

Chicago Calling: A 24-Hour Arts Festival

During Chicago Calling, Chicago-based artists showcases performances and projects that involve collaborations with artists living in other locations – here in the U.S. and in other countries worldwide. The collaborations between Chicago-based artists and those living elsewhere are prepared, improvised, or a combination of both. For instance, a Chicago-based poet is collaborating with a musician from Niger, and a Chicago-based performance ensemble is collaborating with a composer in New York. Some of the performances involve live feeds between Chicago and elsewhere. The

first Chicago Calling event begins at 12:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 25, and the final event ends at 11:59 p.m. on that day.

October 25, 2006 was chosen as the date of Chicago Calling to commemorate Pablo Picasso's birthday. Chicago Calling is part of Chicago Artists' Month, which is presented by Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs. Visit www.chicagoartistsmonth.org to find out more about Chicago Artists' Month,

Chicago Calling artists work in media that include music, painting, photography, poetry, dance, and other art forms. The festival's participants includes Aguafuego, Fred Anderson, Jim Baker, Black Forest Theater, Amina Cain, Mars Caulton, Daniele Cavallanti, Julie Downey,

Eric Elshtain, Dan Godston, Marian Hayes, Lisa Hemminger, Alan Emerson Hicks, David Harrison Horton, Hamadal Issoufou, Susen James, Jennifer Karmin, Bill MacKay, Joshua Manchester, Elizabeth Marino, Jayve Montgomery, Sadira Muhammad, Pauline Oliveros, Pam Osbey, Christopher Preissing, Ed Roberson, Matthias Regan, Eric Glick Rieman, Dan Schwarzlose, Jason Stein, Tiziano Tononi, Inouk Touzin, Joel Wanek, Weave Soundpainting Orchestra, Mars Williams, & Xianggang Delight.

Performances and presentations occur at the Elastic Sound & Vision Gallery, Bloom Yoga Studio, Peter Jones Gallery, Café Mestizo, WNUR, Hyde Park Art Center, Muse Café, The Empty Bottle, Quimby's, Mess

Hall, Zhou B Art Center, Loyola University, and The Meztli Gallery and Cultural Organization.

Chicago Calling: A 24-Hour Arts Festival is being organized by the Borderbend Arts Collective, and it is sponsored by The Chicago Composers Forum, and WNUR.

For more information about Chicago Calling

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