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2007 MAKING HISTORY AWARDS

Chicago Historical Society honors four Chicagoans and one unique company on May 17

CHICAGO (April 3, 2007) – The Chicago Historical Society will once again recognize and celebrate Chicagoans who have made a difference in our community at the **13th Annual Making History Awards** presentation and dinner on Thursday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m., cocktails beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Chicago History Museum.

This year's Making History Awards recipients are **Dr. Margaret Burroughs, Marshall Field V, William A. Osborn, Jerry Reinsdorf,** and the **Tribune Company**. The important tradition of these awards allows the opportunity to pay collective tribute to those who have demonstrated commitment and excellence in a wide variety of fields. This year's award recipients have exhibited a passion for service to the citizens and institutions of Chicago.

“The Making History Awards allows us to celebrate the history makers of today. These recipients have influenced and shaped our city, making it a better place for Chicagoans to live, play, and grow,” stated Museum president, Gary T. Johnson. The awards will be presented by past recipients Edgar D. Jannotta, Andrew McKenna, Newton N. Minow, along with Potter Palmer, and Antoinette Wright.

Over the past twelve years, the Chicago Historical Society has honored 58 Chicagoans who have made enduring contributions to our community – notables such as Studs Terkel, Milton

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Friedman, Eppie Lederer, Ramsey Lewis, Sara Paretsky, Maria Tallchief, Gayle Sayers, Carol Marin, Ray Meyer, and Lester Crown. Each of these individuals, as well as this year's honorees, have impacted and changed Chicago and its people.

Dr. Margaret Burroughs is being awarded with *The Harold Washington History Maker Award for Distinction in Public Service*. Burroughs is known in many circles as an educator, museum director, artist, institution builder, and a writer. At the age of twenty-two, she began the South Side Community Art Center during the Great Depression and upon its dedication merited a ribbon cutting ceremony graced by Eleanor Roosevelt. Burroughs is most creditably known for her role as the co-founder of Chicago's esteemed DuSable Museum of African American History in 1961; she now serves as the director emeritus. In the late 1960s, Burroughs was instrumental in the establishment of the Association of African American Museums. Her impact on Chicago was recognized in 1986 when Mayor Harold Washington honored her proclaiming February 1 "Dr. Margaret Burroughs Day." As a writer she has published numerous works including *What Shall I Tell My Children Who Are Black?* and *Did you Feed My Cow*.

Marshall Field V is being honored with *The Bertha Honoré Palmer History Maker Award for Distinction in Civic Leadership*. He has aligned himself with several Chicago cultural, medical, and noteworthy institutions including the Art Institute of Chicago, the Field

Museum, Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center, the Field Foundation, Brookfield Zoo, the Chicago Public Library Foundation, The Chicago Community Trust, Millennium Park, and the Museum of Science and Industry. Aside from his efforts in Chicago, his involvements include Harvard University and the Smithsonian Institute. His dedication and support of these institutions has proved his role as a civic leader.

William A. Osborn is being awarded *The Marshall Field History Maker Award for Distinction in Corporate Leadership and Innovation*. Osborn has been with the Northern Trust Company for thirty-seven years. In 1993, he was appointed the bank's president and then elected chairman and

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chief executive officer in 1995. He attended Northwestern University for undergraduate school as well as his M.B.A. The Northern Trust Company has a presence in eighteen states as well as twelve international offices, holding assets amounting to \$2.9 trillion. Osborn applied excellence in corporate leadership which resulted in Northern Trust being listed among the nation's one-hundred best corporate citizens by the magazine *Business Ethics*. He sits on a number of corporate and philanthropic boards. Some of the civic commitments include the Chicago Urban League, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Children's Advocacy Center, Northwestern Memorial HealthCare, and the Chicago Public Schools.

Jerry Reinsdorf is being honored with *The George Halas History Maker Award for Distinction in Sports*. As owner of both the Chicago White Sox and the Chicago Bulls, Reinsdorf is known as Chicago's pre-eminent team owner of our time. Under his ownership, the Chicago Bulls won six National Basketball Association championships, and most recently in 2005, the White Sox won the World Series. Under Reinsdorf, these teams added a significant, much-

celebrated chapter to Chicago's storied sports history. Reinsdorf constructed new sports arenas including U.S. Cellular Field for the Chicago White Sox and the United Center for the Chicago Bulls. These arenas added to the large-scale impact he has made on Chicago's sports landscape. Reinsdorf has also been involved in philanthropic causes including a reading program for the Chicago Public Schools and millions of dollars donated to the Chicago Park District.

The **Tribune Company** is being awarded *The Cyrus McCormick History Maker Award for Historical Achievement*. Founded in 1847, the *Chicago Tribune* is recognized locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally as a preeminent voice in the landscape of American journalism and communication. "The World's Greatest Newspaper" as early as 1900 introduced the four-color printing press for special features. The Tribune Company is a leader in multimedia including WGN radio, WGN television, and the *Chicago Tribune* newspaper. The company reached beyond these outlets by acquiring the Chicago Cubs, a major league baseball team in 1981. The Tribune Company controls some of the foremost newspapers in contemporary journalism including the *Hartford Courant*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Orlando Sentinel*, and the *Los Angeles Times*. The Tribune Company also supports the community through its philanthropic outreach. The McCormick Tribune Charitable Trust provides enormous generosity on a sustained

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basis. It provides economic support and compassion for museums, AIDS, the well being of children, healthcare, and homelessness.

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Tickets for this year's dinner and reception, at the Museum on May 17, start at \$500 per person, and may be obtained by contacting Kari Riordan at PJH & Associates, Inc. at 312-553-2000. Proceeds from the awards dinner benefit the exhibitions and programs of the Chicago History Museum.

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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.