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**17TH ANNUAL GLENWOOD AVENUE ARTS FEST PRESENTS
Over 120 Artist-Vendors and 30 Bands for All Ages
Saturday and Sunday, August 18-19 in Chicago's Rogers Park
Free Admission**

What: The *Glenwood Avenue Arts Fest* (GAAF) is a free weekend-long event, drawing approximately 15,000 visitors, celebrating its 17th year. The Fest includes a street art fair with over 120 artist-vendors, and live entertainment on three outdoor stages featuring over 30 acts. Experience art, theater, music, as well as food and drink, on the brick-laid streets of the Glenwood Avenue Arts District in Chicago's historic Rogers Park neighborhood. For more information visit www.GlenwoodAve.org.

Where: The *Glenwood Avenue Arts Fest* takes place in the Glenwood Avenue Arts District on Chicago's North Side, in the heart of Rogers Park, at 6900–7030 North Glenwood Ave. (between Farwell and Greenview), 1335-1449 Morse Ave., and the 1400 block of Lunt Ave., steps from the Morse Ave. stop on the CTA Red Line. Admission is free to the public. The Outdoor Fest and many art studios are ADA accessible.

When:

Opening Night Kick-Off Jam (music only, no art exhibits): Friday, Aug. 17, 6–10 p.m.

North and South Stages, 6900 N. Glenwood Ave. (at Farwell) and 7030 N. Glenwood Ave. (just north of Lunt).

Outdoor Festival: Saturday Aug. 18, 11 a.m. – 9 p.m., Sunday August 19, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

6900-7030 N. Glenwood Ave. and the 1400 block of Morse Ave. and Lunt Ave.

Programming Info:

Outdoor art: Over 120 artists will exhibit on Glenwood, Morse, and Lunt Avenues

KidFest Area: Features free hands-on arts activities for kids.

Three Festival Stages: Three live music stages. Schedules will be announced at

www.GlenwoodAve.org.

Live Demo area: Artists will demonstrate techniques and works-in-progress at Glenwood and Morse Ave., beneath the CTA tracks.

Food and Beverage: Unique Rogers Park restaurants and bars contribute to the neighborhood flavor with food and beverage booths.

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Information: 773-761-4477 x701, www.GlenwoodAve.org.

How: GAAF is made possible by the generous and enthusiastic support of the local business community. Neighborhood commercial sponsors provide the support to maintain festival costs, ensuring that artist participation fees are low and that the Fest remains free to visitors. ***There is no Fest admission charge, suggested donation or gated point of entry and all the outdoor performance events are free to view.*** Visitors are welcome and encouraged to purchase arts and crafts, food and beverages from the vendor stands.

Sponsors: Sponsorship opportunities are still available for the 2018 Fest. Contact Alan Goldberg, al_goldberg@me.com, to find out more. Current sponsors include:

Leading Sponsors: Empirical Brew Pub, Heartland Café, Lifeline Theatre, Rogers Park Social, SSA #24.

Major Sponsors: Al Goldberg, ArtSpace RP; Chicago Condo Management & Maintenance Co.; Cagan Management Group, Inc.; ComEd; Fung's Mandarin; JB Alberto's Pizza; 49th Ward Alderman Joe Moore; Morse Fresh Market; Connie Abels - RE/MAX NorthCoast; Rogers Park Builders Group; Rogers Park Business Alliance; Wintrust Bank - Rogers Park.

Friends: Common Cup; Meyer Electrical Construction, Inc.; Sweet Home Properties, Inc.

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Rogers Park is the most culturally and economically diverse neighborhood in Chicago. Located in the far northeast corner of the city, more than 80 languages are spoken among the community's 63,000 residents. Rogers Park celebrates diversity and harmonious living. "In a city made famous for an accepted and often enforced cultural and socio-economic homogeneity within neighborhoods," said the *Chicago Tribune*, "Rogers Park stands almost alone as an exception." The *Daily Herald* reported Rogers Park, on the north edge of Chicago, offers an urban vibe, intimate but exciting theater, a variety of live music, good restaurants and largely free parking, and the glorious Lake Michigan beachfront open to all."

Glenwood Avenue Arts District features artist studios, music venues, and numerous restaurants and bars. The Rogers Park neighborhood is also well known for its theaters, including Lifeline Theatre, Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre, BoHo Theatre, and The Factory Theater, which make up one of the city's hottest theater corridors and are regularly recognized by the Jeff Awards. "For pure Chicago heart, soul, and polished grit, the Glenwood Avenue Arts District in Rogers Park is our favorite new destination" (*Chicago Magazine*).

GAAF 2018 Planning Committee: **Glenwood Avenue Arts Fest** is a broad-based, grassroots, non-profit event planned and staffed by volunteers, dedicated to remaining free to the public, offering low participation fees to artists, showcasing the artists and venues of the Glenwood Avenue Arts District, and retaining the unique and eclectic character of the neighborhood.

The GAAF 2018 planning committee is Gregory Altman, Mary Bao, Les Begay, Diana Berek, Erica Foster, Jim Ginderske, Alan J. Goldberg, Dorothy Milne, Sydney Rosenfeld, and Tom Rosenfeld.

The Glenwood Avenue Arts Fest is a community partnership with Lifeline Theatre, a 501(c)3 organization.