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I WAS THERE: THE 1968 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

New oral history program at the Chicago History Museum seeks individuals to share their experiences and memories

CHICAGO (August 14, 2008) – The Chicago History Museum will commemorate the 40th anniversary of the 1968 Democratic National Convention (DNC) by recording interviews with individuals who witnessed and participated in the DNC and the demonstrations organized for the event. The museum seeks bystanders, policemen, demonstrators, delegates, photographers, and students to share their memories and experiences about this explosive event in American political history. Beginning Tuesday, August 26, and ending Friday, August 29, the museum invites individuals for interviews between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The Museum’s curatorial staff will conduct the interviews on the fortieth anniversary of the historic convention. *I was there: The 1968 Democratic National Convention* is a project under the auspices of the Studs Terkel Center for Oral History. Interested individuals should call 312.799.2004 for appointments. Individuals that arrive without an appointment will be taken at a first come, first served basis.

Founded in 2006, the Studs Terkel Center for Oral History supports the Museum’s efforts of capturing collective and personal memories and interpreting them through an urban history-based framework.

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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 \$14 adults with audio tour, \$12 seniors/students with audio tour, 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. 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.