



Chicago Live! To Kick-off New Season with Move to UP Comedy Club
New Venue to host live show featuring Chicago Tribune's top newsmakers

(November 30, 2011) – After its inaugural year featuring more than 200 newsmakers from all facets of life, **CHICAGO LIVE!** will celebrate the start of its 2012 season at its new home at UP Comedy Club, Chicago's newest entertainment venue at 230 W. North Avenue in Piper's Alley. **CHICAGO LIVE!**, hosted by *Chicago Tribune* veteran reporter, author and WGN radio personality Rick Kogan, will open its eight-week Winter season at the 299-seat, cabaret-style theater beginning on February 2, 2012.

"The *Chicago Tribune* is delighted to announce the relocation of **CHICAGO LIVE!** to the new UP Comedy Club. The state-of-the-art theater will serve as a perfect forum for our fast-paced, multi-platform, Chicago-centric show, which brings host Rick Kogan and other Tribune staff members face-to-face with the people and stories making the news," said Gerould Kern, *Chicago Tribune* editor. "From politicians to celebrities to sports stars and business leaders, **CHICAGO LIVE!** offers the opportunity to see the people behind the headlines via conversation, interaction and entertainment, connecting our newsroom with a live audience."

CHICAGO LIVE! is a 60-minute stage show that brings the *Chicago Tribune* to life, featuring interviews, arts performances and comedy from The Second City, all presented with a unique Chicago perspective. **CHICAGO LIVE!** will be taped at UP on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning February 2 through March 22. It will be broadcast on WGN Radio (720AM) Saturdays at 11 p.m.

Audiences at the live taping of **CHICAGO LIVE!** will be offered a menu of Chicago-style selections from the theater's exclusive full-service restaurant and bar, which will serve such Chicago staples as Lou Malnati's deep dish pizza, Eli's cheesecake and Vienna Beef hot dogs.

Each show features Kogan's popular "Chicago Almanac," which spotlights a significant year in Chicago history. Through words, images and music, the "Chicago Almanac" is an entertaining and enlightening time-trip. It is also featured on <http://www.chicagotribune.com> with an interactive Chicago history quiz every week.

"I grew up in Old Town, blocks from where we'll be producing **CHICAGO LIVE!**, and so I'm excited to introduce our audience to some of the legends and characters who influenced my formative years," Kogan said. "But **CHICAGO LIVE!** has always been about sharing the stories of the entire city, and so we'll continue – with a few surprises – to inform, entertain and enlighten our audience from this new perch."

CHICAGO LIVE! will announce its Winter season guest roster in January 2012. The show, which was previously produced at The Chicago Theatre Downstairs, plans to present a rich lineup for its new, larger-capacity home featuring the people behind the hottest news stories in Chicago, front-page headliners, athletes, chefs and musical guests. Following each show will be a reception for audience, cast, and crew.

Ticket information as well as show recaps, podcasts and behind-the-scenes photos and video footage are available on www.chicagolive.com.

CHICAGO LIVE! is part of **Trib Nation**, which offers events, seminars and programming to the Chicago community. Trib Nation programs include **Chicago Forward: Conversations About the Future**, a series of panel discussions exploring issues of great importance to the region; **TribU**, a multi-platform content

program of classes and seminars focusing on personal and professional enrichment; **Press Pass**, programs with *Chicago Tribune* columnists and personalities; and **Printers Row Live**, monthly conversations where renowned authors discuss their latest books.

For 164 years, the *Chicago Tribune* has been a market-leading 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 the Chicago experience, community issues and government, the local economy and business, as well as entertainment, culture and sports. For more information on Trib Nation programs, please visit www.tribnation.com/events.

UP Comedy Club is Chicago's premier stand-up and comedy cabaret theater offering an eclectic line-up of stand-up, improvisation and family programming. In addition to a diverse slate of original programming, UP Comedy Club also features a full service restaurant and bar with a Chicago-style menu. For more information, please visit www.UPComedyClub.com.

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