



History of Exchange

Toronto, Canada
Chicago's Sister City Since 1993

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1991

Focus: Signing Agreement

Art Eggleton, Mayor of Toronto signed a sister cities agreement with Mayor Richard M. Daley at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, during a reception in honor of the 1991 Sister Cities International Conference. While in Chicago, Mayor Eggleton and his wife toured the city, with particular focus on the city's famed architecture.

2011

April 29

Focus: Culture and Business

Art Dealers Association of Canada (ADAC) participated in an exclusive not-for-profit contingent at Art Chicago April 29 – May 2. In partnership with Canada Council for the Arts, Government of Ontario, Toronto Arts Foundation and Art Toronto, ADAC presented A Quiet Revolution: Canadian Art Now, a unique program designed to build awareness around Canadian galleries, artists and the art market.

An iteration of this initiative was successfully presented at The Armory Show in New York, earlier this year. A large selection of Canadian artists and galleries participated in the show, and three lectures were held about the Canadian art scene.

June – October

Focus: Culture

The Chicago-based Access Contemporary Music (ACM) presented, in collaboration with the Toronto Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International, and Toronto composer Omar Daniel, *Composer Alive*.

Mr. Daniel composed a new piece in four installments and emailed them to Chicago as it was written. Each installment was recorded in an open rehearsal session and then posted to ACM's website with comments from the composer and from the performers.

The project's aim is to demystify the compositional process and give an audience access to the composer's thought process from first draft, through rewrites, to the finished product. While in Toronto, ACM recorded the final installment under the composer's supervision and presented performances of music by Chicago composers. Mr. Daniel traveled to Chicago for the World Premiere performance of his new piece at the Chicago Cultural Center where music from other living Toronto-based composers will be featured.

August 11

Focus: Culture

Kaya, a young pop rock group from Toronto, performed at the Chicago Sister Cities International Festival on Daley Plaza to a crowd of 2,000 people.

September 7

Focus: Culture and Government

North America Now - Two of Chicago's most dynamic theatre companies, Teatro Luna and Bailiwick Chicago, have come together to produce a very special evening of art and social conversation designed to explore the state of North America and the border relations between Canada, the United States and Mexico on the 10th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

September 22-23

Focus: Business and Culture

IIDEX (International Interior Design Exposition) is Canada's largest National Design Expo and is twinned with the annual NeoCon conference in Chicago. This year a delegation of designers from Chicago will be attending.

October 15-16

Focus: Architecture

Openhouse Chicago is an architecture festival hosted by the Chicago Architecture Foundation and is modeled after Doors Open in Toronto. Over 100 buildings will open their doors to the public for a free exploration of the city.

November 17, 2011

Focus: Business

The Canada-US Business Council Chicago and the Toronto Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International hosted the luncheon "Canada-U.S. Economic Forecast: Understanding the Future" featuring Dr. Sherry Cooper, Executive Vice President and Chief Economist, BMO Financial Group.

Dr. Cooper has been cited as one of the most influential women in Canada, and Canada's national newspaper calls her "the megawatt celebrity economist". Dr. Cooper discussed the economic and financial outlook for the U.S. and Canada against the backdrop of important world events.

2012

February 6

Focus: Culture & Government

The Toronto Committee partnered with the Canadian Consulate of Chicago to host a luncheon with Professor Dan Silver who spoke with Chicago planners about his recent report "From the Ground Up -- Growing Toronto's Cultural Sector" and how lessons can be applied to the cultural

plan that Chicago is undertaking. He is also the co-editor of a forthcoming book, Global City Cultural Planning.

September 18-20

Focus: Business & Government

The Toronto Committee hosted a welcome reception dinner for Mayor Ford of Toronto and his accompanying business delegation, composed of 60 high-level business executives from Toronto, during their 2-day business mission to Chicago. The reception introduced Toronto business leaders to key leaders in Chicago. The Sister Cities agreement between Chicago and Toronto was reaffirmed by Mayor Emanuel and Mayor Ford during the visit.

October 4-7

Focus: Medical

The 14th Annual Lynn Sage Breast Cancer Symposium was a professional educational event highlighting the most recent clinical and scientific advances in breast cancer research. Dr. David Cescon from Princess Margaret Hospital, UHN participated and represented Toronto in the 2012 symposium.