

CHICAGO, Sept. 17, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Get your calendars ready for our **Fall Culture Preview** : the 89

recommended concerts, performances, plays, and exhibitions to see this fall, all picked by insiders in each field.

Chicago

interviewed

Nick Offerman

, the mustachioed, Midwest-bred

Parks and Recreation

actor who suddenly finds himself the ID of Middle Class America with a new book, comedy tour, and a few films in the works;

David Cromer

, the visionary actor-director who is back in town to star in a TimeLine Theatre production; as well as dozens of other cultural movers and shakers who shared their expertise on the season's best theatre, art, music, and dance. Plus: Five great entry points into the independent film series of

Chicago's

art house theatres; the dozen cutting-edge galleries to explore along Milwaukee Avenue's gallery district; and much more.

The October issue, on newsstands Thursday, also includes a special report, **Drugs in Chicago**

. This comprehensive special report sheds light on how the powerful Sinoloa cartel has helped make

Chicago

the primary U.S. hub for illegal narcotics. Sinoloa capo Vicente Zambada—the highest-ranking Mexican drug lord ever to be prosecuted in the U.S.—was arrested more than four years ago, but he still hasn't stood trial in

Chicago

. Despite such a big capture, experts say drug distribution operations have only increased in the intervening years. Why does the drug trade have such deep roots in

Chicago

? And what is the relationship between the cartel and

Chicago's

violent crime problem?

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Also in the October issue of *Chicago*:

- **Life-Improving Innovations** - From handbags that charge your phone to bike shorts that can prevent erectile dysfunction, here are six new products dreamed up in the Chicago area—and the innovators who made them happen. October is a month to get excited about innovation, with the third annual Chicago Ideas Week on October 14 and the twelfth annual Chicago Innovation Awards on October 30.
- **Deal Estate: West Loop**- Formerly dominated by old warehouses, the West Loop is suddenly the hottest real-estate market in the city. Our real estate writer Dennis Rodkin explains why.
- **Gourmet Wings** – Wings, that standard barroom finger food, have suddenly gone gourmet. We found the five best in town, including a few Asian-spiced varieties and even a duck option.

Chicago magazine's editor-in-chief Elizabeth Fenner and other members of the magazine staff are available for on-air interviews about stories in the October issue. Contact Allison Roche at 312-832-6774 to schedule an interview.

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