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CONVERSATIONS WITH CHICAGO TREASURES

The Chicago History Museum welcomes back the Chicago Treasures series for spring

CHICAGO (March 8, 2007) – The Chicago History Museum is proud to announce its spring line-up for the *Chicago Treasures* program series. Moderated by Steve Edwards, host of Chicago Public Radio’s Eight Forty-Eight news program, this series takes an inside look into the lives of some of the city’s most interesting and influential people. Through conversations between pairs of distinguished guests, participants will meet these influential Chicagoans and learn how they have shaped the identity of our city.

The series begins on Wednesday, March 14 with distinguished guests Art Shay and Garry Wills. Renowned photojournalist Art Shay and Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Garry Wills have spent decades chronicling America’s stories in words and images. They will participate in a lively conversation about their work, their long-time friendship and their mutual passion for Chicago. At the end of March, the Chicago History Museum will be opening an exhibition on the photography of Art Shay; showcasing highlights of his nearly sixty year career.

The series continues on Wednesday, March 28 with the memorable Chicago newscasters Bill Kurtis and Walter Jacobson. In the 1970s, Bill Kurtis and Walter Jacobson teamed up to create one of the most acclaimed local television newscasts in the nation. The Channel Two News at Ten became “must see TV” and still represents a high water mark in quality local broadcast journalism. The Museum is proud to reunite these legendary news anchors for a conversation about their partnership, their award winning careers, and the state of television news today.

On April 18, the Chicago History Museum welcomes award winning Goodman Theatre director, Robert Falls and award winning author, poet and playwright Ana Castillo. Chicago has been the birthplace of some of the most groundbreaking literature and theater in American history. Falls and Castillo will discuss the city’s influence on those art forms, and their own work today. The series concludes on May 9. Participants will be announced shortly.

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All *Chicago Treasures* programs start at 7:00 p.m. and run until 8:30 p.m. Individual lectures are \$12 for adults and \$10 for Museum and Chicago Public Radio members. The four-part series is \$42 and \$35 for members. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the Museum's website, www.chicagohistory.org, or calling 312.642.4600.

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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 a suggested donation of \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/students, 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.