

# NEWS RELEASE

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## MILLENNIUM PARK CONTINUES TO SERVE-UP SONIC ENTERTAINMENT THROUGHOUT AUGUST

### Popular *Audio Picnic* Series Resumes with AFTRA/SAG Senior Radio Players August 4

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Millennium Park present *Audio Picnic*, a special series that takes place on select Monday evenings through August 18. Guests are invited to lounge on the Great Lawn of Millennium Park's beautiful Jay Pritzker Pavilion to soak up sounds from a one-of-a-kind sound system and to bring along a picnic, games and friends to play, stretch, chat, eat and drink.

Electronic music artists, local record label heads, music historians and critics, expert DJs, hip hop impresarios, and surprise guests provide the sonic backdrop from 6 - 9 pm on designated Mondays from the Pritzker Pavilion's sound booth.

### *Audio Picnic* Complete August Schedule:

#### Monday, August 4

#### **Golden Age of Radio: A Twist of the Dial II & Three Variations of Love**

Featuring The AFTRA/SAG Senior Radio Players

The AFTRA/SAG Senior Radio Players recreate the magic of old time radio performances by telling stories and creating fascinating live sound effects. They stay faithful to the original by having to get it right the first time-no retakes permitted. "A Twist of the Dial II: The War Years" recreates the powerful role radio played in World War 2, and the way it brought the nation together. The audience will be reminded of personalities including FDR, Edward R. Murrow, Gabriel Heatter, Eddie Cantor, and GI Jill, and the music of Your Hit Parade, dance remotes, Kate Smith, the Andrew Sisters and Louis Armstrong.

"Variations of Love: Three Short Stories from the Golden Age of Radio" features three episodes from popular radio sitcoms of the 1940s including: "Good Salesman" from *Short Short Story*, "The Bickersons at Sea" from the *Bickersons*, and "My Client Curley" from *Columbia Workshop*.

#### Monday, August 11

#### **This is Not a Test: The Chicago Sound Experience**

Listen to a selection of local, national and international sound artist recordings on the Great Lawn's state-of-the-art sound system. These field recordings, experimental works and abstract compositions will investigate time, place and space in the city of Chicago and beyond. Curated by Margaret Noble.

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Monday, August 18

**Chicago Sound Clash**

Featuring Thrill Jockey Records, Bloodshot Records, Drag City and Kranky Records

Local record labels play their best, their rarest, their yet-to-be released tracks and go head to head for sonic label supremacy.

Millennium Park is an award-winning center for art, music, architecture and landscape design. The result of a unique partnership between the City of Chicago and the philanthropic community, the 24.5-acre park features the work of world-renowned architects, planners, artists and designers. Among Millennium Park's prominent features are the Frank Gehry-designed Jay Pritzker Pavilion, the most sophisticated outdoor concert venue of its kind in the United States; the interactive Crown Fountain by Jaume Plensa; the contemporary Lurie Garden designed by the team of Gustafson Guthrie Nichol, Piet Oudolf and Robert Israel; and Anish Kapoor's hugely popular Cloud Gate sculpture. Since its opening in July 2004, Millennium Park has welcomed more than 12 million of people, making it one of the most popular destinations in Chicago.

For more information about **Millennium Park**, call 312.742.1168 or visit [www.millenniumpark.org](http://www.millenniumpark.org).

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