



## **CHICAGO LIVE! Unveils What's New for Winter Season**

(Jan. 18, 2012) – Today **CHICAGO LIVE!** announces the initial guest lineup for its upcoming eight-week Winter Season, which begins Feb. 2 at the show's new location, UP Comedy Club in Chicago's Old Town neighborhood. Hosted by *Chicago Tribune* veteran reporter, author and WGN Radio personality Rick Kogan, this season will kick-off with Chicago radio legend and WGN-AM morning host Jonathon Brandmeier, a.k.a., "Johnny B." Audiences can also look forward to interviews with such local celebrities as chef Homaro Cantu of Moto restaurant and author Adam Levin, as well as live performances by musical guests JC Brooks and The Uptown Sound and members of the Albany Park Theater Project. After its exciting inaugural year, which featured more than 200 newsmakers from all facets of life, **CHICAGO LIVE!** plans to once again put a spotlight on the city's headliners, tastemakers, sports stars, business leaders, performers and artists.

Confirmed guests for the Winter 2012 season include: Jonathon Brandmeier (Feb. 2), Albany Park Theater Project (Feb. 9), Tim Kazurinsky and Barbara Gaines (Feb. 16), Jackie Taylor of Black Ensemble Theater and JC Brooks and the Uptown Sound (Feb. 23), Chef Homaro Cantu and Adam Levin (March 15). New guests will be added on an ongoing basis; updates and additions can be found at [www.chicagolive.com](http://www.chicagolive.com).

**CHICAGO LIVE!** also marks its 2012 return with a redesign of its website [www.chicagolive.com](http://www.chicagolive.com). In addition to video, audio and photos from the first 30 shows, the site boasts a wide array of interactive features and viewing and listening options. Several new sections have also been added, including: "Kogan's Corner,"

Kogan's curated selection of his columns and radio programs that relate to current events and the upcoming season, and "Behind the Curtain," a staff-generated blog that follows the **CHICAGO LIVE!** production team and offers a behind-the-scenes look at what happens backstage. Organized guest categories make it easier than ever to navigate the **CHICAGO LIVE!** archives.

**CHICAGO LIVE!** will be taped at UP Comedy Club on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 2 through March 22, and will be broadcast on WGN Radio (720AM) Saturdays at 11 p.m. **CHICAGO LIVE!** is a weekly live stage show produced by the *Chicago Tribune* for WGN Radio in partnership with The Second City. This multi-platform show brings the *Chicago Tribune* to life, featuring news interviews, arts performances and comedy presented with a distinct Chicago perspective. 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, serving such local favorites as Lou Malnati's deep dish pizza, Eli's cheesecake and Vienna Beef hot dogs.

**CHICAGO LIVE!** tickets are available for purchase online at [www.UPComedyClub.com](http://www.UPComedyClub.com), at the Second City Box Office, located at 1616 N. Wells St., and via phone (312) 337-3992. General admission tickets are \$18; premium seats are \$28. Tickets can be printed at home with an e-barcode or printed at the Box Office. Full- and half-season ticket subscriptions to the 2012 Winter Season of **CHICAGO LIVE!** are also available for purchase. Season passes are \$115, four-show passes are \$60 and individual tickets are \$18. Visit [www.chicagolive.com](http://www.chicagolive.com) for complete information about ticket package options and direct links to purchase tickets.

Also new for the 2012 Winter season is the **CHICAGO LIVE!** "Tweet Seat" section, designated and reserved for local bloggers and social media personalities who will post live updates from **CHICAGO LIVE!** shows. At every **CHICAGO LIVE!** taping, six Tweet Seats will be reserved for online writers. Interested bloggers and tweeters

can request a Tweet Seat by replying to the weekly Friday callout posted on Twitter by @TribChicagoLive. The first six qualified bloggers and/or tweeters to reply to the callout will each receive one complimentary press pass for the following Thursday evening **CHICAGO LIVE!** In addition, each “Tweet Seat” writer will get a live shoutout during the show he/she attends.

**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 more information on Trib Nation programs, please visit [www.tribnation.com/events](http://www.tribnation.com/events).

**UP Comedy Club**, located at 230 W. North Avenue in Piper’s Alley, is Chicago’s newest 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](http://www.UPComedyClub.com).

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