JAZZ INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO HONORS LOUIS ARMSTRONG  
*Events planned all year to celebrate 100 years since Louis Armstrong arrived in Chicago.*

CHICAGO, IL -- The Jazz Institute of Chicago is proud to bring together jazz luminaries from Chicago and beyond for a range of concerts and events to honor the man who arrived in Chicago 100 years ago and changed the course of America’s original art.

In 1922 Louis Armstrong was making a small splash playing riverboats and clubs in and around New Orleans. That summer he was summoned by King Oliver to come to Chicago and join his Creole Jazz Band on second cornet. He was soon dazzling Chicago audiences with new and exciting playing and the astonishing duets he shared with Oliver. His first recorded solo was on the song “Chimes Blues” with King Oliver on April 5, 1923.

It was also in Chicago where Louis met his future wife, Lil Hardin Armstrong, a gifted pianist and composer who had a profound affect on Armstrong’s playing as well as his personal style. Louis and Lil married and bought a home on East 44th on Chicago’s Southside. Over the next several years, Lil helped guide Louis from a top-notch local player with country bumpkin charm to an international superstar and America’s first cultural ambassador to the world. It was in Chicago where Louis continued to record songs that would alter the course of jazz forever. As Dizzy Gillespie said, “No Louis, no me.”

The current line-up of Jazz Institute of Chicago events are as follows:

**June 10 at 6:30PM**

**PHAREZ WHITTED and DEREK GARDNER**
Columbus Park Refectory- 5701 W Jackson Blvd
Two of Chicago’s great trumpeters, Pharez Whitted and Derek Gardner, take the stage with their band at Columbus Refectory to showcase their distinct styles of playing and conjure up classic Louis Armstrong. Opening act led Jazz Institute of Chicago Jazz Links student and winner of the Lincoln Park High School Louis Armstrong Jazz Award, Brandon Harper.

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Tuesday, June 14

**JAZZ CHATS and CONCERT! Louis Armstrong Then and Now**  
Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Ct.  
6PM PANEL Discussion: Trumpeters Bobby Lewis and Kimberly Branch, along with trombonist Russ Phillips and cornetist discuss the impact of Louis Armstrong and his relevance in today’s jazz.  
8PM CONCERT: Bobby Lewis and Russ Phillips lead a traditional group in the spirit of Louis Armstrong.  
presented in partnership with WDCB Radio

Friday and Saturday, JULY 15 & 16

**JAZZ CITY: CHICAGO LATIN JAZZ FESTIVAL**  
Humboldt Park Fieldhouse, 1440 N. Humboldt Dr.  
A community celebration bringing Latin jazz greats to the beautiful Humboldt Park.

Friday starting at 6PM  
Roy McGrath's Menjunje Ensemble  
James Sanders’ Conjunto

Saturday starting at 5PM:  
Luiz Ewerling & AMADA  
Victor Garcia’s Tribute to Tito Rodríguez

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 19-21

**EXCEPTIONAL BLACK MUSES**  
Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre, 927 Noyes St, Evanston  
A music and storytelling experience conceived, written, and starring an all Black female string quintet. Since 1979 Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre has been thrilling audiences with inspirational and invigorating African American and African Diaspora-centered storytelling.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

**JAZZ CHATS - PANEL DISCUSSION: What is This Thing Called Jazz?**  
Claudia Cassidy Theater, Chicago Cultural Center  
Grammy Award winner from the Louis Armstrong House Museum Ricky Riccardi joins a panel to discuss Louis Armstrong and the role of jazz in youth education.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7 at 7PM

**JAZZ CITY: CHICAGO CELLAR BOYS**  
Loyola Park, 1230 W Greenleaf Ave  
Come experience the Chicago Cellar Boys who offer an authentic and bold approach in interpreting the jazz and hot dance styles of the 1920s and 1930s. Bring your dancing shoes!

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

CHICAGO LOVES POPS: A CELEBRATION OF LOUIS ARMSTRONG
Logan Center for the Arts, 915 E 60th Street
Trumpet greats Orbert Davis, Corey Wilkes, and Maurice Brown pay homage to the great Louis Armstrong, who arrived in Chicago 100 years ago and changed jazz forever.
Ticket info at www.jazzinchicago.org

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 & 5 at 7PM

LOUIS ARMSTRONG ART EXHIBITION and CONCERT
Fulton Street Collective, 1821 W. Hubbard Street
Two evenings of artwork of and inspired by Louis and Lil Hardin Armstrong with special concerts with Marques Carroll on November 4 and Chris Neal on November 5.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 at 7PM

JAZZ CITY: TRIBUTE TO ELLA AND LOUIS
South Shore Cultural Center 7059 S South Shore Dr
Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald recorded some of the most known and enduring songs in jazz history. Bruce Henry and Alysha Monique pay tribute to this exceptional pair. Expect a few holiday tunes too!

This calendar of events will be updated and available at JazzInChicago.org.

Interviews, photos, and additional information available by request.

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