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Chicago Architecture Foundation launches Skyline Stories

Watch, listen and read about the architecture that defined Chicago, and the designers who changed the shape of the city

Chicago, Ill. — Chicago Architecture Foundation has recently launched the new online exhibition, *Skyline Stories*, an interactive website that brings viewers the complete narratives on 10 of Chicago's most iconic buildings. Through video, audio and the written word, information on each building featured on skylinestories.architecture.org answers questions about the architect, the purpose of the building, its historical context and what the design reveals about Chicago. Four, two-minute videos per building lets users create their own discovery experience based on which they choose to explore.

Made possible by funding from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), *Skyline Stories* features landmarks such as the Chicago Board of Trade Building, Willis Tower, Marina City and the Monadnock Building, among others.

How are the color of the lights shining on the Willis Tower spire changed during certain times of the year? How are cars parked in Bertrand Goldberg's Marina City? Visitors can navigate the site and find the answers to such questions, along with elements of structural and engineering innovation, artistic expression and other secrets that illustrate the significance of the design.

The building models used in this website are part of a larger 320-square-foot, 3-D printed model of 400 blocks of downtown Chicago. The *Chicago Model* is the largest of its kind and on display at the Chicago Architecture Foundation, 224 S. Michigan Ave., from 9am to 6:30pm daily. The model is used as a starting point for many of the 85 types of architecture tours CAF offers all year.

Visit www.skylinestories.architecture.org to experience *Skyline Stories* and learn more about Chicago's architectural legacy.

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. A permanent exhibition, *Chicago Model City*, includes a highly detailed scale model of Chicago. The Chicago Architecture Foundation is located at 224 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60604. For further information visit www.architecture.org or call 312.922.3432; become a Facebook fan at www.facebook.com/chiarchitecture or follow on Twitter at www.twitter.com/chiarchitecture.