

**CHICAGO  
HUMANITIES  
FESTIVAL**

**FALLFEST : SPEED  
2016**

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PHILIP GLASS, JANE SMILEY, MARGO JEFFERSON  
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST BILL MCKIBBEN, AND JAZZ  
MUSICIANS VICTOR GOINES AND MARY STALLINGS TO  
FALLFEST/16: SPEED LINE-UP**

The Chicago Humanities Festival is not showing any signs of slowing down in revealing its line-up for Fallfest/16: Speed. CHF is pleased to announce several additional presenters including the winners of the 2016 *Chicago Tribune* Literary Award **Philip Glass**, and the *Chicago Tribune's* Heartland Prize for Fiction and Nonfiction, **Jane Smiley** and **Margo Jefferson**, respectively. Other newly confirmed presenters include Northwestern University's jazz studies director **Victor Goines**, legendary jazz vocalist **Mary Stallings**, who will be accompanying Goines' quartet for The Helen B. and Ira E. Graham Family Concert, and noted environmental activist **Bill McKibben**.

"It's a privilege to highlight and honor the work of luminaries such as composer Philip Glass and authors Margo Jefferson and Jane Smiley," says Executive Director Phillip Bahar. "Each of them have created indelible moments and memories—whether it be a turn of phrase in one of Jefferson's revelatory essays, a pastoral hillside scene by Smiley, or a particular measure of *Einstein on the Beach*, *Koyaanisqatsi*, or any number of Glass compositions. They each represent the very best in their craft."

Tickets for the two Fallfest/16: Speed kickoff programs, Ellen Stone Belic Presents: **Gloria Steinem**, and **Thomas Friedman** for the Richard J. Franke Lecture in Economics go on sale to members on **Tuesday August 16**. Tickets for the Steinem and Friedman events go on sale to the general public, **Tuesday, August 23**. The full line-up for the Fallfest/16: Speed will now be revealed on **Tuesday, September 6**.

Newly announced Speed presenters include:



**Philip Glass | Chicago Tribune Literary Award**

Philip Glass is one of the most influential artists and composers of our time. Throughout his career, he has broken new ground, penning operas, chamber works, film scores, and symphonies. These range from *Strung Out* and *Einstein on the Beach* to *Voyages* and *Hydrogen Jukebox*. As Glass accepts the 2016 *Chicago Tribune* Literary Award on Wednesday, Nov. 2, he will bring his new book, *Words Without Music: A Memoir* to Chicago.



**Jane Smiley | Chicago Tribune Heartland Prize for Fiction**

From skewering academics in *Moo* to reimaging King Lear amid Iowa's rolling hills in her Pulitzer Prize winning *A Thousand Acres*, Jane Smiley's oeuvre is one of the most compelling in American literature. Now, with a trilogy spanning the story of one family's story from the 19th century to the 21st, it is clear that Smiley's *Golden Age* is only beginning. Smiley will accept the *Chicago Tribune's* Heartland Prize for Fiction on Saturday, November 12.

**Margo Jefferson | Chicago Tribune Heartland Prize for Nonfiction**



As an essayist and a Pulitzer Prize winning critic, Margo Jefferson's nonfiction and critical work has appeared in *Harpers*, *Vogue*, *New York Magazine* and helped influence taste and style along the way. Jefferson has already received the National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction for her moving memoir, *Negroland*. On Saturday, November 12, Jefferson returns to Chicago to accept the *Chicago Tribune* Heartland Prize for Nonfiction.

**Bill McKibben**



An environmentalist and writer, Bill McKibben is one of the most important activists in the movement surrounding climate change. As a former *New Yorker* staff writer and the author of *The End of Nature*, McKibben wrote one of the very first rallying cries about the dangers of humanity's role in global climate change. McKibben comes to CHF to discuss the alarmingly rapid rise in global temperatures.

**Victor Goines | Helen B. and Ira E. Graham Family Concert**



A clarinetist, saxophonist, and composer, Victor Goines is one of the most accomplished jazz musicians in the world today. Currently the director of jazz studies at Northwestern University, he has been a member of Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra as well as the Wynton Marsalis Septet for more than 20 years. His quartet, joined by Mary Stallings, headlines the Helen B. and Ira E. Graham Family Concert wrapping up CHF's annual Hyde Park Day on Sunday, October 30.



### **Mary Stallings | Helen B. and Ira E. Graham Family Concert**

The acclaimed jazz vocalist, Mary Stallings, has been performing with some of jazz's greatest legends for more than 50 years. Stallings has performed and added to the vocal range of Count Basie's Orchestra and Dizzy Gillespie. Stallings will join Goines' quartet for the Helen B. and Ira E. Graham Family Concert to close out Hyde Park Day, Sunday, October 30.

SAVE THE DATES:

**Tuesday, August 16, 2016 — Thomas Friedman and Gloria Steinem programs on sale to CHF members**

**Tuesday, August 23, 2016 — Thomas Friedman and Gloria Steinem programs on sale to general public**

**Tuesday, September 6, 2016 — Full Fallfest/16: Speed line-up announced**

**Tuesday, September 20, 2016 — All Fallfest/16: Speed programs on sale to CHF members**

**Tuesday, September 27, 2016 — All Fallfest/16: Speed programs on sale to the public**

### About the **Chicago Humanities Festival** and **Fallfest/16: Speed**

At Chicago Humanities Festival, we believe that humanity thrives when people gather, connect and open themselves to ideas that go beyond their individual experience. That's why for more than 25 years, CHF has been curating live events that allow audiences to connect with thinkers—both established and emerging—and see the world differently. Under the leadership of Executive Director Phillip Bahar, Marilyn Thoma Artistic Director Jonathan Elmer, and Associate Artistic Director Alison Cuddy, CHF is one of Chicago's most vibrant civic institutions. Join us and celebrate the social life of ideas. [chicagohumanities.org](http://chicagohumanities.org)

Our society seems to have one setting—faster. At Fallfest/16: Speed, October 29-November 12, we'll examine the speed of daily life, today, tomorrow, and in decades past; and we'll discuss the politicians that urge us to hurry up and the artists that force us to slow down. As always, we'll celebrate and question ideas within the context of civic life, connecting artists, authors, journalists, scholars, policy makers, and other great thinkers with passionate and adventurous audiences. For more information and to view the full schedule (available September 6), visit [chicagohumanities.org/speed](http://chicagohumanities.org/speed).