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## HISTORY MUSEUM ANNOUNCES PROGRAMMING JUNE - AUGUST 2007

The Chicago History Museum's summer tour and program schedule has something for everyone.

CHICAGO (May 22, 2007) – The Chicago History Museum has many exciting programs and tours planned over the next three months. Tours of Chicago's history are given by trolley, boat, 'L,' and foot. Programs include an outdoor film series, AIDS activism discussions through our Out at CHM series, author discussions, and the Museum's 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Fourth of July Celebration.

*Trolley Tours* are just one of the options available to learn more about Chicago's history. *The Time Travelers Wife* led by a noted professor from Columbia College, Ron Falzone, on Saturday, July 21, discovers the places that created this tale into what it is today. *Nelson Algren's Chicago* on Saturday, August 4 discusses the history behind famous Chicago author Nelson Algren who wrote *The Man with the Golden Arm* and *City on the Make*. Bill Savage of Northwestern University will be conducting this tour. Both tours meet at the Museum and run from 1:00-5:00p.m. Tours are \$45 and \$40 for Museum members.

*History Pub Crawls* explore Chicago's famous and infamous watering holes. *Ye Olde Libations: The Classic Bars of Old Town* in June, and *Taverns and Tales: A Literary Pub Crawl* in July are both sold out, but there is still availability for the Thursday, August 16, *Lincoln Park Ale Trail*. This tour visits bars and pubs that have history beyond the frequently visited bars of today's college students. Drink specials will be offered at each pub location. The Pub Crawl on August 16 meets at the Museum, and runs from 7:00-10:00 p.m., but guests should arrive by 6:45p.m. Tickets are \$25 or \$20 for Museum members. Reservations are required as these tours sell out quickly.

**Boat Tours** are offered by the Chicago History Museum and Chicago Line Cruises. The *Summer Sunrise Java Jaunt* on Saturday, June 16 and August 25 from 7:00-9:30a.m. allows for participants to learn about Chicago's coffee industry while being delighted by Intelligentsia Coffee tastings. *Chicago's Yeast Side: A History of Beer* is a great way to learn how Chicago was once the leader of the Midwest beer industry long before Milwaukee. Enjoy this sunset tour with beer tastings provided by the Berghoff Brewery on Sunday, July 22 from 6:30-9:00p.m. Both tours run \$45 or \$40 for Museum members. *Daily History Cruises* through September 3, allow guests to cruise on Lake Michigan and

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the Chicago River while benefiting from the joys of Chicago's history along the way. Tours are scheduled at 10:30a.m., 12:30p.m., and 2:30p.m. Daily tours are \$32 for adults, \$30 for seniors, and \$18 for children (7-18). All tours begin at the Chicago Line dock at North Pier, 465 North McClurg Court. For more information, visit [www.chicagoline.com](http://www.chicagoline.com) or call 312.527.2002.

*Movies in the Park* presented by the Chicago History Museum and the Chicago Park District will screen some of Chicago's favorite movies from the 1980s, all filmed right here in Chicago. The movies will be shown on the east plaza which overflows into Lincoln Park. Admission is free for all ages, and guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, etc. The films featured this summer include *Sixteen Candles* on Wednesday, June 6; *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* on Wednesday July 25; and *Weird Science* on Wednesday, August 22. All shows begin at sunset. Please check the Museum's website, [www.chicagohistory.org](http://www.chicagohistory.org), for official show times.

*Children of Heaven*, is an Oscar-nominated film from Iran, which celebrates the immediacy and essence of childhood. It is shown in both Persian and English subtitles. This special screening is presented in collaboration with His Highness Prince Aga Khan Shia Imami Ismaili Council for the Midwestern United States on Sunday, June 10 at 1:00p.m. and is free with Museum admission.

*Out at CHM: AIDS, Art and Activism* describes how artists since the 1980s have helped to improve the AIDS crisis through different film clips, spoken word performances, and a panel discussion with filmmaker Mary Patten, performer Avery R. Young, and historian Jennifer Brier. Cocktails begin at 5:30p.m., the program begins at 6:30p.m. Admission is \$10 or \$5 for Museum members and students. There will be after-party given by *Newcity* at Sidetrack, 3349 North Halsted Street. *Action! AIDS Activism through Art, Film, and Video* which will be presented by Center on Halsted consists of two nights of films based on the theme of *Aids, Art and Activism*. David Getsy, a professor at the School at the Art Institute of Chicago, has curated this series of films. This event takes place at The Center on Halsted, 3656 North Halsted Street and tickets can be purchased at 773.472.6469 or at [www.centeronhalsted.org](http://www.centeronhalsted.org).

*In the K/Now's* June program, *It's Easy Being Green* describes different ways the city of Chicago is becoming a more environmentally friendly place. Presenters for this event include Robert Kohl from Center on Halsted (Chicago's newest all-green building); architect Jay Longo; Erik Olsen (Green Projects administrator for the City of Chicago); and Jenna Rose, president of A Fresh Squeeze, will present how Chicagoans can make little improvements everyday to make the city an even more beautiful place. This program on Thursday, June 7, 6:30-8:00p.m. is moderated by

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Laura Washington from DePaul University. *In the K/Now* is a monthly series recognizing issues and topics that affect our everyday lives living in Chicago. Check the Museum's website for additional monthly topics.

*Meet the Author* is a time to get to know some popular authors through book discussions and book signings. On Thursday, July 17, *The Time Traveler's Wife* features author Audrey Niffenegger as she discusses her inspirations, pitfalls, and how she gained her success. On Thursday, August 23 Jerry Crimmins speaks about his book, *Fort Dearborn: A Novel*, that portrays the viewpoints of two boys and their fathers in the 1812 Fort Dearborn Massacre. Crimmins will also be signing copies of his new book after the discussion. Both events are from 6:30-8:00p.m. and admission is free.

*A Star-Spangled Independence Day* on Wednesday, July 4, will be filled with family festivities and great Chicago traditions. Guest speaker Sharon Gist Gilliam, chairperson of the Chicago Housing Authority and vice-chair, Board of Trustees, Chicago Historical Society, will be featured for the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Fourth of July Celebration at the Chicago History Museum. Continuing entertainment includes musical performances and a children's costume parade led by the World's Tallest Uncle Sam. This event is outdoors on the Uihlein Plaza from 10:00a.m.- 12:00 noon and is free to the public. The Museum doors open at 12 noon and admission will be charged as normal. As a one-time opportunity, memberships to Museum sold at the event will be 10-20 percent off the regular price.

*L' Tours* are a perfect way to experience summertime in Chicago. *Life Along the 'L'* allows visitors to discover how diverse of a city Chicago is through its highlights of everything from gritty industrial districts to elegant cultural institutions. Tours are two hours long on Sundays at 1:00p.m. and meet at the Concierge Desk of the Palmer House Hilton Hotel, 17 East Monroe Street. Tickets are \$15 and \$10 for Museum members, this ticket price includes a one-day CTA transit pass. The Brown Line is on June 3, and August 5; Green Line South on June 10, July 15, and August 12; Green Line West on June 17, and July 22; and Blue Line on June 24, and August 26. *Soul Train: An "Elevated" Musical Journey* is on Sunday, July 29 from 1:00-4:00p.m. and is a peaceful journey through Chicago's rich music and transit history on a private 'L' car with soul, jazz, and blues music playing. Meet at the Wilson 'L' stop on the Red Line. Tickets are at \$40 and \$30 for Museum members.

*Neighborhood Walking Tours* feature historic Chicago neighborhoods. Tours are two hours long on Saturdays at 10:00a.m. and meet at the Museum. *The Lincoln Park Neighborhood* tour runs on June 23, July 28, and August 25 and meets at the Fullerton 'L' stop entrance on the Red/Brown/Purple Line. *The Gold Coast Neighborhood* tour is on June

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2, June 30, and August 4; and *The Old Town Neighborhood* on June 16, and July 21. These tours are \$10 and \$5 for Museum members. The **Rosehill Cemetery Tour**, on July 22 highlights the graves of notable people such as Oscar Mayer, Montgomery Ward, and Julius Rosenwald in well-known cemeteries with breathtaking architectural and historical surroundings. Tickets run \$15 or \$5 for Museum members. This tour meets at the cemetery entrance.

For more information on any of these programs, please visit the Chicago History Museum website at [www.chicagohistory.org](http://www.chicagohistory.org) or call the Museum at 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](http://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.