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CHICAGO PUBLIC RADIO AND CHICAGO MATTERS PRESENT FIFTEEN GLOBAL VISIONARIES FROM OUR REGION

Visionaries to be Profiled Throughout the Year on WBEZ 91.5 FM and WTTW11



[CHICAGO] – After receiving more than one hundred nominations from listeners, viewers and readers, the *Chicago Matters: Beyond Burnham* series has chosen fifteen local visionaries who are leading our region into the next century and putting our city on the global map. View detailed profiles of these visionaries online:

chicagopublicradio.org/chicagomatters.

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These visionaries were chosen from a wide range of fields that play a critical role in Chicago's global reputation. They are members of our business, arts, education, development and environmental communities.

"Daniel Burnham had a vision for this region that leaves its mark today in many ways," says Sally Eisele, executive producer of the *Chicago Matters* series for Chicago Public Radio and managing editor for WBEZ. "The project focuses on the region's visionaries today. We hope to provoke an ongoing conversation about the ideas and individuals helping shape metropolitan Chicago's future."

Starting March 17, WBEZ 91.5 FM will profile one visionary each month during *Morning Edition* (weekdays 5 – 9 am) and during our morning newsmagazine *Eight Forty-Eight* (weekdays, 9 – 10 am, rebroadcast 8 – 9 pm). For the series broadcast schedule, visit chicagopublicradio.org/chicagomatters.

Also starting March 17, WTTW11 will profile one visionary a month during *Chicago Tonight* (weekdays, 7 pm). For the series broadcast schedule, visit wttw.com/chicagotonight.

Now in its 19th year, Chicago's award-winning multimedia public affairs series returns in 2009 with *Chicago Matters: Beyond Burnham* to explore how our region can thrive in a global era.

Chicago Matters is an annual public information series made possible by The Chicago Community Trust, the region's community foundation, with programming by WTTW11, Chicago Public Radio, the Chicago Public Library and *The Chicago Reporter*, a publication of the Community Renewal Society. Visit chicagomatters.org for more information.

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CHICAGO'S TOP GLOBAL VISIONARIES:

- Gregg Brown** CEO, Southside Community Federal Credit Union
Vision: Creating opportunities to build individual and community wealth in Chicago's poorest neighborhoods.
- Maxine Brown** Associate Director, Electronic Visualization Lab, University of Illinois at Chicago
Vision: Co-creator and coordinator of the largest digital hub in North America
- Sarah Dunn & Martin Felsen** Principals, Heads of Archeworks, UrbanLab & Archeworks
Vision: Building the future sustainable city, one drop of water at a time.
- Ali Emadi** Director, Electrical and Computer Engineering Dept., Illinois Institute of Technology
Vision: Inventor making Chicago a center for hybrid technology research and development.
- Jeanne Gang** Founder and Principal, Studio Gang
Vision: Making Chicago's skyscrapers the greenest in the world.
- Adrian Holovaty** Founder, Everyblock.com
Vision: Creating a game-changing approach to local news coverage.
- Angela Hurlock** Director, Claretian Associates, Member, Blacks in Green
Vision: Developing green and affordable communities in Chicago's former brown fields.
- Kerry James Marshall** Artist
Vision: Taking an avant-garde approach to depicting African American lives and experiences.
- Rami Nashishibi** Executive Director, Inner-City Muslim Action Network
Vision: Energizing urban Muslims to engage in social justice issues
- Funmi Olopade** Professor, Researcher, University of Chicago – Genetics Department
Vision: Bringing a multi-disciplinary, global perspective to cancer research.
- Mike Orlove** Founder, World Music Festival, City of Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs
Vision: Enlivening Chicago's cultural scene for locals and tourists alike.
- Nichole Pinkard** Director of Innovation, Urban Education Institute, University of Chicago
Vision: Putting digital literacy at the center of the public school curriculum
- Carla Pugh** Surgeon, Professor, Northwestern University
Vision: Putting surgeons in closer touch with their patients through cutting edge training technologies.
- Richard Sandor** Founder and CEO, Chicago Climate Exchange
Vision: Built the first North American voluntary greenhouse gas exchange in downtown Chicago
- Richard Thaler** Co-author, Nudge Behavioral Economist, University of Chicago
Vision: Nudging humans into new approaches to their own behaviors.

**** To schedule an interview with one or more visionaries, contact Cindy Hansen at 312-893-2950.**