SQUARE ROOTS FESTIVAL RETURNS TO LINCOLN SQUARE JULY 12-14

Craft Beer and Music Experience Offers 70 Acts on 4 Stages, 50 Regional Craft Brews, and Craveable Bites From 20 Top Chicago Restaurants Over Three Days in July

CHICAGO (May 15, 2019) – Square Roots, the one-of-a-kind craft beer and music experience, returns to Lincoln Square July 12 -14, boasting more than 70 acts on four stages (two indoor and two outdoor), and more than 50 regional craft brews paired with Lincoln Square’s finest restaurants and local artisans. Presented by the Old Town School of Folk Music (OTSFM) and the Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce (LSRCC), the three-day festival will feature music, dance parties, and plenty of family fun.

Events Details:

Dates: Friday, July 12, 5-10 pm; Saturday, July 13, noon-10 pm.; Sunday, July 14, noon-9 pm
Location: 4400 – 4560 N Lincoln Avenue (between Montrose and Wilson).
Phone: 773-728-6000
Cost: Suggested donation of $10 for adults, $5 for seniors/kids, $20 for families
**Donations support LSRCC’s free community concert programming throughout the year, and OTSFM’s financial aid programs.
Website: www.squareroots.org

2019 marks the 8th Annual Square Roots Festival in Chicago's historic Lincoln Square neighborhood. More than 30,000 fans will attend Square Roots, which provides a comfortable and inviting, multidimensional experience appealing to music-lovers,foodies, and craft beer enthusiasts alike.

The Music
Festivalgoers can expect four music stages, both inside the Old Town School and outside on Lincoln Avenue, programmed with an eclectic and vibrant mix of performers from local indie rockers and world-class music stars, to Old Town School teaching artists and students.
Musical performances will include Son Volt, Camper Van Beethoven, Cracker, The Wild Reeds, 47 Soul, Ivan Barrios, and a special 25th Anniversary Celebration of Bloodshot Records featuring Murder By Death, Mekons with secret surprise guests.

Many more artists will be announced and the full schedule of performers and featured headliners will be posted over the coming weeks at http://squareroots.org/music/.

**The Beer**
In addition to great music, Square Roots is proud to be one of Chicago’s most anticipated craft beer festivals of the summer. The festival features the best local and regional craft breweries with a wide variety of styles. With special tappings throughout the festival and in the designated brew lounge, there’s something to quench every type of thirst.

Offering a total of over 50 unique craft brews, 20 popular Midwest breweries will have a presence at Square Roots including Half Acre Beer Company, Begyle Brewing Company, Dovetail Brewery, 5 Rabbit Cerveceria, Ravinia Brewing Company, Sketchbook Brewing Company, Spiteful Brewing, Ten Ninety Brewing Company, Temperance Beer Company, and Metropolitan Brewing. The full beer list will be available in the coming weeks at http://squareroots.org/beer/.

**The Food**
Nearly twenty top restaurants from in and around Lincoln Square will be in the spotlight this year as well, serving up mouthwatering dishes for guests to enjoy with the endless list of cold craft beers. New restaurants added to this year’s lineup offering delicious eats include Green Leaf Thai Cuisine, Luella’s Gospel Bird and Sweet Pepper Venezuelan Food Bar. They round out the collection of festival mainstays that include Amy’s Candy Bar, Artango Bar & Steakhouse, Bistro Campagne, Bo’s Concessions, Byron’s Hot Dogs, Dinky Delights, Essence of India, Gather, Groundswell Coffee Roasters, Isla Pilipina, Jerry’s, Lee’s Concessions, Luella’s Southern Kitchen, Miku Sushi, Taco in a Bag, and The Budlong Hot Chicken.

A full list of menu offerings will be announced at http://squareroots.org/vendors/#food in the coming weeks.

**The Market Vendors**
Square Roots provides a large market area of vendors, all based in Illinois and nearly half from the Lincoln Square neighborhood and surrounding areas, making it a true community event.

Shop distinctive items from Square Roots vendors, many who only set up shop once a year.

Visit http://www.squareroots.org/vendors/ in the coming weeks to view a full list of vendors.
The Family Fun
Square Roots is one of the only festivals in the city to offer a family-friendly environment. With the Old Town School of Folk Music leading the entertainment, there will be a lot of reasons to twist and shout. From Wiggleworms performances for the little ones, to an art tent and instrument petting zoo, to an interactive sonic sculpture from Swing Set Drum Kit, Square Roots is perfect for families with children of all ages.

To view a full list of family fun activities, visit http://www.squareroots.org/familyfun/.

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ABOUT OLD TOWN SCHOOL OF FOLK MUSIC:
Chicago’s Old Town School of Folk Music is the largest community school of the arts in the U.S. and a non-profit organization committed to celebrating American music and global cultures. Founded in 1957, the Old Town School of Folk Music provides a wide range of music, dance, and arts courses to people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. Whatever one’s interest, the Old Town School provides broad access to more than 700 accredited weekly class offerings, private lessons, and over 400 concerts and community events per year.

The Old Town School opened its Lincoln Square facility in 1998 and expanded in 2012. The Old Town School owns and operates three facilities situated in Lincoln Square and Lincoln Park that include a 425-seat and two 150-seat concert halls, 64 classrooms, an award-winning music store, a cafe, and resource center. Children’s classes are also held at several suburban satellite locations. More information is available at oldtownschool.org or reach Dave Zibell, Director of Marketing at dzibell@oldtownschool.org.

ABOUT LINCOLN SQUARE RAVENSWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Founded in 1948, the Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce (LSRCC) is a non-profit association of local shops and restaurants, institutions, and professionals. The LSRCC supports local business with a variety of community events, educational workshops, consumer incentive programs, and more. As the service provider for the Lincoln Square Neighborhood Improvement Program (SSA #21), the LSRCC drives economic development in Lincoln Square, beautifying and marketing its busiest retail corridors.

Using these tools, the LSRCC seeks to improve the economic well-being and quality of life in its two neighborhoods, one community, working together.

Founded in 1948, the Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce is a professionally staffed not-for-profit association of approximately 300 local businesses, institutions, and professionals. In March of 2011, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce awarded the Lincoln Square Chamber of Commerce a 3-Star Accreditation. This
prestigious honor puts the Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce in the top 3% of all Chambers nationwide.

The Chamber is organized to focus attention and initiate action on the major issues affecting the economic well-being and quality of life in the area. The Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce assists Chamber members with strategic planning, marketing, networking, and provides advocacy, training, area planning, and development. They sponsor more than 75 days of special events for neighbors each year and also serve as a resource to tourists, visitors and residents. In addition to this, they manage the day-to-day programs of the Lincoln Square Business Improvement District (SSA #21) and the Lincoln Square Foundation - a 501(c) 3 charitable organization.

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