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## **FINAL WEEKS TO SEE “MARK DI SUVERO/MILLENNIUM PARK”**

### **Five Large-Scale Sculptures to Remain on Display through Oct. 12, 2008**

Chicagoans will soon say good-bye to the five large-scale sculptures by artist Mark di Suvero that have graced Millennium Park’s outdoor Boeing Galleries since April, 2007. Their last day in the Park will be October 12, 2008. Close to four million people will have seen these soaring sculptures in the 18 months that they will have been on display in Millennium Park.

“Chicago has fallen in love with the art of Mark di Suvero,” said Lois Weisberg, Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs. “His striking pieces of sculpture have captivated the imaginations of Chicagoans and visitors alike, who can be found interacting with his work, just as they do with the Crown Fountain and Cloud Gate in Millennium Park.”

**Mark di Suvero/Millennium Park** is presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, Millennium Park, in cooperation with Millennium Park, Inc., and is sponsored by The Boeing Company with support from the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation. The sculpture is available for all to enjoy free of charge.

A prolific sculptor, di Suvero’s works have punctuated landscapes and urban environments for half a century. His arresting pieces have consistently drawn critical acclaim, confronting audiences with their audacious colors and shapes, and mesmerizing even the casual passer-by with their subtle energy and intricate proportion.

Two Mark di Suvero works can be found in Millennium Park’s North Boeing Gallery and three are on display in the South Boeing Gallery. The largest, *Orion*, a bright orange sculpture, measuring 53 feet high and weighing close to 12 tons, sits in the North Boeing Gallery along with *Johnny Appleseed*, a 23’6” foot high structure with two large steam shovels intersecting its steel base. In the South Boeing Gallery are the two kinetic steel pieces, *Shang*, a 25 foot tall sculpture, and *Yoga*, a 29’6” tall sculpture. Visitors enjoy climbing on the suspended steel beam in *Shang* that acts as a swing and everyone can see *Yoga*’s graceful movements as it turns in the wind. The bright red *Rust Angel* sits between *Shang* and *Yoga*.

Millennium Park is located in the heart of downtown Chicago. It is bordered by Michigan Ave. to the west, Columbus Dr. to the east, Randolph St. to the north and Monroe St. to the south. The Boeing Galleries are located along Millennium Park’s mid-level terraces, just east of Michigan Avenue. Millennium Park is open every day from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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

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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 hosted millions of people, making it one of the most popular destinations in Chicago.

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

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