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Must-Hear Chicago brings a unique architecture tour experience to visually impaired guests

Special tour designed by the Chicago Architecture Foundation recognizes the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act

Chicago, Ill.— Must-Hear Chicago is a two-hour journey through the Loop that offers a tactile experience of architecture to visually impaired adults. In order to best convey the distinctive structural design and beauty of the buildings on the tour, volunteer docents present small 3D models of each, for guests to touch. The group then travels to the sites and learns more about the historical and architectural significance of the buildings, with additional opportunities to touch the facades and other features on the sites.

Must-Hear Chicago was created to highlight Chicago Architecture Foundation's partnership with ADA 25 Chicago, honoring the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"We're proud to partner with ADA 25 Chicago to recognize this important milestone," said Sabra Goldman, Chicago Architecture Foundation Volunteer Docent and Tour Director of Must-Hear Chicago. "By developing this tour, we have the opportunity bring an architectural learning experience to visitors who aren't able to experience the city's design in a visual way. Our hope is that through dialogue and engagement of other sensory tactics, this tour will create just as an effective understanding and appreciation for Chicago architecture."

Must-Hear Chicago will be available on September 12, October 10 and November 7. This tour is free for the visually impaired and their companions (companions are strongly encouraged), but reservations are required.

See below for details; photos and additional information available upon request.

Duration: 2 hours

When: Select Saturdays at 10:30am; September 12, October 10, November 7

Cost: FREE for the visually impaired and their companions; reservations required

Meet: CAF Shop and Tour Center, 224 S. Michigan Ave.

Tickets can be reserved online at <http://www.architecture.org/tours> and by phone at 312.922.8087.

About the Chicago Architecture Foundation

The Chicago Architecture Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring people to discover why design matters. CAF pursues this mission through architecture tours, exhibitions, panel discussions, and youth and adult education programs. For further information visit www.architecture.org or call 312.922.3432.

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