Chicago sports fans, the rising and falling of Chicago's beloved teams, and how their careers as well as sport fever have shaped the city. On Thursday, October 19, artist Tony Fitzpatrick and musician Jon Langford will discuss their work, friendship, and how Chicago's streets and working class neighborhoods have inspired their creative visions.

*Chicago Treasures* continues on Thursday, October 26, with Second City co-founder Bernie Sahlins and theatre director Mary Zimmerman. This lively conversation will focus on their careers and how Chicago has altered the face of American theater. On Thursday, November 2, the series concludes with chef Rick Bayless and radio personality Rafael "El Pistolero" Pulido. They will explore the deepening connection between Chicago and Mexico; as seen through their work and life. The *Chicago Treasures* series occurs on Thursdays from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Chicago History Museum. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for individual lectures are \$12/\$10 Museum members. Tickets for all four lectures are \$42/\$35 Museum members.

*Crisis!*, a new series of programs exploring the disasters, social upheaval, and urban tragedies that have defined Chicago, will begin on Tuesday, October 31 focusing on The Great Chicago Fire. This discussion is led by Carl Smith, the Franklyn Bliss Snyder professor of English and American Studies and professor of History at Northwestern University. On Tuesday, November 7, Eastland Disaster expert Ted Wachholz, president and founder of the Eastland Disaster Historical Society will discuss this tragic event in the city's past. On Tuesday, November 14, Elizabeth Taylor from the Chicago Tribune will touch on The 1968 Riots. The series ends on Saturday, November

18, with a bus tour led by Vincent Michael, associate professor and chair at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, that will tour sites associated with The Great Chicago Fire, Eastland Disaster, and 1968 Riots. Each individual program is \$10/\$8 Museum members. The bus tour only is \$45/\$40 Museum members, and tickets for all three lectures and the bus tour are \$68/\$58 Museum members.

*Ed Paschke*, a retrospective exhibition on his life, has opened the door for new programming to explore his work and life through the eyes of his colleagues. The Chicago History Museum will offer *The Art of Ed Paschke* a guided gallery tour series by Chicago-area artists. Providing personal insights and connections of the late artist, the following artists will be participating: on Sunday, October 22, Phyllis Bramson; Sunday, October 29, Karl Wirsum; Sunday, November 5, Linda Kramer; and a final program, led by guest curator David Russick, will bring together all the artists on Sunday, November 12. These tours are free of charge with Museum admission. Tours run from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. and the final program is from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

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The Chicago History Museum, a major museum and research center for Chicago and American history, is located at 1601 North Clark Street. For more information, call 312-642-4600 or visit us at [www.chicagohistory.org](http://www.chicagohistory.org). The Chicago History Museum is affiliated with the Chicago Historical Society and gratefully acknowledges the Chicago Park District's generous support of all of the museum's activities.