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Chicago's only chalk art festival **Chalk Howard Street
announces 3D and 2D artists, entertainment and vendors
Saturday, August 22, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.**

A free, immersive experience for the public to interact with and create street art, featuring nationally renowned 3D and 2D chalk artists, live music, kids drawing, food, drinks and more!

CHICAGO, IL (July 23, 2026)— The nonprofit **Rogers Park Business Alliance** is excited to host Chicago's only chalk art festival **Chalk Howard Street** on Saturday, August 22, from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. The family-friendly festival presenting large-scale optical illusions returns to transform the street surface into a canvas for national, local, and first-time chalk artists along Howard Street between Paulina and Ashland, east of the Howard Red Line "L" stop. This free-admission festival features live music, artisan vendors, kids drawing, food and drinks— while offering striking and immersive street art experiences and street chalk squares available for public purchase. Chalk Howard Street is sponsored by **Howard Street/Jarvis Square Special Service Area #19**. For more information on the festival, visit chalkhowardstreet.com.

Chalk Howard Street 2026 features nationally renowned **3D street artists** [Tracy Lee Stum](#) and [Jonathan Buggs](#) as well as **2D street artists** [Elizabeth Niemczyk](#), [Andrew Vickers](#), and [Yosmer Urrieta](#), who will create vivid and interactive chalk drawings for art enthusiasts and festival attendees. Chalk Howard Street will also offer a limited number of **4'x4' street chalk squares available for purchase** to individuals, families, and groups who wish to have a creative space and draw their own chalk art. Each square is priced at \$25 and includes chalk supplies. To register and purchase street squares in advance, visit chalkhowardstreet.com.

Additional entertainment will include DJs playing music throughout the day, a kids-only chalk area, merchant vendors offering ceramics, apparel, art, jewelry, and henna, and food vendors serving empanadas, Jamaican patties, walking tacos, pizza, fruit cobbles, an array of desserts, and more.

Chalk Howard Street is still accepting merchant and food vendor applications, which can be found and submitted at chalkhowardstreet.com.

Howard Street Chicago, located on the edge of Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood and suburban Evanston, offers an unexpected, eclectic city experience. Howard Street offers an engaging personality represented by its vital diversity, welcoming nature, and entrepreneurial spirit. Howard Street/Jarvis Square Special Service Area #19 is a business improvement district managed by Rogers Park Business Alliance and by a team of Commissioners representing local businesses. www.howardstreetchicago.com

Rogers Park Business Alliance is a nonprofit organization that has served Chicago's diverse Rogers Park neighborhood for more than 30 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 RPBA, annual Best of Rogers Park awards, Chalk Howard Street Festival, Taco Crawl, and the Glenwood Sunday Market farmers market. For more information, visit RPBA.org.

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