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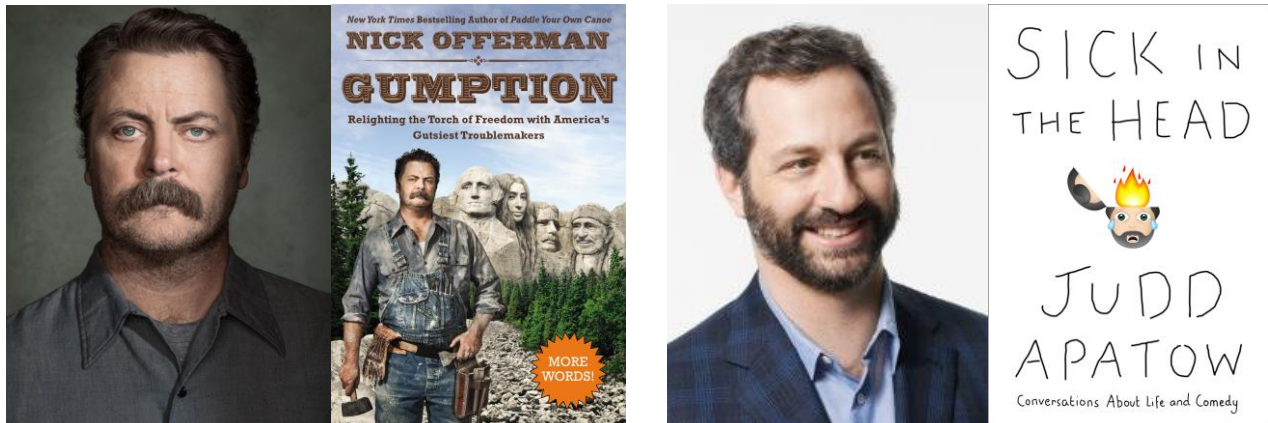
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Chicago Humanities Festival Adds Two Spring Events

***Parks and Recreation* Humorist and Author
Nick Offerman on May 28**

**Writer and Director of *Knocked Up* and *This is Forty*
Judd Apatow on June 18**



CHICAGO, IL—March 31, 2015—The Chicago Humanities Festival (CHF) announces two added presenters to its Spring 2015 lineup: funnymen **Nick Offerman** and **Judd Apatow**.

On **Thursday, May 28 at 7 p.m.** at the **Merle Reskin Theatre (60 E Balbo Ave)**, former *Parks and Recreation* actor, humorist, and author **Nick Offerman** will delight audiences with a reading and performance of his new book *Gumption: Relighting the Torch of Freedom with America's Gutsiest Troublemakers* (May 26, 2015). On **Thursday, June 18 at 12:30 p.m.** at the **Art Institute of Chicago Rubloff Auditorium (230 S Columbus Dr)**, Hollywood film writer (*Knocked Up*, *This is Forty*), producer (*Bridesmaids*), and director (*The 40-Year-Old Virgin*) **Judd Apatow** will speak about his new book, *Sick in the Head: Conversations About Life and Comedy* (June 16, 2015).

Tickets range from **\$32–38** and each ticket includes a copy of the presenter's book. Tickets go on sale to **CHF Members** on **Monday, April 6 at 10 a.m.** and to the **general public Thursday, April 9 at 10 a.m.** Tickets are available by calling the **CHF Box Office** at **312-494-9509** or online at chicagohumanities.org.

Through **April 8**, CHF is offering a limited number of **half-priced, six-month memberships** for **first-time members**. CHF Members get early access to tickets, member-priced tickets, and book discounts. To sign up today and ensure early access to tickets for Nick Offerman and Judd Apatow, visit supportchf.org/half.

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Nick Offerman is an actor, humorist, and woodworker. Formerly a star of the hit TV show *Parks and Recreation*, where he played Ron Swanson, he has also appeared in the films *21 Jump Street*, *The Lego Movie*, *The Kings of Summer*, *A Walk in the Woods*, and the upcoming *Me and Earl and the Dying Girl*. He spends his spare time touring as a humorist and running the Offerman Woodshop, where he has built canoes, tables, and one ukulele (to date). Nick is married to the most beautiful and talented actress working today, Megan Mullally. They live in Los Angeles, California, with their poodles and an impressive collection of assorted wood clamps.

Judd Apatow is one of the most important comic minds of his generation. He wrote and directed the films *The 40-Year-Old Virgin* (co-written with Steve Carell), *Knocked Up*, *Funny People*, and *This Is 40*, and his producing credits include *Superbad*, *Bridesmaids*, and *Anchorman*. Apatow is the executive producer of HBO's *Girls*. He was also the executive producer of *Freaks and Geeks*, created *Undeclared*, and co-created the Emmy Award-winning television program *The Ben Stiller Show*. His latest film is *Trainwreck*. Apatow was also the editor of the collection *I Found This Funny*.

EVENT INFORMATION: G=General Public, M=CHF Member, ST=Students & Teachers



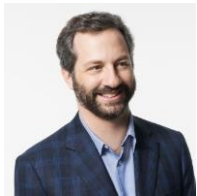
[Nick Offerman: Relighting the Torch of Freedom](#)

Thursday, May 28 | 7 p.m.

Merle Reskin Theatre (60 E Balbo Ave)

M=\$32 G=\$38 | All tickets include a copy of *Gumption*

Our favorite mustachioed funnyman returns to Chicago to celebrate the heroes who inspire him, from George Washington to Willie Nelson. Join **Nick Offerman** for a reading and performance of his new book, *Gumption: Relighting the Torch of Freedom with America's Gutsiest Troublemakers*.



[Judd Apatow: Sick in the Head](#)

Thursday, June 18 | 12:30 p.m.

Art Institute of Chicago, Rubloff Auditorium (230 S Columbus Dr)

M=\$32 G=\$38 | All tickets include a copy of *Sick in the Head*

A rare Chicago appearance by the writer and director of *Knocked Up* and *This is Forty*. **Judd Apatow** comes to CHF to talk about his new book, *Sick in the Head: Conversations About Life and Comedy*.

TICKETS:

Tickets to see **Nick Offerman** and **Judd Apatow** are **\$32 for CHF Members** and **\$38 for the general public** and each ticket includes a copy of the presenter's book. Tickets go on sale to **CHF Members** on **Monday, April 6 at 10 a.m.** and to the **general public** on **Thursday, April 9 at 10 a.m.** Tickets are available by calling the **CHF Box Office at 312-494-9509** or online at chicagohumanities.org. To become a member and ensure early access, visit supportchf.org. A \$6 per order processing fee is applied to all pre-event sales. CHF Box Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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ADDITIONAL CHF SPRING EVENTS:



[Scott Simon](#) | Thursday, April 9 | 6 p.m.

First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple (77 W Washington St)

M=\$14 G=\$18 ST=\$8

Scott Simon, longtime host of NPR's *Weekend Edition*, comes to CHF to talk about his new memoir: *Unforgettable: A Son, a Mother, and the Lessons of a Lifetime*, which details his mother's life and final days, encompassed by his live tweets from his mother's hospital bedside in July of 2013.



[Cookie Love with Mindy Segal](#) | Wednesday, April 22 | 7 p.m.

Bottom Lounge (1375 W Lake St)

M=\$14 G=\$18 ST=\$8 | Book/ticket package: M/ST=\$30 G=\$35

James Beard Award-winning Chicago pastry chef and founder of Bucktown favorite HotChocolate, **Mindy Segal** will debut her highly anticipated first cookbook, *Cookie Love*. Segal will be in conversation with *Chewing the Fat* podcasters **Monica Eng** and **Louisa Chu**. And yes, there will be samples!

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[Amy Klobuchar: Joanne Alter Women in Government Lecture](#) | Friday, May 1 | 6 p.m.
The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago, Buchanan Chapel at the Gratz Center (126 E Chestnut St) | M=\$10 G=\$15 ST=\$5

The first woman elected from Minnesota to serve in the United States Senate, **Amy Klobuchar** is known for her commitment to bringing together politicians from both sides of the aisle. The Democrat will discuss the state of women in government today. *This annual lecture honors the late Joanne H. Alter's pioneering work on behalf of women interested in social action and public service.*



[Stages, Sights & Sounds](#) | International Performance Festival for Young Audiences
May 7–20, 2015 | Various Times

Victory Gardens Biograph Theater (2433 N Lincoln Ave) | Adults = \$14, Children (under 17) = \$7
Stages, Sights & Sounds is Chicago's only international performance festival for young audiences. Fresh, original performances from Canada, Europe and Chicago, will delight children and adults alike. Join us for dozens of performances, hands-on workshops, readings, and screenings this May!



[Liminal Camera: Chicago](#) | Thursday, May 14 | 5:30 p.m.

DePaul Art Museum (935 W Fullerton Ave) | Opening is free to all attendees

Liminal Camera, the world's largest fully functional camera, returns with some of the extraordinary pictures they produced during their autumn journey around Chicago. The stunning twelve-foot-by-eight-foot prints will be the focus of an exhibition at the DePaul Art Museum. Join the artists from **Metabolic Studio** for an opening evening as they recount their exploration of the city and how the Midwest inspired them. *This opening is presented in partnership with the DePaul Art Museum.*



[Judy Blume](#) | Wednesday, June 17 | 7 p.m.

Francis W Parker School, Diane and David B Heller Auditorium (2233 N Clark St)
M=\$10 G=\$15 ST=\$5

Literary icon and beloved author of *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*; *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret*; and *Summer Sisters*, **Judy Blume** returns with a new novel for adults, *In The Unlikely Event*. When Blume was a teenager in the early 1950s, a series of passenger airplanes crashed in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Against this background, Blume details the lives of three generations of families,

friends, and strangers, who will be profoundly affected by these events. *This program is presented in partnership with the Chicago Tribune's Printers Row series.*

About the Chicago Humanities Festival

For 25 years, the Chicago Humanities Festival has celebrated the questions that shape and define us as individuals, communities, and cultures. For the curious at heart, CHF's vibrant **year-round programming** and robust **Fall Festival** offer the opportunity to engage with some of the world's most brilliant minds. Collaborating with leading arts, cultural, and educational organizations, it presents scholars, artists and architects, thinkers, theologians, and policy makers that change how we see the world, where we're from, and where we're going. CHF also presents the spring **Stages, Sights & Sounds**, Chicago's only international children's theater festival. Under the leadership of **Executive Director Phillip Bahar** and the newly appointed **Marilynn Thoma Artistic Director Jonathan Elmer**, CHF is one of Chicago's most vital presenting organizations.

The Chicago Humanities Festival has grown from **eight programs in one day at a single venue in 1990**, to **160 programs year-round at more than 25 venues** in and around Chicago. Over the past 25 years, CHF has put on more than 2,600 programs and performances, and presented more than 3,300 speakers and artists, including: 10 Nobel Prize winners, 70 Pulitzer Prize winners, 52 MacArthur Award recipients, 16 Tony Award winners, 10 Grammy Award winners, and seven Academy Award winners. Visit chicagohumanities.org for more information.