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Open House Chicago festival extended through November 1

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CHICAGO – In response to popular demand and with continued support from Presenting Sponsor [Wintrust](#), the [Chicago Architecture Center](#) (CAC) is pleased to extend its 10th annual [Open House Chicago](#) festival (OHC) through Sunday, November 1, 2020. Attendees have seven more days to follow 25 trails for self-guided exploration through Chicago neighborhoods and suburbs, on a variety of themes and including audio narration by guest experts including the late [James Loewenberg](#) of Magellan Development Group. Six OHC 2020 online programs initially offered to registered attendees via Zoom will be published and viewable anytime via [the CAC's YouTube channel](#) Monday, October 26 through Sunday, November 1. These programs include [A New Vision for the Kenwood Line](#), [Changing the Narrative: African Americans in Evanston](#), [Get to Know Your House: Rogers Park Edition](#) and [Women in Architecture Virtual Tour](#).

Trail content remains accessible through the extension via the [OHC 2020 mobile app](#) for iOS (Apple) and Android devices; another dozen festival experiences available through the mobile app include three site-inspired compositions by artists from [Access Contemporary Music](#) and [YOU BE MY ALLY](#), a temporary public artwork by Jenny Holzer commissioned by University of Chicago and viewable dawn until dusk through November 22, 2020.

While app-based content is also available online at openhousechicago2020.vamonde.com, the CAC recommends festival attendees download and install the app on their smartphone or tablet for the best, most comprehensive OHC 2020 experience. This release also includes updates to [previously announced](#) OHC 2020 offerings.

Thanks to the Sponsors and Partners of Open House Chicago 2020

Open House Chicago 2020 is made possible by generous support from Presenting Sponsor [Wintrust](#) and OHC 2020 Sponsors the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) through its CARES Act grant program, the [National Endowment for the Arts](#), [ComEd](#), the [TAWANI Foundation](#), and Regenia Stein and Roland James.

The OHC trails Bronzeville: Performance Spaces in the Black Metropolis and A Ribbon of Green on the West Side are sponsored by [ComEd](#). Architectural Innovation Trail: Chinatown is sponsored by [Ozinga](#). North Shore Historic Homes and Frank Lloyd Wright: Portrait of a Young Architect are sponsored by [Orren Pickell Building Group](#). OHC 2020 Partners are [Choose Chicago](#), the [Chicago Transit Authority](#) and [Open House Worldwide](#). OHC 2020 Media Sponsors are [Chicago](#) magazine, the [Chicago Reader](#), [WBEZ 91.5 Chicago](#) and [Vocalo Radio](#).

OHC 2020 Supports a Safe Experience

All OHC 2020 experiences and programs are outdoors or online in support of public safety. While select online programs during the festival may include images and video footage of building interiors, please do not attempt to enter any of the more than 100 unique OHC sites and buildings located along OHC trails. OHC participants are asked to observe all current recommendations from public health officials from the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago.

OHC 2020 Mobile App and Trails for Self-Guided, Outdoor Exploration

Access complete OHC site and trail content including audio, images and video via the [OHC 2020 mobile app](#), available for download via the [App Store](#) (for iOS devices) and [Google Play Store](#) (for Android devices). Answers to FAQ and tips for the best OHC 2020 mobile app experience are published online at [openhousechicago.org/app](#). Unless otherwise noted, OHC trails are easy to intermediate bicycle rides or walks designed to last an hour or less.

Architectural Innovation Trail: Chinatown

Take 30 minutes or more to follow this one-mile route, tracing historic and recently completed sites of architectural significance, including Hilliard Tower Apartments, Chinatown Square, Ping Tom Memorial Park, the CTA Green Line station at Cermak-McCormick Place and the Chicago Public Library's Chinatown Branch. Trail includes audio narration by Carol Ross Barney, [Ross Barney Architects](#); Brian Lee, [Skidmore, Owings & Merrill](#); and Ernest C. Wong, [site design group, ltd.](#) Architectural Innovation Trail: Chinatown is sponsored by [Ozinga](#).

Architectural Innovation Trail: Fulton Market District

Take 30 minutes or more to follow this one-mile route highlighting just a few of the many new developments in and around Chicago's Fulton Market District. Trail stops include 1K Fulton, Fulton West, the Chicago Public Library's West Loop Branch and McDonald's Global Headquarters, plus the under-construction projects Fulton East and 800 Fulton Market. Trail includes audio narration by Andy Gloor, [Sterling Bay](#).

Architectural Innovation Trail: Hyde Park

Take 45 minutes or more to follow this 1.5-mile route, spotlighting historic and recently completed sites of architectural significance, including the Frederick C. Robie House, Keck-Gottschalk-Keck Apartments, Promontory Apartments, University Park Condominiums and Townhomes and Solstice on the Park. Trail includes audio narration by Mark P. Sexton, [Krueck Sexton Partners](#); and Juliane Wolf, [Studio Gang](#).

Bicycle / Driving Trail: A Ribbon of Green on the West Side

The chain of wooded roadways and major parks on Chicago's West Side comprises more than 1,700 acres of green space, connecting six public squares and eight parks, linked by 18 historic boulevards. Built in stages between 1869 and 1942, the showpieces in this famed "ribbon of green" are the city's Douglass, Garfield and Humboldt Parks. Enjoy this two-mile trail of highlights by bicycle, car or on foot, or go the distance and travel all 26 miles from end to end. Trail includes audio narration by Julia Bachrach, [historian and Chicago parks expert](#). A Ribbon of Green on the West Side is sponsored by [ComEd](#).

NEW Bicycle / Driving Trail: Architecture Reflecting History

Read the history of Evanston through its architecture on this three-mile trail including stops at the home of Woman's Christian Temperance Movement activist Frances Willard, the Evanston Pumping Station, the Grosse Point Light, South Boulevard CTA Station and the city's Works Progress Administration-era United States Post Office. Three area homes are included to illustrate the progression of architectural styles. More Evanston walking tours are available in the book "Evanston: 150 Years, 150 Places," available at [designevanston.org](#), the Evanston History Center and in local bookstores. Architecture Reflecting History is curated in partnership with [Design Evanston](#).

Bicycle / Driving Trail: Chicago's Tied Houses

This citywide trail from Pullman to Uptown, or vice versa, is best approached as a daylong adventure enjoyed by car or bicycle, with a route linking 10 examples of Chicago's once-commonplace tied houses: bars and saloons "tied" to selling the products of a single brewery. Many designed by architects Frommann & Jepsen in Chicago for Milwaukee's Schlitz company, tied houses and the system they supported played a significant role in triggering the movement that led to Prohibition. With stops in multiple OHC neighborhoods, this trail can also be completed over several days, as attendees visit nearby OHC sites and trails. Trail includes audio narration by Lee Greenberg, [Gensler](#); and Nick Lubovich, Schlitz Row historian.

Bicycle / Driving Trail: North Shore Historic Homes

Take your time following this five-mile route through Kenilworth, Winnetka and Glencoe on Chicago's North Shore, highlighting eleven homes on the National Register of Historic Places designed by David Adler, Howard Van Doren Shaw, Frank Lloyd Wright and George Maher, whose 1893 home at 424 Warwick Road in Kenilworth includes early Prairie School elements. Trail includes audio narration by Dennis Rodkin, [Crain's Chicago Business](#). The North Shore Historic Homes trail is sponsored by [Orren Pickell Building Group](#).

Bicycle / Walking Trail: Olmsted's South Park

Chicago's Jackson and Washington Parks, along with the Midway Plaisance, form a coherent, 1,055-acre landscape originally known as South Park. Designed in 1871 by Frederick Law Olmsted, "the father of landscape architecture," this trio of urban assets took time to mature. Enjoy this 2.5-mile trail of highlights or go the distance and travel all five miles from end to

end. Trail includes audio narration by Julia Bachrach, [historian and Chicago parks expert](#); and Robert W. Karr, Jr., [Project 120 Chicago](#).

Neighborhood Trail: Austin: The Grand Residences of Frederick R. Schock

Take 20 minutes or more to enjoy this half-mile route past four houses designed by Frederick R. Schock, a Chicago-born architect who pushed stylistic boundaries and helped establish Austin as a fashionable residential enclave. Featured sites, including Schock's own residence, combine elements of Queen Anne and the Shingle Style—a design approach uncommon in the Midwest but highly influential to Chicago architects associated with the Prairie School.

Neighborhood Trail: Beverly: The Prairie School

Take an hour or more to explore this two-mile route showcasing the rich variety of homes on and around a prominent natural ridge extending from Chicago's 87th Street south to the City of Blue Island. While there are unique homes and vibrant communities along all six miles of the ridge, this trail focuses on a short stretch featuring grand homes by influential architects—and a collection of Prairie Style exemplars to rival Oak Park. Trail includes audio narration by Eleanor Gorski, [City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development](#).

Neighborhood Trail: Bronzeville: Performance Spaces in the Black Metropolis

Through the first half of the 20th century, discriminatory practices by banks and insurance companies forced Black Chicagoans and new arrivals to the city from the American South to settle in a narrow corridor of the South Side known as "The Black Belt." With space so limited, several buildings operated both as community gathering points and venues for musicians and other performing artists. Take 45 minutes or more to follow this 1.5-mile trail connecting a few sites still standing from the heyday of Chicago's "Black Metropolis." Trail includes audio narration by Bernard Loyd, [Urban Juncture](#); and Robert M. Marovich, [Journal of Gospel Music](#). Performance Spaces in the Black Metropolis is sponsored by [ComEd](#).

NEW Neighborhood Trail: Downtown: Boom, Bust and Boom Again on State Street

State Street may have seen more dramatic ups and downs than any other Chicago commercial thoroughfare. Once the city's—and arguably the nation's—retail mecca, the corridor gradually began to lose its edge to suburban shopping centers in the years following World War II. Conditions grew dire to the point that planners undertook a radical remake in 1979, an intervention would only further depress the corridor. A subsequent vision parsed the corridor into thirds: a north leg devoted to entertainment, a middle stretch for retail and a south leg to serve academic institutions. This trail traces the Loop's premier shopping street from boom to bust and back to boom again. Trail includes audio narration by Michael Edwards, [Chicago Loop Alliance](#).

Neighborhood Trail: Downtown: Lakeshore East

Take 30 minutes or more for this half-mile exploration of the latest structures to rise in Lakeshore East, a master-planned community on the former site of the Illinois Central Railroad yards and, later, a nine-hole golf course. Tucked between Lake Michigan, Millennium Park and

the Chicago River, Lakeshore East is now home to some of the tallest new buildings in the United States. Trail includes audio narration by the late James Loewenberg, [Magellan Development Group](#); and Juliane Wolf, [Studio Gang](#).

Neighborhood Trail: Englewood Square Phase II

Take 30 minutes or more to learn how Englewood Square, centered on the intersection of South Halsted and West 63rd Streets, will be [further revitalized through the City of Chicago's INVEST South/West initiative](#). The City's August 2020 release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) focuses on development of long-vacant sites at this intersection to bring critical new investment to the area. The goal is to create a new, mixed-use "town square" for Englewood building community wealth at the historic commercial heart of the neighborhood. Learn about these plans and other important projects nearby to bolster urban farming and recreational space. Trail includes audio narration by Luke Mich, AICP, PLA, [City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development](#).

Neighborhood Trail: Lincoln Park: A Women's History

Take 45 minutes or more to follow this one-mile trail and learn how a small cemetery was transformed into today's 1,200-acre recreational landscape. The important contributions by women to the creation of Lincoln Park are often overshadowed by men whose names and figures adorn the park's historic sites and natural features. Explore locations that broaden the narrative of how the park took shape over 150 years, with an emphasis on women who envisioned—and continue to improve—a space all Chicagoans can enjoy. Trail includes audio narration by Julia Bachrach, [historian and Chicago parks expert](#).

Neighborhood Trail: Logan Square: First Family Favorites

Take 45 minutes or more to follow this special audio trail of Logan Square, curated by and with remarks from City of Chicago Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot and First Lady Amy Eshleman. The Mayor and First Lady have called Logan Square home for more than 15 years. Learn what first drew them to the neighborhood, their impressions of a fast-changing community and what they cherish most about the area today. Explore some of their favorite landmarks, green spaces and restaurants along the way. Trail includes audio narration by Mayor Lightfoot and First Lady Eshleman.

Neighborhood Trail: Logan Square: Homes of the Boulevards

Take 45 minutes or more to follow this 1.5-mile trail of highlights along the tree-lined boulevards radiating outward from Chicago's Logan and Palmer Squares. Having taken their design cues from older, heavier façades along Drexel and Grand Boulevards as well as Lake Shore Drive, the Prairie, Queen Anne and Greystone homes on Kedzie and Logan Boulevards aimed to attract newly affluent buyers seeking a then-suburban setting.

Neighborhood Trail: Near North Side: Tales of the Gold Coast

Following the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, grand residences were built throughout the northeast pocket of today's Gold Coast neighborhood, along Lake Shore Drive between

Division Street and North Avenue. Take 45 minutes or more to follow this one-mile trail profiling the ambitions, personalities and stories of figures and families who chose to make homes in the area. Trail includes audio narration by Virginia Gerst, [CAC docent](#).

NEW Neighborhood Trail: Near North Side: The Making of a Magnificent Mile

Take half an hour or half a day to walk one of the world's most iconic shopping districts and appreciate not just its material delights, but the daring design and real estate adventures that brought this street to life. Destined to become a grand boulevard thanks to the vision of Burnham and Bennett's 1909 Plan for Chicago, civic leaders, city planners, property owners and the North Central Business District Association (now the Magnificent Mile Association) joined forces in shaping Michigan Avenue's physical identity and ultimate commercial success. Ongoing public-private-partnerships have enabled various redevelopment and beautification efforts in the decades since. Today, it is designated one of the "Great Avenues of the World," with echoes of the Champs-Élysées in Paris. Trail includes audio narration by Kimberly Bares, [Magnificent Mile Association](#).

Neighborhood Trail: Near South Side: Historic Mansions of Prairie Avenue

Some of the oldest, most picturesque homes still standing in Chicago can be found tucked away along South Prairie Avenue southeast of Soldier Field, including the Henry B. Clarke House (1836), Keith House (1870) and OHC 2020 community partner [Glessner House](#) (1885–87). Take 30 minutes or more to enjoy this half-mile stroll through Chicago's historic Prairie Avenue District—and learn which of the area's buildings were picked up and moved from their original locations.

Neighborhood Trail: Oak Park: Frank Lloyd Wright: Portrait of a Young Architect

Take 30 minutes or more to follow this half-mile trail highlighting seven early houses designed by Frank Lloyd Wright during the first two decades of his long career. Curated from among Wright's 25 extant Oak Park commissions, these examples show how his work evolved, from his early tenure as a draftsman under Louis Sullivan to his emergence as an established and influential architect in private practice. Trail includes audio narration by Adam Rubin, [Chicago Architecture Center](#). The Young Frank Lloyd Wright trail is sponsored by [Orren Pickell Building Group](#).

Neighborhood Trail: Pilsen: Mosaics

Take 30 minutes or more to appreciate the remarkable mosaics along this 1.25-mile trail, created using tiles and other mixed media over the past 30 years. Tracing at least to Mario Castillo's "Peace or Metafisico" mural of 1968, Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood has long been a hub of the Mexican muralist movement in the United States. Many of the neighborhood's works of tile and painting merge expressions of cultural and religious identity with calls for social justice, by artists such as Sandra Antongiorgi, Aurelio Diaz, Héctor Duarte, Sam Kirk, Jeff Maldonado, Francisco Mendoza, Gabriel Villa and others. Trail includes audio narration by Luis Tubens, [Pilsen murals expert](#).

Neighborhood Trail: Pullman and Roseland Today

Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives president David Doig discusses historic rehabilitation and housing development work in and around Pullman, originally intended as an idyllic community for Pullman Palace Car Company laborers but, within 15 years, the site of the violent Pullman Strike of 1894. Absorbed by the City of Chicago in 1889, Pullman today encompasses the Pullman National Monument, including landmark buildings by architect Solon Spencer Beman and landscapes by Nathan Barrett, as well as larger areas to the west of Lake Calumet and north to 95th Street, urbanized throughout the mid–20th century. Trail includes video content by Video Parachute, with kind assistance from Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives and Leadership Greater Chicago.

Neighborhood Trail: Rogers Park: The Mile of Murals

Take 45 minutes or more to enjoy The Mile of Murals: more than 14,000 square feet of bold imagery and vibrant color on street-facing walls abutting elevated CTA Red Line tracks through Rogers Park. Launched in 2007, the project aims to promote and celebrate the arts-centered identity of the neighborhood, which includes the Glenwood Avenue Arts District. Trail includes audio narration by Ana Bermúdez, Rogers Park Business Alliance.

Neighborhood Trail: Wicker Park: Beer Baron Row

Take 30 minutes or more to peruse this half-mile trail through a well-preserved collection of mansions between Damen and North Avenues and Leavitt and Schiller Streets. Dubbed “Beer Baron Row,” this tightly packed assortment of grand homes in Queen Anne, Second Empire, Richardsonian Romanesque and other styles are surrounded by humble workers’ cottages of the same period, built to house German, Scandinavian and Polish immigrants who shared the neighborhood.

OHC 2020 Mobile App Exclusives

In addition to exploring the neighborhood and citywide trails listed above, OHC 2020 mobile app users can access and enjoy 12 experiences offered in conjunction with OHC 2020 community partners including performance videos, interactive exhibits and virtual tours.

OHC 2020 App Exclusive: Attic Treasures II

Download and install the OHC 2020 mobile app to virtually visit the Chinese American Museum of Chicago’s Raymond B. and Jean T. Lee Center, which receives so many donations to its collection it created the online exhibit “Attic Treasures II” to display items yet to be seen in the museum’s Chinatown galleries. Organized into six virtual “rooms” themed on the original purposes of these objects, “Attic Treasures II” invites you behind the scenes to learn how the museum shares and cares for the curious, delightful treasures it acquires.

OHC 2020 App Exclusive: A Comparative Listening Event

Download and install the OHC 2020 mobile app to experience a pair of corresponding, self-guided sound trails created exclusively for the festival by NON:op Open Opera Works. Grab your headphones, choose the Auburn Gresham or Evanston option, travel to the trailhead and

follow maps and prompts in the app to find specific points at which you can listen to custom-created, site-specific soundscapes.

NEW OHC 2020 App Exclusive: "Antiphon" at the Newberry Library

Founded in 1887, the Newberry Library was designed by Henry Ives Cobb, whose taste for both architectural detail and monumentality is reflected in the neo-Romanesque exterior of the building. "Antiphon" at the Newberry Library, a musical performance captured on video and available through the OHC 2020 mobile app, is curated in partnership with Access Contemporary Music.

NEW OHC 2020 App Exclusive: "Arise" at The Forum

Built in 1897, The Forum is home to the oldest assembly and social hall in Bronzeville and contains what may be the oldest hardwood dance floor in Chicago. "Arise" at The Forum, a musical performance captured on video and available through the OHC 2020 mobile app, is curated in partnership with Access Contemporary Music.

NEW OHC 2020 App Exclusive: "Clutter" at Sedgwick Artist Studios

Below the CTA Brown Line station at Sedgwick sits a 1901 Commonwealth Edison electrical substation built to serve the train. After removal of the transformers converting AC to DC in the early 1960s, the building sat vacant for more than a decade. Luckily, several artists saw potential in its high ceilings and spacious interior, purchased the property in 1976 and converted it to studio space. Today, Sedgwick Studios buzzes with energy as a live / work space for six artists. "Clutter" at Sedgwick Artist Studios, a musical performance captured on video and available through the OHC 2020 mobile app, is curated in partnership with Access Contemporary Music.

OHC 2020 App Enhancement: Inside the Givins Castle

Download and install the OHC 2020 mobile app to access two videos about the history and preservation of the Givins Castle, a crenelated curiosity atop the steep ridge that runs through Chicago's Beverly and Morgan Park neighborhoods. Its first of five owners, real estate magnate Robert C. Givins, reportedly built the residence of solid Joliet limestone in 1887, as a gift for his wife as well as a tool to encourage development along the Rock Island Line.

OHC 2020 App Exclusive: Plein Air (Outdoor) Painting of OHC Neighborhoods Project

Download and install the OHC 2020 mobile app to browse and share unique portraits of OHC 2020 sites, curated exclusively for the festival by 11 artists from [Plein Air Painters Chicago](#).

OHC 2020 App Enhancement: 100 Years Magnificent: DuSable Bridge 100th Anniversary

This year marks the centennial of today's bridge across the Chicago River at North Michigan Avenue, named in honor of Chicago's founder, Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable. The bridge made possible the transformation of a single-lane dirt road, then known as Pine Street, into The Magnificent Mile. More than 10,000 cars crossed the span on its opening day: May 14, 1920. Among the oldest business associations in Chicago, OHC 2020 community partner The

Magnificent Mile Association was formed in 1912 to facilitate the bridge's construction and carry out Daniel Burnham's [1909 Plan of Chicago](#). Download and install the OHC 2020 mobile app to view a short video about the DuSable Bridge, produced by [Born Ready Films](#).

OHC 2020 App Exclusive: The Planner's Path with CAC Teen Fellows

Download and install the OHC 2020 mobile app to check out original neighborhood improvements designed by [CAC Teen Fellows](#) in summer 2020 to bring community connection and engagement to 19 underutilized Chicago sites.

OHC 2020 App Exclusive: Virtual Family Trail

You can learn a great deal about your surroundings just by looking carefully and asking critical questions. By learning to look, you can understand in new ways the built environment, your neighborhood and even yourself. Follow the Open House Chicago Virtual Family Trail to explore seven sites that shape the way children experience architecture, through their shapes, sizes, colors and materials: [Boxville](#), [Farm on Ogden](#), the [Firehouse Community Arts Center of Chicago](#), [Héctor Duarte Studio](#), [The Givins Castle](#), the [I Grow Chicago Peace Campus](#) and the [César E. Chávez Multicultural Academic Center](#).

NEW OHC 2020 App Enhancement: YOU BE MY ALLY

While in the OHC 2020 neighborhood of Hyde Park, app users are encouraged to explore YOU BE MY ALLY, a temporary public artwork by Jenny Holzer, commissioned by University of Chicago and viewable dawn until dusk through November 22, 2020 on campus and worldwide through a free and web-based augmented reality app. Virtually project and animate curated texts from readings in the core curriculum on the Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts (Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects), School of Social Service Administration (Ludwig Mies van der Rohe), D'Angelo Law (Eero Saarinen) and Mansueto (Helmut Jahn) Libraries, Rockefeller Chapel (Bertram Goodhue), Cobb Hall (Henry Ives Cobb) and Cummings Life Science Center (I. W. Colburn with Schmidt, Garden & Erikson and Harold H. Hellman). App users are asked to keep to public ways and to not attempt to enter any buildings on campus. Access the app at youbemyally.uchicago.edu and visit jennyholzer.uchicago.edu to learn more.

OHC 2020 Online Programs

Six online programs originally webcast via Zoom will be available for **FREE** viewing anytime via [the CAC's YouTube channel](#) from Monday, October 26 through Sunday, November 1. Current [CAC members](#) also get exclusive access to the complete archive of seven **"My Neighborhood, My Story"** virtual tours led by architectural, civic and cultural leaders from Monday, October 26 through Monday, November 30.

A New Vision for the Kenwood Line

FREE on [the CAC's YouTube channel](#), October 26 through November 1

Inspired by the City of Chicago's INVEST South/West Initiative, Migel Santos, recent graduate of the [College of Architecture at the Illinois Institute of Technology](#), created a proposal to

revitalize the Kenwood Line, a six-station branch of the city's "L" network that served South Side residents and visitors from 1907–57. Now based in Chicago, Santos originally hails from Pasig City, Metro Manila in the Philippines—among the most densely populated areas on Earth. Hear how Santos suggests Chicago leverage this decommissioned rail line in support of greater socioeconomic equity and neighborhood vitality.

Changing the Narrative: African Americans in Evanston

FREE on [the CAC's YouTube channel](#), October 26 through November 1

Established in 1863, the City of Evanston benefited economically and socially from the contributions of its African American residents—a fact often diminished in, if not excluded entirely from, historical records and narratives. OHC 2020 community partner the [Evanston History Center](#) co-convenes this conversation between its director of facilities, visitor services and collections Kris Hartzell and [Shorefront Legacy Center](#) founder and executive director Dino Robinson.

Get to Know Your House: Rogers Park Edition

FREE on [the CAC's YouTube channel](#), October 26 through November 1

Based on the CAC's popular class series [Get to Know Your House](#), initially offered and sold out in March 2020, this one-time special edition provides attendees tips on researching their historic homes. With Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood serving as a case study, this program features a discussion between Rogers Park homeowner and CAC Vice President of Education and Audience Engagement [Nicole Kowrach](#) and [Property History Quest](#) staffer [Dona Vitale](#) from OHC 2020 community partner [Rogers Park / West Ridge Historical Society](#).

Women in Architecture Virtual Tour

FREE on [the CAC's YouTube channel](#), October 26 through November 1

While women in architecture and design professions were historically limited by glass ceilings, they've secured bigger and more visible roles in the 21st century, opening and running their own offices and designing buildings that have changed cities and skylines the world over. CAC docent Mary Jo Hoag leads this special encore presentation during OHC 2020 of her popular virtual tour, premiered on [CAC Live](#) in June 2020.

Visit openhousechicago.org/programs beginning Monday, October 26 for a complete list of OHC 2020 Online Programs viewable anytime through Sunday, November 1. These programs are also available on [the CAC's YouTube channel](#).

OHC 2020 Community Partners

The Chicago Architecture Center extends its gratitude to all OHC 2020 community partners including [826CHI](#), [Access Contemporary Music](#), [Beverly Area Planning Association](#), [Breakthrough FamilyPlex](#), [Bronzeville Historical Society](#), [Chicago Cultural Alliance](#), [Chicago](#)

[Loop Alliance](#), [Chicago's North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau](#), [Chicago Public Library](#), [Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community](#), [Design Evanston](#), [Evanston History Center](#), [The Forum](#), [Glessner House](#), [Hyde Park Art Center](#), [Illinois Holocaust Museum](#), [Intuit: The Center for Intuitive and Outsider Art](#), [Leadership Greater Chicago](#), [Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce](#), [Logan Square Neighborhood Association](#), [The Magnificent Mile Association](#), [Midwest Society for Acoustic Ecology](#), [NON:op Open Opera Works](#), [North Lawndale Community Coordinating Council](#), [North Lawndale Historical and Cultural Society](#), [Oak Park Art League](#), [Oak Park River Forest Museum](#), [Pivot Arts](#), [Plein Air Painters Chicago](#), [Preservation Chicago](#), [Puerto Rican Arts Alliance](#), [Rainbow Beach Park Advisory Council](#), [Rogers Park Business Alliance](#), [Rogers Park / West Ridge Historical Society](#), [The Renaissance Collaborative](#), [UChicago Arts](#) and [Visit Oak Park](#).

OHC 2020 Neighborhood Enhancements

While exploring the more than 100 OHC sites and buildings located along OHC trails, attendees are encouraged to use the free OHC 2020 app to browse and visit more than 100 neighborhood enhancements that include local businesses, green spaces, works of public art and more. Curated in partnership with [Choose Chicago](#), these assets include [Beacon Tavern](#), [Big Star Wicker Park](#), [Block 37](#), [Bronzeville Walk of Fame](#), [Bungalow by Middle Brow](#), [Cà Phê Dá Vietnamese Café](#), the [Chinese American Museum of Chicago's Raymond B. and Jean T. Lee Center](#), [HaiSous Vietnamese Kitchen](#), the [Hubbard Street Murals](#), [Johnny Twist Blues Museum](#), [Lao Sze Chuan](#), [Little Black Pearl Art and Design Center](#), [Maplewood Brewery & Distillery](#), [Mi Tocaya Antojería](#), [MingHin Cuisine](#), [Moody Tongue Brewing Company](#), [Oak Park River Forest Museum](#), [One Eleven Food Hall](#), [The Original Rainbow Cone](#), [Oz Park](#), [Paseo Boricua](#), [Peach's on 47th](#), [The Promontory](#), [The Sh*t Fountain](#), [The Violet Hour](#) and [Virtue Restaurant and Bar](#).

About the Chicago Architecture Center

The Chicago Architecture Center (CAC) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1966, dedicated to inspiring people to discover why design matters. A national leader in architecture and design education, the CAC offers field-leading tours, programs, exhibitions and more that are part of a dynamic journey of lifelong learning.

Opened to the public in 2018, its riverfront location is in the heart of the city, where Michigan Avenue meets the Chicago River, featuring nearly 10,000 square feet of exhibition space filled with super-sized models—and views—of iconic skyscrapers built over the course of more than a century. Exhibitions focus on Chicago's diverse neighborhoods, housing types, leading architects and future projects, and include the largest scale model of the city, with more than 4,250 miniature buildings, interactive touchscreens, and a cinematic backdrop animating key moments in its history. Highly knowledgeable, enthusiastic CAC docents guide visitors and residents through more than 75 walking tours with more than 7,000 annual departures, plus the Chicago Architecture Foundation Center River Cruise aboard Chicago's First Lady.

Through partnerships with schools and youth-serving organizations, the CAC reaches approximately 30,000 K–12 students annually, while teacher workshops provide educators with

tools and resources they need to advance STEM curricula in their classrooms. Committed to increasing access for populations historically under-represented in ACED (architecture, construction, engineering, and design) professions, the CAC offers many of its education programs—and all of its programs for teens—at no cost to participants. CAC programs for adults and members include talks with acclaimed authors and practicing architects, in-depth presentations on issues and trends in urbanism, and classes unlocking a wide range of subjects with connections to the built environment.

Proceeds from programs, tours and the CAC Design Store, as well as from grants, sponsorships and donations, support its educational mission. Visit architecture.org to learn more and follow @chiarchitecture and #chiarchitecture on social media.

