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POI DOG PONDERING COMES TO MILLENNIUM PARK IN A FREE CONCERT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

**Family Fun Festival Continues in the Park till September 1
Featuring Interactive Activities and Performances, Sponsored by Target**

Summer wraps up with a Labor Day concert for the entire family featuring **Poi Dog Pondering** on Monday, September 1 at 3 p.m. on the stage of the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park. Sponsored by Target and presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, Millennium Park as part of the Family Fun Festival, this free concert will begin with a pre-show that includes the international sounds of dj Madrid.

Led by Frank Orral on guitar, vocals and tambourine, the **Poi Dog Pondering** band includes Charlete Wortham (voice, percussion), Rick Gehrenbeck (keyboards), Susan Voelz (violin, vocals), El John (percussion), Dave Max Crawford (trumpet, keyboards, accordion), Ron "Admiral" Hall (bass), Dag Juhlin (guitar, vocals), Dan Leali (drums), Kornell Hargrove (vocals) and Ted Cho (guitar).

"What a perfect way to celebrate the end of summer. Families can enjoy the day together and enjoy a concert, as well as the beautiful art and architecture of Millennium Park, before the kids have to head back to school," said Lois Weisberg, Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs.

About performing in Millennium Park on the Frank Gehry-designed Jay Pritzker Pavilion, **Poi Dog Pondering's** Frank Orral said, "I love Gehry's work. He is a master. His Pritzker Pavilion and BP Bridge have transformed Chicago's already wondrous lakefront into a modern marvel."

Throughout the summer, children and families can visit the Family Fun Festival for free performances, hands-on activities and theatrical special events. Every day kicks off with Wiggleworms at 10 a.m., when instructors from the Old Town School of Folk Music lead activities for very young children, followed by a reading circle at 11 a.m. At 12 noon and 2 p.m., the Performance Stage will present kids concerts by some of the most notable names in local, regional and national entertainment. Hands-on craft projects, garden, science and environmental activities with some of the region's popular museums and institutions are available each day. The Family Fun Festival is located on the Park's Chase Promenade North and is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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. Convenient parking is located in the Millennium Park Garage (entrance on Columbus at Monroe or Randolph) and at the Grant Park North and East Monroe Garages, all located within a short walking distance to Millennium Park.

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 **Poi Dog Pondering** and the Family Fun Festival in Millennium Park, please visit www.millenniumpark.org or call 312.742.1168.

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