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– Dan Schmidt, President and CEO, WTTW and 98.7WFMT

ON THE COVER: (clockwise from upper left) Producer Ken Burns visits Chicago for *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*; The *Chicago Tonight* on-air team, summer 2009; WFMT's daytime announcers (l to r) Lisa Flynn, George Preston, Carl Grapentine, and Kerry Frumkin at Dave's Records in Lincoln Park; *Sesame Street* celebrates 40 years on the air.

Dear Donors and Members,

I think we can all agree that 2009 was an unforgettable year, both for us here at WTTW and WFMT as well as for the city of Chicago – we gained a President and lost a Governor, both from our hometown, and grappled with a wide-reaching economic crisis that is still very much ongoing. As always, there was one place for Chicagoans to turn for help in making sense of it all...and it was right here on WTTW.

As I'm sure you know, we celebrated a major milestone this year – the 25th anniversary of our flagship program *Chicago Tonight*. This was an unprecedented achievement in Chicago broadcasting history, especially for a nightly show. It was created by visionaries, including our late colleague and friend John Callaway, who believed it would fill a vital need for Chicagoans: to help them be better informed about our city and the news stories and issues that affect our daily lives – current events, politics, personalities, history, sports, the arts, education and much more.

Well, 25 years later, as its many loyal viewers can tell you, *Chicago Tonight* is still doing just that – serving as the definitive place for our diverse audience to gain valuable perspective on local news and culture. And the program's survival is all the more remarkable given that the media landscape has radically changed all around it, in just a few short years.

In this day and age, to watch television, listen to the radio, or read a newspaper, you no longer need any of these things – all you need is a computer. You don't even need to be in your home – via a laptop or PDA, you can access this content anytime, anywhere, and on your own schedule. Who could have predicted this when WTTW began? Much less, when Bernie and Rita Jacobs founded 98.7WFMT back in 1951? And yet, both stations are going strong, are more popular than ever, and each is reaching the widest audience in its history.

Now, thanks to huge strides in technology – and lots of hard work by some very skilled and dedicated people – you can experience WTTW and WFMT in ways you never could just a few years ago. Missed a restaurant review on *Check, Please!* or an especially compelling episode of *Frontline* or a segment of Ken Burns' great series on our National Parks? Want to read more about retirement options or the mortgage crisis or an arts group you enjoyed on WTTW? Need educational games and videos for the kids? No problem – you can find all of this on our website, and much more.

WFMT has evolved tremendously as well – the station now has a true global reach, both through our streaming service and innovative free iPod application. Because of them, classical music fans all over the world can now claim WFMT as their favorite radio station. And through the website, listeners can identify what is currently playing, read unique perspective from WFMT announcers through their engaging blog, get a heads-up on notable new classical releases, and enhance an already great listening experience by enjoying video clips and expanded content related to the programming.

Of course, none of this could have happened without you. Through it all, that is the one constant, true at the beginning and true now: you are why we're here, and we simply wouldn't exist without your support. As always, and especially in these very tough economic times, we are deeply grateful for the continuing generosity of our viewers and listeners, corporations and foundations, and especially our dedicated Board of Trustees who have made it possible for us to continue bringing you the educational, entertaining and inspiring programming you and your families have come to expect from us.

Please continue to tune in – or log on! – to see what we do next.



Dan Schmidt, President and CEO





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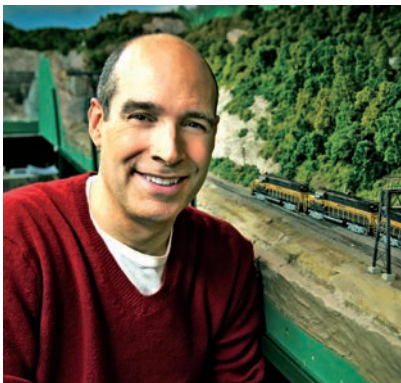
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1. *Check, Please!* host and master sommelier Alpana Singh; 2. 2009 winners of The Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching; 3. President Barack Obama at WTTW's studios; 4. Rick Bayless, host of *MEXICO - One Plate at a Time*; 5. Frog from *WordWorld*; 6. Paula Zahn, host of *Retirement Revolution: The New Reality*; 7. Geoffrey Baer in *Hidden Chicago 2*; 8. *Straight No Chaser: Live in New York, Holiday Edition*; 9. Josh Groban: *An Evening in New York City*, a *Soundstage Special Event*



Chicago's premier public television station reaches 1.5 million viewers a month. Founded in 1955, WTTW is proud to present a wide variety of public affairs, performing and visual arts, nature, science, and how-to programming, and an award-winning children's schedule. Although our primary focus has been uniquely local, we continue to produce programs for a national and international audience. Our media organization provides quality programming on four distinct channels—WTTW11, WTTW Prime, the how-to channel Create, and V-me, our Spanish-language channel.

Local Productions and Co-Productions

- *Arts Across Illinois*
- *Check, Please!*
- *Chicago Tonight*
- *The Friday Night Show*
- *The Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching*
- *Image Union*
- *Irish Chicago*
- *Hidden Chicago 2 with Geoffrey Baer*
- *Out and Proud: Schoolboy to Showgirl – The Alexandra Billings Story*
- *The Week in Review with Joel Weisman*



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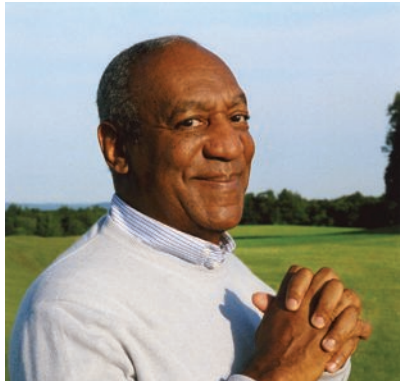
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1. Ant, Sheep, and Duck from WordWorld; 2. Carol Marin on the set of Chicago Tonight; 3. 2009 Mark Twain Prize for American Humor winner Bill Cosby; 4. Jon Bon Jovi performing on Soundstage

WTTWN

WTTW National Productions produces original programming for public television stations nationwide. WTTWN's landmark innovative series and original productions this year included:

National Productions, Co-Productions & Presentations:

- *John McLaughlin's One on One*
- *Josh Groban, An Evening in New York City*
- *The McLaughlin Group*
- *MEXICO – One Plate at a Time with Rick Bayless*
- *Michael McDonald – This Christmas*
- *The Power of the Poor*
- *Retirement Revolution: The New Reality*
- *Soundstage*
- *Straight No Chaser – Live in New York: Holiday Edition*
- *WordWorld*

Distinctive Programs from PBS

We are proud to provide our audience with a wide variety of programming, including *American Experience*, *Nature*, *NOVA*, *Antiques Roadshow*, *Frontline*, *American Masters*, *Masterpiece*, *P.O.V.*, *Independent Lens* and more. Our award-winning children's programs include *Sesame Street*, *Arthur*, *Dragon Tales*, *WordWorld*, *Super Why*, *Curious George*, *Dinosaur Train*, and *Sid the Science Kid*, among others.



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Chicago Tonight 25th Anniversary Benefit (left to right by row): 1. The three hosts of *Chicago Tonight*: Phil Ponce, Bob Sirott and original host John Callaway; 2. Trustees Sandra Guthman and Peter McNitt; 3. Board of Trustees Chairman Norman R. Bobins and his wife Virginia; 4. Jo and Trustee Emeritus Newton Minow; 5. Trustee Michael Gonzalez; 6. WTTW's Executive VP and Chief Development Officer Greg Cameron, Benefit Chair Renée Crown, and Julie and Dan Schmidt, President and CEO of WTTW; 7. *Chicago Tonight* host Phil Ponce, donor John Nichols, and Phil's wife Ann; 8. Benefit performance emcee Tim Kazurinsky with piano prodigy Emily Bear; 9. Soul legend Mavis Staples performs; 10. Straight No Chaser with founding member Dan Ponce (son of Phil); 11. Violist Matthew Lipman from the Music Institute of Chicago Academy.

WTTW11 Donor Events

Chicago Tonight's 25th Anniversary Event

Chicago Tonight marked its 25th anniversary this year, and WTTW11 celebrated this milestone by making it the focal point of our annual benefit. Hosted by *Saturday Night Live* alum Tim Kazurinsky, the fundraising event featured gospel R&B legend Mavis Staples, alternative rock icon Billy Corgan, as well as chart-topping a cappella group Straight No Chaser and more, giving a memorable on-stage salute to our flagship news and public affairs program. Child prodigy Emily Bear, a frequent guest on the WFMT airwaves, also gave a performance at the piano. More than 1,000 guests arrived for the on-stage program at the Harris Theater, with a smaller group enjoying an elegant dinner at Millennium Park's rooftop terrace. It was a wonderful evening to honor this momentous occasion in broadcasting. It couldn't have happened without the hard work of Gala Chair Renée Crown and the generosity of lead corporate sponsor Harris Bank.

Ken Burns Events

Last fall, filmmaker Ken Burns visited Chicago to promote his long-awaited new documentary, *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*. On September 16th, the Union League Club partnered with WTTW to host a sold-out screening and luncheon with Ken, who shared a clip, answered questions, and signed almost 300 companion books. Later on, after making a live appearance on WFMT, taping a segment for *The Friday Night Show*, and visiting a local high school, Ken appeared at a large screening at the Art Institute of Chicago's Rubloff Auditorium before an audience of more than 900 enthusiastic fans (we even noticed someone scalping tickets down the street!).

Trustee Pledge Night

On Sunday, June 7, we were pleased to host 25 Trustees, spouses, and children to answer phones for the "Baer-a-Thon" pledge drive. We exceeded all our goals for the night. Geoffrey Baer was live in studio to discuss his programs with our very own pledge talent Joanie Bayhack and Dan Schmidt. We even received a \$10,000 contribution from a major donor who wanted to attend our River Cruise in September. Everyone had a good time, and it may become an annual Trustee event.

Elizabeth Brackett Booksigning at the Union League Club

On May 29, more than 100 WTTW/WFMT Trustees, Satellite Council, Encore Society, and Founders Society members joined us at the Union League Club for a very special luncheon with *Chicago Tonight* correspondent and new author Elizabeth Brackett. She was interviewed by Phil Ponce about her recently released book, *Pay to Play: How Rod Blagojevich Turned Political Corruption into a National Sideshow*. The fully-booked luncheon was a wonderful success, and was fully underwritten by a donation from Denny and Sandy Cummings.



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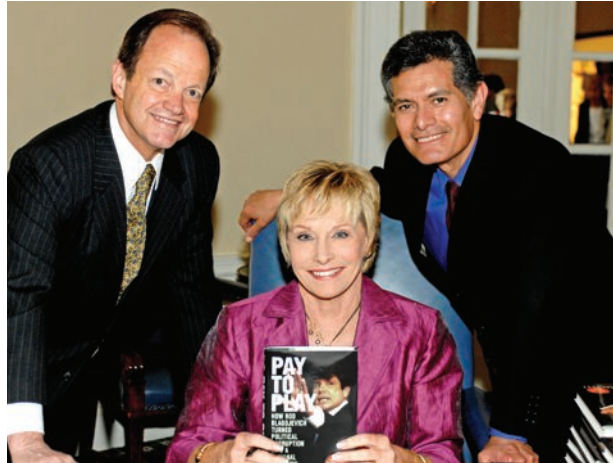
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1. Kathy Thompson of The Private Bank with producer Ken Burns, in town for *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*; 2. Ken signs books and greets donors at the Union League Club luncheon; 3. Suzy Scanlan Eiben, Peggy Scanlan Brown, Patty Reynolds Walsh, and Mary I. Scanlan Doran enjoy visiting with Ken Burns at a private reception with WTTW in partnership with the Union League Club; 4. Joan Gand with mother Harriet Burnstein at a June event at the North Shore home of a Trustee; 5. Ken speaks at a major screening event at the Art Institute of Chicago; 6. New author Elizabeth Brackett signs her book, *Pay to Play: How Rod Blagojevich Turned Political Corruption into a National Sideshow* with event sponsor Denny Cummings and *Chicago Tonight* host Phil Ponce; 7. Trustees answer phones at a special pledge night, with WTTW President and CEO Dan Schmidt, Senior VP of Communications, Marketing, and Corporate Partnerships Joanie Bayhack, and program host Geoffrey Baer

Dinner with a Trustee

Chicago Tonight's Phil Ponce and Carol Marin were the featured guests at a lively al fresco generously hosted by a Trustee at his North Shore home on June 26. A group of WTTW and WFMT donors gathered to hear Phil and Carol discuss President Barack Obama's first 150 days in office and address questions about a variety of local and state political issues.

Geoffrey Baer at Shaw's

On February 19, WTTW11 partnered with Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises and Shaw's Crab House for a special evening with Geoffrey Baer to promote his original documentary, *Chicago's Lakefront*. Guests were treated to historic Great Lakes fare inspired by the SVP of Shaw's, Steve LaHaie, and a 1945 Edgewater Beach Hotel menu, and received a DVD of the show.



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1. Violinist Clayton Penrose-Whitmore and violist Matthew Lipman, both from the Music Institute of Chicago Academy, perform at a Board of Trustees meeting; 2. Peter and Kathleen Van De Graaff headline an Opera Immersion donor event at SPACE in Evanston; 3. Announcer Peter Van De Graaff in WFMT's broadcast booth; 4. WFMT daytime announcers Kerry Frumkin, Lisa Flynn, George Preston, and Carl Grapentine pose for the May Guide cover; 5. Violinist Ryan Meehan, live on WFMT's *Introductions*; 6. *Exploring Music with Bill McGlaughlin*; 7. Alec Baldwin with WFMT's Steve Robinson as Alec prepares to host the WFMT Radio Network's *The New York Philharmonic This Week*



98.7WFMT is one of the most beloved classical music stations in the country, reaching 350,000 local listeners a month. In addition to this core audience in Chicago, millions of 98.7WFMT listeners around the world enjoy our fine arts programming online at www.wfmt/streaming. The WFMT Radio Network continues to thrive by producing and syndicating a diverse selection of outstanding musical performances to stations across the country.

Local Productions

- All-Day Tributes to Artists and Composers (including a weeklong birthday tribute to Beethoven in December)
- *The Art of the Cantor*
- *The BP Chicago Symphony Orchestra Radio Broadcast Series*
- *The Bucksbaum Family Lyric Opera of Chicago Broadcasts*
- *Critical Thinking with Andrew Patner*
- *Collector's Corner with Henry Fogel*
- *The CSO Soloists Presented by National City*
- *Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concerts*
- *Folkstage*
- *From the Recording Horn*
- *Impromptu*
- *Introductions*
- *La Triviata: the WFMT Game Show!*
- *Live from WFMT*
- *The Midnight Special*
- *Music in Chicago*
- *The New Releases with Lisa Flynn*
- *PianoForte Salon Series at Columbia College Chicago*
- *Studs Terkel: Montage of a Life*
- *The Tuesday Night Opera with Peter Van De Graaff*



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(left to right, by row) 1. Event sponsor Art Yefsky, host Rich Warren, Linda Berk and Mike Yefsky backstage at the WFMT *Midnight Special* Folk Festival; 2. Country/folk star Kathy Mattea performs in the Folk Festival; 3. Bill McGlaughlin with Ronald Copes and Samuel Rhodes of the Juilliard String Quartet at a WFMT donor event at the Palmer House in June, to benefit his program *Exploring Music*; 4. Joel Krosnick, cellist for the Juilliard String Quartet, with Radio Committee member Joan Harris and host Bill McGlaughlin; 5. Bill McGlaughlin hosting the event; 6. Bill greeting a young fan; 7. Hershey Felder performs on stage in *Beethoven, as I Knew Him*

98.7WFMT Donor Events

Exploring Music Live!

On June 23rd, almost 200 audience members enjoyed a live performance and conversation with Bill McGlaughlin and the legendary Juilliard String Quartet at the Palmer House – which underwrote the entire event – as a part of a celebration and benefit for *Exploring Music with Bill McGlaughlin*. Proceeds from this benefit were matched by a generous challenge grant from The Irving Harris Foundation.

Opera Immersion with Kathleen and Peter Van De Graaff

WFMT sponsored its first all-day immersion course, *A Day at the Opera*, on July 11th at the Evanston SPACE. Kathleen and Peter Van De Graaff presented an interactive history of opera and performed two operas live for almost 100 people who were interested in learning more about the wonderful world of opera. The event was so successful that two more all-day immersion courses were scheduled for 2010!

In Search of Beethoven at the Gene Siskel Film Center

On July 12th, 98.7WFMT and the Gene Siskel Film Center presented a screening of the new documentary *In Search of Beethoven*, an intimate biography of the legendary composer, along with a pre-screening reception with the film's director, Phil Grabsky, and WFMT hosts. Tickets were sold during the June 2009 Membership Drive and supported 98.7WFMT.

Terlato Winery Event

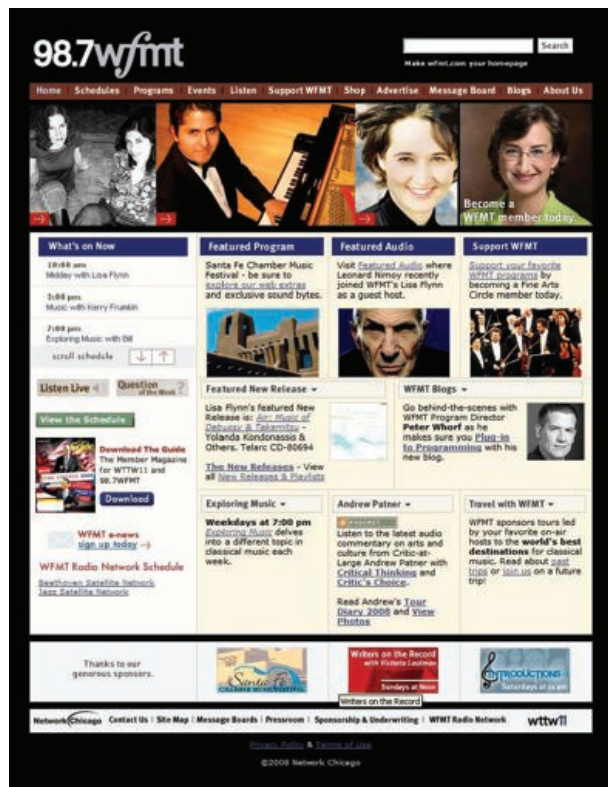
On August 23rd, sixty guests of WFMT enjoyed an afternoon of music and wine. Grammy award-winning cellist Sara Sant' Ambrogio performed selections from her newly released Bach CD, and celebrated winemaker Elizabeth Vianna introduced Chimney Rock Winery's latest release at a private concert and wine tasting held at Tangle Oaks, the manor home – headquarters of Terlato Wines International. The event was made possible through the generosity of Terlato Wines International.

The WFMT Midnight Special Folk Festival

On Sunday, September 20th, the 2009 Folk Festival drew hundreds of music fans to the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie on Sunday, September 20th. *The Midnight Special* host Rich Warren welcomed a variety of popular folk artists to the stage including Grammy-winning performer Kathy Mattea, Austin Lounge Lizards, Haines & Leighton, John McCutcheon, Claudia Schmidt, Michael Smith, and Randall Williams. The concert was generously underwritten by the Maxine Yefsky Family Trust.

Hershey Felder's Beethoven, as I Knew Him

In November, actor and pianist Hershey Felder gave a special performance of the third and final installment of his acclaimed *Composer Sonata* trilogy to benefit 98.7WFMT. Audience members traveled through time with Felder as he brought to life the character of Ludwig van Beethoven as he existed through the eyes of one who knew him well. The one-man play featured some of the composer's most famous works. Immediately after the performance, audience members were invited to a reception where they had the opportunity to meet and talk with Felder. This event was underwritten by 850 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago's Premier Senior Community.



Web pages for WTTW, WFMT, Check, Please!, Retirement Revolution: The New Reality, and WTTW Kids GO!, special WFMT pledge premium CDs, and Guide covers,

The Guide

The *Guide* provides comprehensive monthly program listings for WTTW11 and 98.7WFMT and highlights for our multicast television services WTTW Prime, WTTW Create, and WTTW V-me. Reaching more than 90,000 households each month, members also turn to the Guide for a roundup of WTTW and WFMT events, monthly membership offers, and quick reference features, such as the Kid Grid and Month at-a-Glance.

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wttw.com and **wfmt.com** provide a place for WTTW and WFMT viewers, listeners, and supporters to connect; a platform for watching and listening to rich broadcast and exclusive media content; and an extension of the broadcast experience. 2009 highlights included extended political coverage leading up to January's Inauguration; an upgraded interactive TV listings function across WTTW's multicast channels; launch of a state-of-the-art online video portal which, for the first time, offers full length national PBS programs viewable on-demand alongside local WTTW programming in one web-based environment; and websites for the local documentaries *Chicago's Lakefront*, *Irish Chicago*, and *Image Union*. Testing out opportunities for user-generated content, WTTW launched a cross-platform initiative called "My WTTW ID" which invited web visitors to upload their own station identification ("You're watching WTTW") to WTTW's YouTube channel and then vote for the best submission. The winning identifications aired online and on WTTW11. In celebration of the release of the Ken Burns film, *The National Parks*, a companion site was launched that also engaged our local audience with a "Share Your (National Park) Story" tool and downloadable and interactive features (wallpaper, parks badges).

Other 2009 site launches included

- a new ***Check, Please!*** website with video for all seasons of the show available on demand, a behind-the-scenes blog, a robust search engine for Chicagoland restaurants, the ability for visitors to create online profiles and rate and review restaurants, recipes, contests, and more;
- a redesign of the **WTTW Kids** website with thematically based content around the characters, settings, and activities in the **PBS KIDS GO!** lineup of shows; a new video player; a user-generated content area featuring a parent-created video called "Alpha Bites"; and games, activities, contests, tips for parents, family resources, events, and more;
- a redesign and launch of the ***Chicago Tonight*** site with enhanced functionality and back-end infrastructure efficiencies, a new video player with a more user friendly front-end (including robust video keyword search engine), video processing and metadata integration with national/local video player mentioned above, ability for content filtering and sorting, and a new, wider template to accommodate more content;
- launch of a timely cross-platform special initiative called ***Facing the Mortgage Crisis***. This special site features an interactive timeline populated with text, photos, and video; an interactive Google Map "pinned" with local resources for people facing the mortgage crisis in our region; and a library of ***Chicago Tonight*** video stories relating to the financial and mortgage crisis and its impact;
- launch of a **WTTW pbs.org** site for the second installment in the ***Retirement Revolution*** series featuring rich content on eight key issues people face in retirement; audio and photo slideshows, comment tool, and web exclusive video.

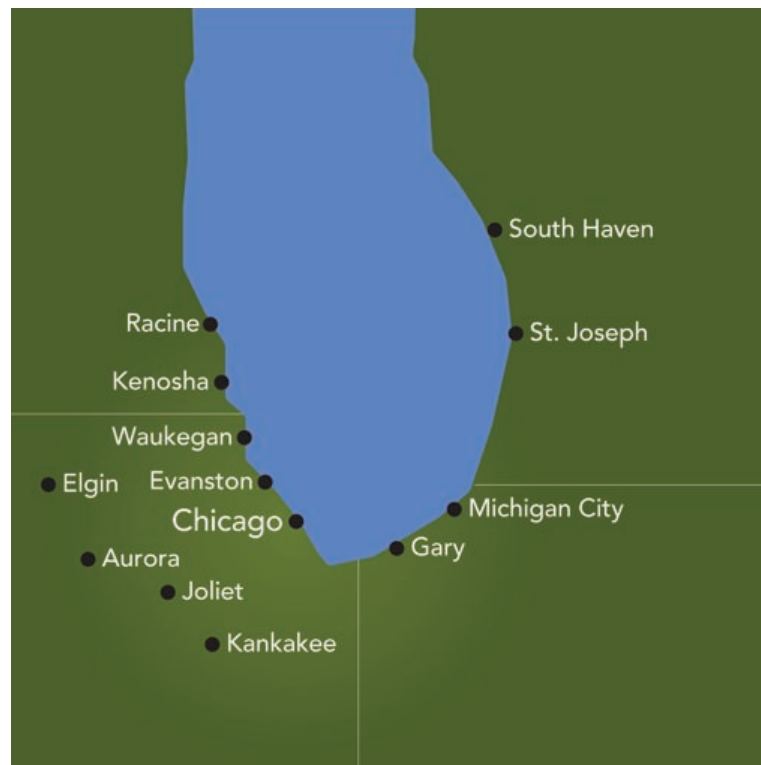
Since the introduction of video on the WTTW website in April 2008 to June 2009, online usage has grown a staggering 1,565%, demonstrating WTTW's ability to grow and adapt with the needs of our devoted audience.

On wfmt.com, we expanded WFMT's global reach by offering a high-quality free online stream on wfmt.com, and via mobile and radio station aggregators worldwide; developing a free

Apple application downloadable to iPhone and iPod Touch devices; launching a new and expanded site for *Exploring Music with Bill McGlaughlin*; bringing WFMT fans behind the scenes with the “Off Mic” blog with daily posts by WFMT hosts and producers; expanding the Featured Audio and Premium Music streaming areas for members only; and creating web-exclusive content for popular series such as *The Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival*, *The New Releases with Lisa Flynn*, and *La Triviata: The WFMT Game Show*.

WTTW and WFMT Broadcast Map

Every week, WTTW11 reaches more than 1.5 million viewers in four states: Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and Wisconsin. 98.7WFMT also serves this four-state broadcast area and is available worldwide through an internet streaming service.



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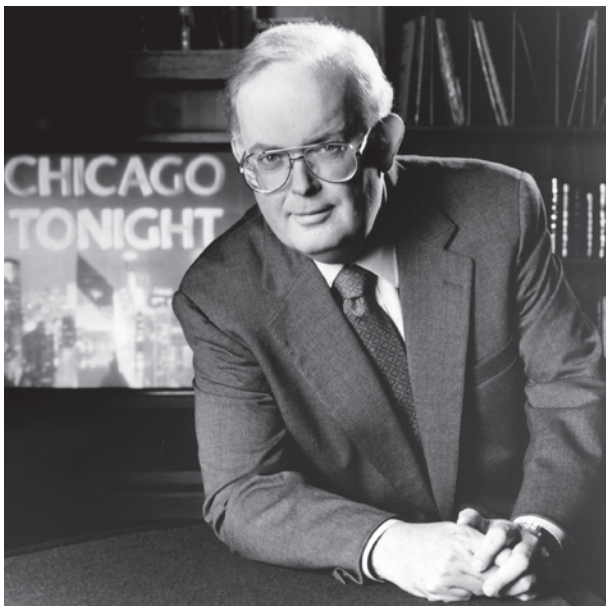
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- The Private Client Group at National City

In Remembrance



John Callaway

1936-2009

This past summer, WTTW was stunned and saddened by the unexpected loss of our friend and colleague John Callaway, the original host of our flagship program *Chicago Tonight* and host of *Friday Night*.

To the Chicago community and beyond, John enjoyed a well-deserved reputation as a multi-faceted journalist, and over the span of his 48-year professional career, he excelled at everything he did. He was an acclaimed radio and television host; news anchor, reporter, moderator and analyst; documentary producer; author, teacher and fellowship program administrator; national lecturer; and more recently a stage writer and performer.

But it was John's consummate skills as an interviewer that set him apart. Meticulous preparation – often, he knew as much or more about a topic than his subjects did. Razor-sharp concentration – John was one of the best listeners in the business. A willingness to ask questions from which lesser journal-

ists might shrink – questions his subjects, in many cases, were surely never expecting. But John was never cruel; always sensitive and fair. His subjects – which included everyone from former and future U.S. Presidents, literary figures, business titans, artists, politicians, sports luminaries, and A-list celebrities – often commented that they felt “safe” with him, even as they revealed secrets that they never thought they would.

Among John's many interview subjects over the years, to name only a few, were Oprah Winfrey, John Updike, Norman Mailer, James Baldwin, Mike Ditka, Tom Brokaw, Tim Russert, Henry Kissinger, Alan Alda, Aaron Copland, Helen Hayes, Leontyne Price, Howard Cosell, Mike Wallace, and Jonas Salk.

As one of the visionaries who created WTTW's flagship program *Chicago Tonight* and as its host for its first 15 years on the air, John helped our viewers make sense of the often complex events taking place in our city, and to learn more about the wide array of personalities involved.

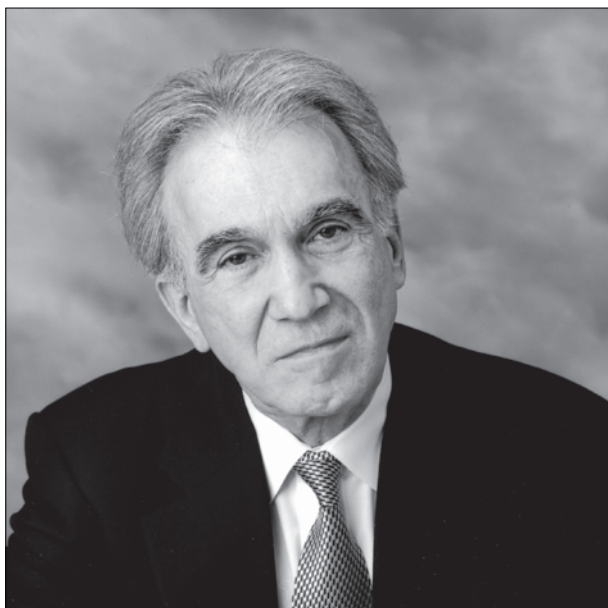
Mostly, though, John was an unfailingly kind, gracious, generous soul – quick to acknowledge the work of his colleagues and to nurture their talent, dedicated to his family and filled with pride at their accomplishments. A man who was loved and respected by all those who had the honor and privilege of knowing and working with him.

And it is for that, perhaps, that we at WTTW will remember him best.

Norman Pellegrini

1929-2009

If there were to be a single force that shaped WFMT, it was Norman Pellegrini. As a young man, he worked with station founders Bernie and Rita Jacobs as they created a station dedicated to respecting, engaging, and challenging its listeners. Two years after WFMT's inception, Norm became program director, a post he held until 1996. His relationship with WFMT continued until his death.



Norm's influence, on and off the air, established the character of WFMT. His love of music, his standards of quality, sound and style are still hallmarks of the station, setting it apart from and beyond those of other broadcasters. WFMT has a unique character and depth of programming that all of us are devoted to maintaining. His energy, enthusiasm, and dedication made him a colleague both demanding and inspiring. He will be missed, but his legacy will live at WFMT so long as the station is on the air.

All of us have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of letters, recorded remembrances, and electronic correspondence from listeners, colleagues, and friends that have come our way in the days after Norman's death. Clearly, he forged a real connection with people who knew him personally, and many who knew him only by voice. A demonstration of the power of radio and the keen understanding Norm had about the power of voice...of his voice.

As host of the Lyric Opera broadcasts with Lois Baum and later Lisa Flynn, broadcasts by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, or the long-time host of WFMT's *Midnight Special*, Norm

had an amazing presence and the ability to engage. He adored this city and its musicians and was always striving to find new ways to showcase the many facets of Chicago's musical life. He recognized, celebrated, and promoted Chicago's finest talents with a passion. It is in his honor that all of us attempt to carry on this tradition, (including his unique pronunciation of the word hundred).

When Norman received an Honorary Doctorate of Human Letters from DePaul University, the citation read in part: "By consistently offering the best, you have proved that a sizeable and eager audience exists for the best, disproving the widely held theory that a radio station could be successful only by compromising artistic principles."



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1. Families and children enjoying the WTTW Kids Fun and Run in August; 2. WTTW VP of Corporate Affairs Marty McLaughlin, Chicago Alderman Margaret Laurino (39th Ward) and Director of Community Outreach Shaunese Teamer at a Readers Are Leaders community event; 3. Miss Lori, of Miss Lori's Campus, performing at a Readers Are Leaders community event; 4. Kids enjoying Readers are Leaders outreach events with WTTW's Carmen Schmidt

Community Outreach

WTTW Kids Fun and Run

WTTW's sixth annual Kids Fun and Run was another great success, drawing a record 5,000 children and adults to Chicago's Lincoln Park on August 23rd. This popular family event has become a summer mainstay, and featured a 3K walk/5K run, games, activities, refreshments, music from the acclaimed group *Ralph's World*, strolling performers from the Old Town School of Folk Music, as well as a host of favorite PBS walk-around characters – including Elmo, Grover, Arthur, and WTTW's very own "Dog" from *WordWorld*. Families were able to meet and greet, take photos, and hug these beloved characters during a jam-packed summer morning to support WTTW's quality children's programming. WFMT original program *Introductions* was on hand, too, with a performance by violin prodigy Vincent Meklis in the main event tent. Children became "Super Readers," too, making eye masks and capes and receiving a free book at the *Super Readers* tent. The event was made possible by sponsors East Bank Club, The PrivateBank, Dominicks, and Fleet Feet.

400 Years of the Telescope

WTTW11 partnered with the Adler Planetarium on March 12 to host a discussion and preview screening of the PBS special *400 Years of the Telescope*, narrated by NOVA's Neil deGrasse Tyson. The documentary takes viewers on a sweeping journey from 1609, when Galileo revealed mankind's place in the galaxy, to today's quests to discover new worlds in the infinite universe. This event was open to the public with a special invitation to WTTW and Adler Planetarium members. Producer/writer Kris Koenig introduced the preview screening and joined Dan Schmidt in awarding a high-powered Celestron Telescope to a deserving Chicago middle school. This event was made possible by planetarium and outreach partners including the Carnegie Science Center, Southern Oregon Public Television, the National Science Foundation, and others.

WTTW Kids Readers Are Leaders Tour

Partnering with the Chicago Public Library, WTTW presented 25 well-attended performances last spring featuring interactive original music and storytelling. Children were also entertained with readings and special appearances by Tommy Hawk, the Blackhawks' team mascot. Courtesy of tour sponsors, every child received a free children's book, school supplies, bookmarks, stickers, and more. This summer we made additional stops at the Shedd Aquarium, Kohl's Children's Museum, Lincoln Park Zoo, Brookfield Zoo, DuSable Museum, and Westfield Mall, presenting 20 live performances with Miss Lori from *Miss Lori's Campus*. Over 2,500 children and their families participated. Both tours were made possible through sponsors like Wisconsin Dells, Carlson for Kids, Blick Art, Adventist LaGrange Hospital, Feldco, Westfield Hawthorne, Amtrak, and the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools. Partners included VSP Vision Care and Blackhawk Charities. Additional support was provided by HarperCollins, publishers of the works of Shel Silverstein.

Navy Pier's Toddlin' Thursdays

WTTW partnered with Navy Pier this year to provide walk-around characters for their *Toddlin' Thursdays* activities. On April 23, Sid from *Sid the Science Kid* and Wyatt from *Super Why!* greeted children for photos. On April 30, *Maya and Miguel* were on hand to do the same. WTTW staff also distributed stickers and program schedules.

Community Outreach

Parenting Counts Workshops

WTTW's *Early Learning Initiative* completed 15 *Parenting Counts* workshops with partners including the Chicago Public Schools and participating YMCAs. Nearly 300 parents and caregivers attended workshops and received free materials and children's books, funded by the Dr. Scholl Foundation and JP Morgan Chase Foundation. Additional sponsorship for *Parenting Counts* on-air spots is provided by the Consortium of Participating YMCAs, Advanced Ground Care, and Gymboree. 15 more workshops have been scheduled with the Chicago Public Library at branch locations throughout the west and south sides of Chicago.

Independent Lens: Taking Root – The Vision of Wangari Maathai

On April 15, WTTW partnered with the McCormick Freedom Museum, Northwestern University's Program of African Studies, and Barbara's Bookstore to present a fascinating discussion and interview with Professor Wangari Maathai at Northwestern's Thorne Auditorium. More than 700 guests attended the event.

The Great Food Fan Van

The Van made appearances at 30 markets across the Chicago area, reaching nearly 3,000 children and their families, who were treated to a live two-hour health and fitness performance and a sampling of items provided by our sponsors Traditional Medicinals, Organic Valley, Arthur's Juice Smoothies, Sunland Peanut Butter and the National Peanut Board. Additional support was provided by Whole Foods Market.



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1. Nobel Peace Prize laureate Wangari Maathai as featured in *Independent Lens: Taking Root – The Vision of Wangari Maathai*; 2. Tresa Dunbar, second-year principal at Chicago's Nash Elementary as featured in *P.O.V.: The Principal Story*; 3. Kids sing and dance alongside Miss Lori at a WTTW Kids Great Food Fan Van performance in Deerfield; 4. Trustee Michael Gonzalez kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month at the National Museum of Mexican Art

Community Outreach

Sid the Science Kid Parent/Caregiver Workshops and Events

More than 500 children participated in hands-on science activities at each of two **Sid the Science Kid** public events this summer – *The Taste of Chicago's Family Village*, where they met walk-around **Sid the Science Kid**, and at the *Science Chicago, LabFest* event at Millennium Park in August. At both events, families took home posters, stickers, and *WTTW Kids* promotional materials. Support was provided by a grant from KCET and their supporter Boeing. Support for the *Early Learning Initiative* is made possible by JP Morgan Chase and the Dr. Scholl Foundation.

Hispanic Heritage Month

On September 11, WTTW held a screening of **VOCES: Dream Havana** for more than 180 attendees with its producer at Instituto Cervantes. SVP and Chief Television Content Officer Dan Soles shared information about WTTW programming and our Hispanic Heritage Month lineup. The screening was followed by a lively Q & A (in Spanish and English). On September 18, WTTW was a media sponsor of the 18th Annual Hispanic Heritage Month kick-off event at the Palmer House, emceed by Eddie Arruza, at which we promoted the upcoming **Latin Music USA** series to 1,200 attendees. Finally, on October 9, WTTW partnered with the National Museum of Mexican Art for a **Latin Music USA** screening. WWCI Trustee Michael Gonzalez welcomed the attendees.

A Principal Story

In early September, WTTW hosted a screening and panel discussion in connection with this special *P.O.V.* documentary. Partnering with educational institutions, principal associations, and the Chicago Public Schools, 179 educators, principals, and school administrators attended the event at WTTW studios. Both featured principals and the two local producers of the documentary also participated. Funding was provided by the producers and their principle sponsor The Wallace Foundation.

WordWorld Learning Box Outreach Pilot

The Von Humboldt and Ferguson Chicago Public Schools Child Parent Centers participated this year in the *WordWorld* Learning Box Pilot. Both serve inner-city children who are predominantly Hispanic or African-American. In total, four classrooms joined in the pilot outreach activity and were able to keep the resources used following the survey process. *WordWorld* is working with the evaluator, Michael Cohen Group, to determine next steps for the *Learning Box* project nationally.

The Electric Company LIVE at WTTW Studios

The Electric Company Roadshow made Chicago the last stop on their nationwide tour last fall, giving a one-night only performance in WTTW's own studios. Two hundred ecstatic kids and their families showed up for the event. Mr. Brandon, from the *WTTW Kids Readers Are Leaders* tour, hosted an *Electric Company* game show and special guest "Shock" from the hit series performed for an audience of awestruck children. Each child received a full backpack of *Electric Company* goodies, including activity books and stickers.



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1. Dan Rozkuszka and Dan Andries shooting *Irish Chicago*; 2. Arts Across Illinois; 3. Emmylou Harris on Soundstage; 4. Celtic Thunder: *It's Entertainment!*

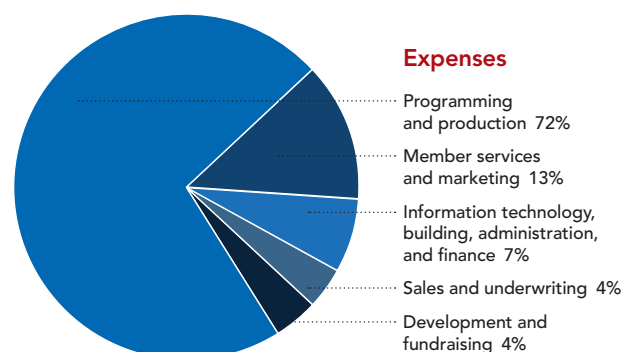
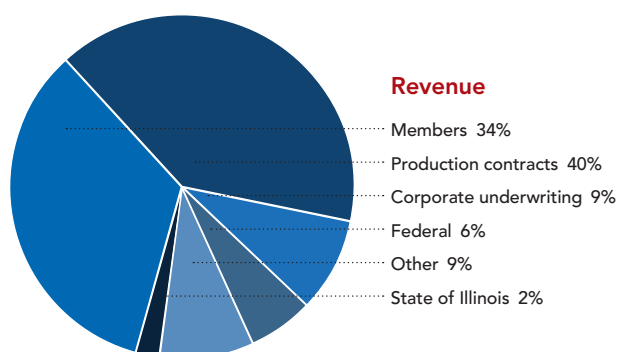
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Assets	
Cash and investments	\$25,906
Accounts and pledges receivable, net	4,061
Property and equipment, net	24,309
Other assets	2,404
Total Assets	\$56,680
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$5,053
Long-term bonds payable	21,300
Other liabilities	4,694
Total Liabilities	\$31,047
Net assets:	
Unrestricted	\$16,313
Restricted	9,320
Total Net Assets	\$25,633
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$56,680

Statement of Activity for the fiscal year ended July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009

Operating Revenue and Public Support	
Members and subscribers	\$19,888
Production contracts	23,573
Corporate underwriting	5,091
Federal CPB grant	3,205
State of Illinois grant	1,401
Other	4,998
Total Revenue	\$58,156
Programming and production	\$42,998
Member services and marketing	7,829
Sales and underwriting	2,497
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