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THE SILVER SCREEN AND CHICAGO

A series on the history of Chicago as premier location for movies and their stories

CHICAGO (April 3, 2007) – The Chicago History Museum is proud to present its newest program series, Chicago and Film. Since the earliest days of motion-picture technology, filmmakers have made our city a premier locale for making, setting, and showcasing their creations. This series examines how the movies and the city shaped one another.

The first program, **Blues, Booze, and Big Shoulders: Moving Images of Chicago**, on Tuesday, April 10 features historian **Sarah Marcus** who will trace the history of movie-making and television production in Chicago. The second program, **Gangsters and Ink-Stained Galahads**, on Tuesday, April 17 looks at Chicago's role in spawning the newspaper comedy and the gangster melodrama, presentation by Chicago Tribune movie critic **Michael Phillips**. The third program, **Bringing the World To Chicago Through Film**, on Tuesday, April 24, features **Michael Kutza**, founder and director of the Chicago International Film Festival and Chicago legend **Bill Kurtis** who will discuss five decades of dreams, deals, scandals, politics, and discoveries in film. All three programs will begin at 6:30 p.m. and are \$10/\$8 for Museum members. To attend all three lectures the cost is \$25/\$20 Museum members.

To finish off the Chicago and Film series, **As Seen on the Silver Screen** a boat tour will depart on Saturday, April 28 exploring the personalities, images, and Chicago landmarks made famous on screen. Cocktails will be served while touring the river and lakefront with historian **Sarah Marcus**. The tour departs from the North Pier Docks, just east of McClurg Court and Illinois Street. Admission for the boat tour is \$45/\$40 Museum members. Admission to attend all three lectures and the boat tour is \$68/\$58 Museum members. More information can be found 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 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.