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EXPO CHICAGO - 2023 /DIALOGUES PROGRAM

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

7:00–8:00PM

CHANCE THE RAPPER IN CONVERSATION WITH HANK WILLIS THOMAS

For EXPO CHICAGO’s keynote conversation during its 10th Anniversary opening, **Chance the Rapper** will be in conversation with **Hank Willis Thomas**, each looking at recent public art projects and their community building potential. Chance will discuss his current and upcoming Star Line Gallery visual art collaborations and recent Black Star Line Festival in Ghana, while Hank will present his recently opened public art sculpture *Reach* in collaboration with Coby Kennedy at O’Hare International Airport in collaboration with the **City of Chicago’s Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE)** and the many recent initiatives of For Freedoms including For Freedoms News. *This panel is presented in partnership with CULTURED.*

The /Dialogues stage also presents an exhibition curated by Chance of select works produced by artists from his upcoming Star Line Gallery album, in addition to artwork made by his close collaborators. In response to these works, Chance presents a series of live audio experiences following this panel from 8:00pm-9:00pm CT, and continuing on Friday and Saturday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. CT.

THE MELT GOES ON FOREVER: THE ART & TIMES OF DAVID HAMMONS

Sunday, April 16 | 1:00pm

Gene Siskel Center

The singular, category-defying work of African-American artist David Hammons is explored in this rich and striking portrait. Born in Springfield, Illinois, Hammons grew to international acclaim and earned accolades for his inventive and genre-defying work with found objects—basketball hoops, the hair trimmings off a barbershop floor, snowballs - which he used to craft an essential, striking commentary on race in America. Always a rule-breaker, Hammons is chronicled in *THE MELT GOES ON FOREVER* through archival footage and animation, and with interviews featuring artists, curators and critics who recount the work of an artist who constantly defies the establishment and remains subversive at every turn. [Purchase tickets here.](#)

SOUTH SIDE OPENINGS + EVENTS

EXPO ART WEEK kicks off on Tuesday, April 11 with an evening of openings, exhibitions and performances on Chicago’s vibrant South Side. Guests are encouraged to explore the many galleries, museums, and exhibition spaces in this dynamic community of arts and culture.



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