

SPEAKERS (CONT.)

As a concerned citizen, who speaks truth to power, **Enrique Perez** has worked for the better part of a decade to make the South Loop neighborhood a great place to live, to work, and to play.

Todd Stump is a media and communication entrepreneur and he serves on the Advisory Board of the Chicago chapter of America's Future Foundation.

Tom Tresser has been an educator, activist, and champion of democracy for over 20 years. His latest nonprofit enterprise in civic engagement is CivicLab (www.civiclub.us/).

Young Chicago Authors transforms the lives of young people by cultivating their voices through writing, publication, and performance education; visit www.youngchicagoauthors.org.

SOAPBOX JUDGES

Lauren Chooljian, *Producer, WBEZ*

Courtney Crowder, *Chicago Tribune*

Mark Konkol, *DNAInfo Chicago*

MUSICIANS

Chicago performance art group Environmental Encroachment uses circus theatrics, live music, and costumes to create unique entertainment environments. Performance formats include stage shows, parades, and punk artist marching band encroachments; visit www.encroach.net.

ABOUT BUGHOUSE SQUARE

Bughouse Square ("bughouse" is slang for mental health facility), the popular name for Washington Square Park, was the city's most popular, boisterous, and radical free-speech space from the 1910s through the 1930s. Orators mounted soapboxes and spoke to responsive, vocal crowds. Bohemians, poets, atheists, and religionists of all persuasions entertained bystanders. The square's core contributors, however, came from the ranks of the Wobblies, men and women of the Industrial Workers of the World, whose radical views, wit,

and humor made them champion soapboxers and perennial crowd favorites. World War II and a post-war crackdown against socialists and communists, however, led to Bughouse Square's decline and by the mid 1960s it had all but ceased to exist. The Newberry revived the park's free speech legacy with the Bughouse Square Debates in 1986.

ABOUT THE DILL PICKLE AWARD

The Dill Pickle Award is presented to honor the best soapbox orator. The Dill (sometimes spelled "Dil") Pickle Club was founded by labor activist and Bughouse soapboxer Jack Jones in 1914 to provide an indoor forum for free expression. By 1917 the Dill Pickle had located just around the corner from Bughouse Square and the Newberry, at 22 Tooker Place. Picklers attended lectures, plays, dances, concerts, and of course, had plenty of talk. Carl Sandburg, Clarence Darrow, Maxwell Bodenheim, Lucy Parsons, Ben Hecht, Charles MacArthur, Sherwood Anderson, and Ben Reitman were just a few of the literary, political, and social luminaries who regularly attended. The club closed in 1933.

The Newberry thanks **THE BUGHOUSE SQUARE DEBATES COMMITTEE** who created this event: Rachel Bohlmann, Paul Durica, Vince Firpo, Molly Fletcher, Shawn Healy, Kelly McGrath, Gwendolyn Rugg, and Ryan Stivers.

HECKLING

Responding to speakers is a Bughouse Square tradition and interaction is part of the fun. Please keep it civil and friendly.

TAKE IT TO THE PARK!

BUGHOUSE SQUARE DEBATES

SATURDAY, July 27, 2013 1 pm – 4 pm

Across from the Newberry in Washington Square Park

Rick Kogan, *Master of Ceremonies*

 **THE NEWBERRY**

BUGHOUSE SQUARE DEBATES

12:45 pm — **MUSIC** by Environmental Encroachment

1:00 pm — **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO BUGHOUSE SQUARE** by Rick Kogan

1:10 pm — **PRESENTATION OF THE 2013 JOHN PETER ALTGELD FREEDOM OF SPEECH AWARD** to Chicago Students Organizing to Save Our Schools. David Spadafora, President of the Newberry, will present the award to CSOSOS co-founders Israel Munoz, Clementine Frye, and Jamie Leann

Chicago Students Organizing to Save Our Schools is a student-led organization dedicated to amplifying student voices and engaging students in educational activism. Co-founders Israel Munoz, Clementine Frye, Jamie Leann, and Brian Sturgis started a movement, in Sturgis' words, to show that "students can assemble in a professional manner to accomplish a goal." And, that students "have the power nationwide to assemble, and fight against any injustice [they] are subjected to and create the school system [they] all deserve."

The Altgeld Freedom of Speech Award is dedicated to the memory of the former Illinois Governor (1892-96) who pardoned the surviving Haymarket anarchists. The award is presented each year to an organization or person who has distinguished him or herself as a defender of free speech and ideas. This year marks the 120th anniversary of Altgeld's historic pardon.

1:25 pm — **MUSIC** by Environmental Encroachment
— **YOUNG CHICAGO AUTHORS**
Jose Olivarez and Nate Marshall; poems in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address and the 50th anniversary of the "I Have a Dream" speech.

1:35 pm — **SOAPBOX JUDGES INTRODUCED**
— **SOAPBOX DEBATES OPENED**
— **MUSIC** by Environmental Encroachment

SOAPBOX SPEECHES

Soapbox speeches run no longer than fifteen minutes; all four soapboxes run simultaneously. Speakers on boxes 1-3 compete for the Dill Pickle Award for best soapbox speaker. Speakers may change without notice.

SOAPBOX 1

1:45 pm — Jill Howe, *Quitting is the Cat's Meow*
2:00 pm — David Ellis, *Edward Snowden and Whistleblowers under Fire: The Dark Future of a Free Press in a Police State*
2:15 pm — Mikva Challenge Soapbox Finalists
2:30 pm — Todd Stump, *Equal Pay for Equal Work for Singles*

SOAPBOX 2

1:45 pm — Allie Carter, *Parental Notice of Abortion Laws Harm Young Women and Should Be Overturned*
2:00 pm — Enrique Perez, *Why Rahm is Unbeatable!*
2:15 pm — Hugh Iglarsh, *The Imperatives of Imperialism: Running an Empire the Thucydides Way*

SOAPBOX 3

1:45 pm — Erwin Lutzer, *Why Honest People Should Believe the Claims of Jesus Christ*
2:00 pm — Rachel Goodstein, *What would Eleanor Roosevelt do? Save the Julia C. Lathrop Homes!*
2:15 pm — Marcus A. Davis, *Just Asking Questions About Conspiracy Theories and Social Media*

SOAPBOX 4

Open Mic
Step up—one and all!
Elisa Shoenberger and Scott M. Priz will open the soapbox.

2:45 pm — **MUSIC** by Environmental Encroachment
— **YOUNG CHICAGO AUTHORS**
Jose Olivarez and Nate Marshall; poems in honor of the Gettysburg Address and "I Have a Dream" speech.

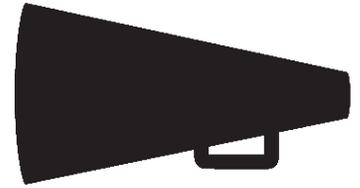
MAIN DEBATE

3:00 pm — **HOW MUCH IS IT WORTH TO THE CITY TO KEEP THE CHICAGO CUBS?**

Lester Munson, Senior Writer, ESPN.com
v.
Tom Tresser, Civic Activist

Questions and answers with the audience will conclude the main debate.

3:40 pm — **SOAPBOX CHAMPION ANNOUNCED**
— **DILL PICKLE AWARDED**



SPEAKERS

Allie Carter is the Director of Advocacy and Outreach for the ACLU of Illinois. She develops and implements field strategies in the areas of national security, reproductive justice, and LGBT rights.

Marcus A. Davis is a writer, active skeptic, and amateur analyst of conspiracy theories.

David Ellis is a debate coach for Chicago Public Schools, law student, and chess teacher.

Rachel Goodstein is a 30+ year Chicago resident, a good-government advocate and city hall-fighter (Meigs Field, Chicago 2016, fair housing), a Dill Pickle runner-up, attorney, and drum student.

Jill Howe tells her personal stories at bars and theaters around this city, and she co-produces and curates Story Sessions, a monthly live lit showcase in Lake View at the Dog's Bollox. Visit www.storysessionschicago.com.

Hugh Iglarsh is a writer, editor, critic, satirist, and citizen based in Skokie, who writes on American politics, health care, culture, and other symptoms of decline.

Senior pastor at Moody Church since 1980, **Erwin W. Lutzer** is the author of more than twenty books, an international conference speaker, and the featured speaker on three radio programs.

Mikva Challenge develops the next generation of civic leaders, activists, and policy-makers. Project Soapbox was created to give young people the opportunity to voice their solutions and thoughts about the toughest issues in Chicago; visit www.mikvachallenge.org.

Lester Munson is Senior Writer and Legal Analyst for ESPN.com. He was an investigative reporter for *Sports Illustrated* for thirteen years, and he is an adjunct instructor at the Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University.