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Chicago's only chalk art festival *Virtual Chalk Howard Street* extended through Friday, October 23, 2020

Festival supports local businesses through live drawing and interviews

CHICAGO (August 19, 2020)—Hosted by the nonprofit Rogers Park Business Alliance and Howard Street Special Service Area #19, *Virtual Chalk Howard Street* is brought back due to popular demand. On every other Friday at 11 a.m. from August 28 through October 23, 2020, acclaimed Chicago 3D chalk artist [Nate Baranowski](#) creates a live drawing of table-top 3D chalk art featuring a meal or product from a Howard Street business, live streamed on Howard Street's [Instagram](#) page (@howardstreetchicago). For more information on the festival, visit www.howardstreetchicago.com.

The live stream offers 3D chalk art lessons by the artist as well as interviews with the business owners, and explores the vibrant Howard Street community. The biweekly event will feature following businesses:

- August 28 at 11 a.m. – Lady B Boutique
- September 11 at 11 a.m. – Curls and Company
- September 25 at 11 a.m. – Hip Circle Empowerment Center
- October 9 at 11 a.m. – Howard Area Community Center
- October 23 at 11 a.m. – Sol Cafe

Nate Baranowski is a Chicago-based street painter, muralist, and fine artist. He holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where his passion for street painting began. Baranowski is a versatile artist experienced with a range of mediums, including large chalk murals, indoor and outdoor painted murals, acrylic on canvas, and various forms of digital painting and concept art. He specializes in creating 3D artwork that looks like it pops right

out of the ground or wall. From temporary installations to permanent painted murals, Baranowski can add a splash of creativity to any environment.

Howard Street Chicago, located on the edge of Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood and suburban Evanston, offers an unexpected, eclectic city experience. Howard Street is alive with an engaging personality represented by its vital diversity, welcoming nature and entrepreneurial spirit. Whether you are a college student, in town for a ballgame or experiencing Chicago for the very first time, Howard Street has something for everyone. It is a place where you can be you. Howard Street Special Service Area #19 is a business improvement district managed through Rogers Park Business Alliance and by a team of Commissioners representing local businesses.

Rogers Park Business Alliance (RPBA) is a nonprofit organization that has served Chicago's diverse Rogers Park neighborhood for more than 25 years. RPBA works to cultivate and sustain a thriving economic environment in Rogers Park, serving businesses and residents with a variety of public events and business initiatives. RPBA programs include the GROW/PROGRESANDO entrepreneurial training program, the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Rogers Park Business Alliance, annual Best of Rogers Park awards, Chalk Howard Street and Taste of Clark Street festivals, and the Glenwood Sunday Market farmers market. For more information, visit RPBA.org.

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