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**Celebrity Chefs Graham Elliot, Stephanie Izard, and Paul Kahan;
Michelin Guide Director Jean-Luc Naret; Hot Doug's Doug Sohn; and More
Among Special Guests for Final CHICAGO LIVE! Taping of the Year, November 18**

At Chicago Theatre Downstairs – Complimentary Meet & Mingle After Party to Follow

(November 11, 2010) Jam-packed with comedy, musical performances and commentary, **CHICAGO LIVE!** is the weekly live radio show taping showcasing who and what is making news in Chicago each week, and the final show of the season is no exception! In a special show dedicated to Chicago “foodies” guests appearing on CHICAGO LIVE!, **Thursday, November 18 at 6:30pm**, will be: local celebrity chefs **Graham Elliot, Stephanie Izard** and **Paul Kahan**; Michelin Guide Director General **Jean-Luc Naret**; **Doug Sohn** of Hot Doug’s and brothers **George** and **Manolis Alpogianis** of America’s Dog in “The Great Chicago Hot Dog Debate”; I Love Food Group’s **Quentin Love**; local celebrity mixologists; and more! Following the show will be an after-party with complimentary food and drinks for all guests in attendance. The show and party will both take place at the intimate Chicago Theatre Downstairs, 175 N. State Street.

CHICAGO LIVE! features topical comedy sketches by members of the award-winning Second City, interviews with front-page newsmakers and athletes, and rare, up-close performances by talent typically headlining on major downtown stages, all in a fast-paced 60-minute program.

CHICAGO LIVE! is presented by the *Chicago Tribune*, in partnership with The Second City, and utilizes the abundance of expert talent from each institution. The live shows are taped for broadcast (and podcast) the following evening on WGN Radio (720AM) Fridays at 11p.m. (or midnight, based on sports coverage).

“This initial season of Chicago Live has been a blast and a revelation,” says CHICAGO LIVE! host Rick Kogan. “To end it with a celebration of Chicago food is the perfect punctuation mark.”

The talent lineup for CHICAGO LIVE! on Thursday, November 18:

- Michelin Guide Director General **Jean-Luc Naret** joined by local celebrity chefs **Graham Elliot** (Graham Elliot), **Stephanie Izard** (Girl and the Goat), and **Paul Kahan** (Publican) in a panel discussion, moderated by **Kevin Pang**, to discuss the restaurants chosen for the inaugural Chicago Michelin Guide. The new Chicago Michelin Guides will be for sale during the After Party.

- “The Great Chicago Hot Dog Debate” with **Doug Sohn** of Hot Doug’s and **George and Manolis Alpigianis** of T.A.G. Restaurants, owner of America’s Dog, moderated by **Bill Daley**.
- **Quentin Love** of I Love Food Group talks with **Rick Kogan** about the importance of providing healthier food options in lower income areas and how he has tried to accomplish this.
- Master Mixologist and author **Bridget Albert** (Southern Wine and Spirits) speaks with **Lauren Viera** about current trends in mixology and using market fresh ingredients in cocktails. Afterwards, she’ll host a “mix-off” between some of the city’s hottest mixologists.
- Topical sketch comedy from **The Second City**.
- All hosted by veteran Chicago reporter, author and radio/TV personality **Rick Kogan**, who also presents one of the show’s signature segments, “The Almanac,” a multi-media reminiscence of historic Chicago happenings in a particular year.

CHICAGO LIVE! is one part of a new initiative of community outreach by the *Chicago Tribune*, which also includes “Chicago Forward: Conversations About the Future,” a series of live gatherings of policymakers exploring issues of great importance to the Chicago region; programs by columnists and personalities; literary events; and a series of classes and seminars titled “TribU Lessons for Life.” For 163 years, the *Chicago Tribune* has been a market-leading newspaper publication of Tribune Company. Reaching three million readers each week in the greater Chicago area, the publication is known for its award-winning journalism. The *Tribune*’s news focus is centered on watchdog coverage, the Chicago experience, community issues and government, the local economy and business, as well as entertainment, culture and sports.

The Second City is the nation’s premier developer of improv-based comedy and home to generations of the comedy world’s most influential artists. Additionally, The Second City is a diverse entertainment company that operates the largest school of improvisation in the country, a corporate communications division that brings improv training to a wide array of businesses and a new media division that leverages the legendary company’s expertise in topical, short form content across a variety of platforms.

Tickets for CHICAGO LIVE! are priced at \$25. To purchase tickets online, please visit www.chicagolive.com. Tickets are also sold in advance and until show time at The Chicago Theatre box office, 175 N. State Street, until sold out. For more information or to download a podcast of all CHICAGO LIVE! programs, please visit www.chicagolive.com.

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