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Former mayors to fete Quigley to support American Legion

*Tickets still
available for
'comedy showcase
like no other'*

On Friday, Feb. 2, guests are invited to the Elmhurst American Legion THB Post 187 for a fundraiser at which the former Mayors of Elmhurst will roast ECCI president and CEO John R. Quigley. Tickets are \$25 per person and ticketholders must be 21 years or older. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the Roast, sponsored by the Elmhurst Armpit Orchestra, will begin at 7 p.m. at the Legion, 310 W. Butterfield Rd. There will be a cash bar. Roasters will include Elmhurst Mayor Scott Levin, other former mayors of Elmhurst, "both" of John's friends, his ex-girlfriends, and many other surprises. All proceeds benefit the American Legion THB Post 187. For tickets, visit elmhurstchamber.org, click on "For Members" and then choose "Chamber Events."



AMY SHELTON PHOTO *Elmhurst Independent*

A hard-working team!

This is the team of workers who came together to install the latest exhibition at the Elmhurst Art Museum, *A Love Supreme*, a solo exhibit by Norman Teague inspired by legendary jazz musician John Coltrane, on display now through Sunday, April 28. Full story and more photos inside.

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EAM opens 'A Love Supreme' exhibition

New show part of Art Design Chicago, a citywide collaboration

The Elmhurst Art Museum (EAM) recently celebrated the opening of its latest exhibition, *A Love Supreme*. The exhibit and its programming are part of Art Design Chicago, a citywide collaboration initiated by the Terra Foundation for American Art that highlights the city's artistic heritage and creative communities. It is sponsored by the Terra Foundation for American Art, the Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts, and in part by a grant from the League of Chicago Theatres and ComEd, with programming in partnership with Elmhurst University Department of Music.

A Love Supreme: McCormick House Reimagined is co-curated by Norman Teague and Rose Camara. This exhibition is presented in partnership with the Chipstone Foundation.

More about the exhibition

A Love Supreme is a solo exhibition by Norman Teague inspired by legendary jazz musician John Coltrane, with an adjoining group exhibition in the Mies van der Rohe's McCormick House featuring more than 30 Chicago-based BIPOC artists titled *A Love Supreme: McCormick House Reimagined*. Teague uses Coltrane's album *A Love Supreme* as a cultural touchstone to consider design influences from his life-long home in Chicago, exploring how the power of bold improvisational jazz and unapologetic Black aesthetics have expanded the minds and inspired creative communities of color. Celebrating BIPOC designers and a



AMY SHELTON PHOTOS Elmhurst Independent

This group of guests gathered at the Elmhurst Art Museum on Friday, Jan. 19 for the opening of the latest exhibition, *A Love Supreme*. The exhibit features the works of artist Norman Teague, whose works were inspired by the music of jazz great John Coltrane.

variety of cultural influences in Chicago at a time when the country is reckoning with representation across industries and disciplines, *A Love Supreme* comes to the Elmhurst Art Museum now through April 28.

A Love Supreme features new sculptural and installation-based works by Teague, providing a setting to heal, unify, and activate community. Visitors are greeted by a collage of Teague's personal influences, including John Coltrane, designer Chuck Harrison, the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians (AACM), the Civil Rights era mural the "Wall of Respect," sculptor Mar-

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— Artist Norman Teague

tin Puryear, and others.

With these cultural inspirations in mind, Teague presents new assemblage pieces with used brass instruments embedded in ceramics, and designed objects and sculptures that

convey the power of jazz, such as a new, monolithic wood sculpture that references the shape of a horn. Central to the exhibit are African-influenced objects, including a large-scale round house created as a gathering place to celebrate, experience, and discuss Black life and shared culture.

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In line with his highly collaborative practice, Teague uplifts other creatives while expressing joy through design. For the adjoining exhibition in Mies van der Rohe's 1952 McCormick House, co-curators Teague and Rose Camara, Charles Hummel Curatorial Fellow at The Chipstone Foundation, asked others, "What is your Coltrane story? Who awakened you personally and artistically?"

Works on display by more than 30 artists include furniture, blown glass, and fiber art pieces that transform the house from the picture of upper-class, white suburban living to an alternative interior reimagined by BIPOC architects, designers, and artists.

The exhibition includes audio

components. Headphones and smartphone are recommended to provide a fuller experience.

Upcoming programs and events

The exhibition includes the following special programs (to see all events, visit elmhurstartmuseum.org):

On Saturday, Feb. 3 from 1-2:30 p.m., EAM presents a panel discussion that digs deeper into music, culture, and design influences of exhibiting artists in *A Love Supreme*, moderated by Ayana Contreras, cultural historian and host of the Reclaimed Soul program on WBEZ and at Vocalo Radio. The panel discussion is followed by a dynamic performance by the Elmhurst University Jazz Combo. Free with museum admission.

On Saturday, Feb. 10 from 1-4 p.m., it's Family Day at the Elmhurst Art Museum where families are invited to create your own Valentine's Day card through drawing and painting, inspired by the sights and sounds found in the exhibition *A Love Supreme*. Free with museum admission.

On Sunday, Feb. 11 from 1-2:15 p.m., the EAM invites residents to enjoy a McCormick House Tour, where you will learn about the special exhibition in the House as well as its unique history and design.



This jazz trio performed at the opening of the Elmhurst Art Museum's latest exhibition, *A Love Supreme*. The exhibit will remain on display through Sunday, April 28.

Community calendar

Pick of the Week Mayors to roast Quigley as fundraiser for Legion Friday, Feb. 2

Guests are invited to a fundraiser for the Elmhurst American Legion THB Post 187 where the former Mayors of Elmhurst and others will conduct a "Roast" of ECCI president and CEO John R. Quigley. Tickets are \$25 per person; must be 21 years or older. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The Roast will begin at 7 p.m. There will be a cash bar. All proceeds benefit the Legion Post THB 187. For tickets, visit elmhurstchamber.org/ For Members/ Chamber Events.

Thursday, Feb. 1

The Elmhurst Memorial Hospital Foundation's annual Chef Fest will be held beginning at 6 p.m. at the Drury Lane Theatre & Conference Center, 100 Drury Ln. in Oakbrook Terrace. The event includes a variety of signature menu items produced by chefs from prominent local restaurants, bakeries and caterers, who donate their time and talent. Tickets are \$150 per person (open bar included). For tickets and info: emhfoundation.org/events or call (331) 221-0388.

Saturday, Feb. 3

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On Thursday, April 18 from 6-9 p.m., the Elmhurst Art Museum presents *Muses: An Evening of Jazz*, with headliner Grammy-nominated musician Corey Wilkes. Experience personal video materials of Chicago's South Side history and culture that are typically kept in private collections with UChicago Arts' South Side Home Movies Project. At 7 p.m., hear a special rendition of *A Love Supreme*, interpreted by Elmhurst University Faculty Jazz

Wednesday, Feb. 7

At 7 p.m. the Elmhurst AAUW Area Branch invites all to hear Illinois Comptroller Susanna Mendoza address the status of "Fair Pay and Economic Equity for Women" in the state. She will be speaking in the Illinois Room of Schaible Science Center at Elmhurst University, located at Prospect and Elm Park Aves. Parking is available close to the building. Program updates will be posted at: elmhurstarea-il.aauw.net/

Saturday, Feb. 10

From 1-4 p.m., it's Family Day at the Elmhurst Art Museum. Visitors are invited to create Valentine's Day cards inspired by the sights and sounds found in the current exhibition *A Love Supreme*. With drawing and painting, visitors are asked, "Which of your muses will you send your Valentine to?" Free with museum admission. Info: elmhurstartmuseum.org or 630-834-0202.

Combo. At 8 p.m., Corey Wilkes will captivate audiences with his mesmerizing trumpet playing and unique vision. Wilkes' collaborations extend beyond the world of music, as he has also worked with visual artists such as Theaster Gates, Nick Cave, Lucy Slivinski and Rashid Johnson, creating multi-disciplinary performances that blend music, art, and culture.

For more information, visit elmhurstartmuseum.org.

Sunday, Feb. 11

From 1-2:15 p.m., the Elmhurst Art Museum invites residents to enjoy a McCormick House Tour, where you will learn about the special exhibition in the House as well as its unique history and design. \$23 per person. Info: elmhurstartmuseum.org or 630-834-0202.

Friday, Feb. 23

Saturday Feb. 24

At 7 p.m., Greenman Theatre presents a murder mystery dinner, "Murder on the DeLorean Express," at Angelo's Ristorante at 247 N. York Rd. Tickets are \$57 and include the show and an Italian dinner. Cash bar, chance to mingle with the actors one hour before curtain. The play will also be performed March 1, 2, and 3. Tickets and info: 630-464-2646 or greenmantheatre.org.

Saturday, Feb. 24

From 5-7 p.m., the Elmhurst Lions Club will hold its annual All-U-Can-Eat Pizza Party at Sandburg Middle School, 345 E. St. Charles Rd.

Children and adult raffle prizes, 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$10 each or \$40 for a family of 5 or more. Info: elmhurstlions.org.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

This is the final day that First Congregational United Church of Christ, 235 S. Kenilworth, will accept pre-orders for certified organic vegetable, herb and annual flower seedlings. Seedlings can be ordered at the church website elmhurstucc.org/ or store. Seedlings will be available for pick up at the church's Green Garden Fair on Saturday, May 11. It's never too early to start thinking about your spring garden!

Friday, March 1 Saturday, March 2 Sunday, March 3

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Saturday, March 2

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., the Elmhurst Children's Assistance Foundation (ECAAF) will celebrate its

30th anniversary with a fundraiser at River Forest Country Club. For tickets and information, visit ecaf4kids.org/2023-fundraiser.

To post a community event or club meeting, email the information to Independent@rvpublishing.com and put "Community Calendar" in the Subject line.

Elmhurst History Museum

The museum's latest exhibition is *Lost Chicagoland Department Stores*. Admission to the Museum is always free, although some events carry a fee.

Elmhurst Art Museum

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Off to play!

A pair of ICGS 2nd grade girls get ready for recess with their stuffed animal friends!

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