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ANNOUNCING THE SPRING CHICAGO TREASURES SERIES

The Chicago History Museum features a blues legend, an actor, and a journalist

CHICAGO (May 11, 2009) – The Chicago History Museum will feature three famous Chicagoans as part of the popular *Chicago Treasures* series. On Wednesday, May 20, blues legend Lonnie Brooks shares his stories from the Chicago blues scene; on Thursday, May 28, actor Tim Kazurinsky talks about his journey from Second City to Hollywood; and on Wednesday, June 3 journalist Phil Ponce discusses his time as host of *Chicago Tonight* on WTTW. Each program begins at 7:00 p.m. and tickets are \$12; \$10 for Museum members.

On Wednesday, May 20th, **Lonnie Brooks** shares his experiences of playing the blues in Chicago since the 1960's. Lonnie is known for his energy and distinctive sound--a vibrant mix of rock 'n' roll, R&B, funky Cajun boogie, country twang, and hard Chicago blues, a style his band dubbed "voodoo blues." He has headlined major blues festivals and played with famous musicians from Clifton Chenier to Eric Clapton.

Chicago-based actor, **Tim Kazurinsky**, speaks on Thursday, May 28th, on how his days at Second City helped him move to the silver screen. He is best known for his work on *Saturday Night Live* and the *Police Academy* series. Kazurinsky has appeared in numerous films and television shows, including *Curb Your Enthusiasm* and *According to Jim*. He also co-wrote the screenplay for *About Last Night*.

The series concludes on Wednesday, June 3 with Award-winning journalist, **Phil Ponce**, host of *Chicago Tonight* on WTTW. In addition to his work in Chicago, Ponce served as national correspondent for the Washington, D.C.-based *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*.

The *Chicago Treasures* series features contemporary Chicagoans sharing personal experiences that reveal how the city's identity impacts their work. Past honorees include: Ernie Banks, Rick Bayless, Walter Jacobson, Ana Castillo, Bonnie Hunt, and Chicago (the band). More information on all these Chicago Treasures can be found on the Museum's website at www.chicagohistory.org.

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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.