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Sixth Annual Glenwood Avenue Arts Fest to Offer Free Events Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 24-26, 2007

What: The ***Glenwood Avenue Arts Fest*** (GAAF) is a free, weekend-long event that features artists, open studios and live entertainment on three outdoor stages. Painting, fiber arts, jewelry, pottery and other art forms will be exhibited. Experience art, theater, music, as well as food and drink, on the cobblestone streets of the Glenwood Avenue Arts District in Chicago's historic Rogers Park neighborhood.

NEW: Due to growth and popularity with artists and the public, the Fest expands onto Morse Avenue this year, accommodating more artists, adding a third stage and adding more KidFest activities.

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, on Glenwood Ave., 6900 – 7000 North (between Farwell and Lunt) and the 1400 block of Morse Avenue, steps from the Morse Ave stop on the CTA Red Line. Outdoor fest and many art studios are handicapped accessible.

When:

Kick-Off: Friday, August 24, 2007, 6-10 p.m., 6900 block of N. Glenwood Ave.

Festival: Saturday and Sunday, August 25-26, 2007, noon to 8 p.m., 6900-7000 N. Glenwood Ave. and the 1400 block of Morse Ave., (details below).

Information: (773) 262-3790, www.rogerspark.com, FREE admission

Friday, August 24, 2007, 6 – 10 p.m.

Festival Kick-Off: 6pm-10pm 6900 block of N. Glenwood Ave.

The kick-off party features DJ Luke, spinning lounge, hip-hop and fusion. Food and beverages available from Gold N Pear Catering and Duke's Bar.

Don't miss: The Crimson Carpet Fashion Show at 8 p.m., led by fashion powerhouse George Melichar and featuring Savage Companion, Ron Seifert Chicago, ExhaustOne and many more local designers.

Saturday and Sunday, August 25 and 26, 2007, 12 – 8 p.m.

KidFest Area: will feature hands-on arts activities. In addition to the music stages, the Performance Stage will feature family friendly circus, theater, dance and music acts (see "Stages" below).

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Open Studios: Glenwood Avenue Arts District studios and galleries will be open to visitors on Saturday and Sunday from noon until 8 p.m. A full-color map suitable for self-guided walking tours will be available at the street fest, or in advance at any participating studio, Morseland (1218 W. Morse), Lifeline Theatre (6912 N. Glenwood), the Heartland Cafe (7000 N. Glenwood) and Duke's Bar (6920 N. Glenwood).

Food and Beverage: Contributing to the neighborhood flavor of this festival are the unique Rogers Park restaurants and bars that provide the food and beverage booths: Duke's Bar, Gold N Pear Catering, Grande Noodles, Heartland Café, La Monarca and Morseland.

3 Festival Stages: Two live music stages and a live performance stage (dance, theater, circus as well as music acts). See last page for stage schedules.

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 in the heart of Rogers Park, features numerous artist studios, music venues, theaters and restaurants and is fast becoming known as a vibrant and unique arts destination.

Sponsors: The festival is made possible with the support of SSA #24 Clark-Morse-Glenwood, Lifeline Theatre, Morseland, RE/MAX NorthCoast Realty, Heartland Cafe, Camelot Realty, Duke's Bar, Morse Fresh Market, Morse Theatre, Alderman Joe Moore, Gay Chicago Magazine, WLWU, DevCorp North, RogersPark.com, Rogers Park Builders Group, Al Goldberg - Artspace RP, Pilates Chicago, Community First Bank-Chicago, First Commercial Bank, Loyola University Chicago, DCI Room & Accessories, Devon Bank, Alpha Adjusting Company, Rogers Park Community Council, Finalmente Aqui Salon, Hillcrest Real Estate, Morse L Drugs, Rogers Park Florist, Clark Devon Hardware and the Mayor's Office of Special Events (which is supported by the CTA, NBC-5, WBBM, and the Chicago Tribune), along with countless volunteers and artisans.

GAAF 2006 Planning Committee: Glenwood Avenue Arts Fest is a broad-based, grass roots, not-for-profit event planned and staffed by volunteers. We are 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 our unique and eclectic neighborhood character. This year's planning committee is Gregory Altman, Mary Bao, Diana Berek, Rene Camargo, Jim Ginderske, Alan J. Goldberg, Sharon Hyson, Brettly Kawaguchi, Neil Lifton, and Dorothy Milne. The Glenwood Avenue Arts Fest is a community partnership with Lifeline Theatre, a 501c3 organization.

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Morse Music Stage Presented by: Morseland & RE/MAX NorthCoast

Saturday, August 25th

12:00 DJ Mr. D
1:00 The Sarah Potenza Band
2:00 Soul Reys (funk)
3:00 Room One One (r&b)
4:00 Peven Everett (soul)
5:00 Treologic (hip-hop)
6:30 Chicago Afrobeat Project

Sunday, August 26th

12:00 DJ Serpico (funk, old soul)
1:00 Souvenirs (rock)
2:00 Git Gone Boys (rockabilly)
3:00 Ted Sirota's Rebel Souls (jazz)
4:00 Lowdown Brass band (brass)
5:00 Zutano (latin)
6:30 Bumpus (funk)

Serpico will DJ Sunday (funk, old soul)

North Music Stage Presented by: Heartland Café & Red Line Tap

Saturday, August 25th

12:00 Micki Croisant (singer songwriter)
12:45 Vintage (modern acoustic rock)
1:45 Lamajamal (gypsy/surf/jazz/jam)
3:00 The Theo Ubigue Theater (songs from upcoming musical, Cabaret)
4:00 The Locals (indie rock)
4:50 The Reptoids (hard rock/punk)
5:40 Roundeye (punk/rock)
6:30 Secret Agent Bill (punk/alternative/ska)

Sunday, August 26th

12:00 In One Ear (spoken word and poetry)
1:00 Ripley Caine (singer songwriter)
2:00 MWC – (jam/funk/jazz/reggae)
3:00 Animate Objects (hip hop/funk/rap)
4:00 Princes of the Futa (world music)
5:00 The Henhouse Prowlers (bluegrass)
6:00 Pete Special of Big Twist & The Mellow Fellows (blues)

South Performance Stage Presented by: Lifeline Theatre and Duke's Bar

Saturday, August 25th

12:00 Mandin Djaliah Kilombo (African drums)
12:30 Jason Kollum (circus arts)
1:00 West African All Star Dancers
1:15 Lifeline Theatre (excerpts)
1:30 The Revelettes (go-go dance)
1:45 BoHo Theatre Co. (excerpts)
2:00 Baba Manouche
3:00 Sara (belly dance)
3:30 The Space Movement Project (dance)
4:00 Strawdog Theatre: the Game Show Show (original games & live music)
5:00 Old #8 (country rock)
6:00 Mudflapps (traditional Americana)
7:00 Eric McCabe Band (blues)

Sunday August 26th:

12:00 Mandin Djaliah Kilombo (African drums)
12:30 Tag-a-Long Puppet Theater
1:30 Lifeline Theatre (excerpts)
1:45 BoHo Theatre Co. (excerpts)
2:00 Dimestore Stringband (bluegrass)
3:00 Enchantment Productions (belly dance)
3:30 R&D Choreography (stage combat)
4:00 West Indian Folk Dance Company
4:30 Irreverence Dance + Theatre
5:00 The Hormones (Ramonones Tribute)
6:00 Tom Holland and the Shuffle Kings (blues)
7:00 Jah Lenn and Traffic Harmony (reggae and world music)

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