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“MUSIC IN THE AIR” PROGRAM KICKS OFF FOR SUMMER AT CHICAGO’S AIRPORTS

Live music in terminals coincides with Chicago’s downtown Gospel Fest this weekend

CHICAGO – Passengers traveling through O’Hare and Midway International Airports today will be treated to a taste of Chicago’s rich musical heritage with live music performances to coincide with this weekend’s Chicago Gospel Music Festival in Millennium Park. As part of the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) “Music in the Air” program, five gospel groups performed live on the secure side of the domestic terminals at O’Hare, and on the Lower Level in O’Hare’s International Terminal, and at Midway today from 2 to 5 p.m.

“We are pleased to offer O’Hare and Midway passengers a sampling of Chicago’s premier summer festivals,” said CDA Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino. “Under the leadership of Mayor Richard M. Daley, our goal is to help showcase our city’s rich and diverse culture to visitors from around the world who travel through Chicago’s airports.”

The CDA “Music in the Air” program will continue throughout the summer in conjunction with the Chicago’s downtown festivals. On June 10 and 11, Blues performers and groups will entertain travelers at the airports during the weekend of the Chicago Blues Festival in Grant Park. The July 2 performances will feature a mix of instrumental and vocal Jazz, Blues and Samba music. On September 2 and 3, travelers will get a sample of Jazz beats, in step with that weekend’s downtown Chicago Jazz Festival.

The entertainment stages at O’Hare are located in Terminal 1, B Concourse across from Duty Free; Terminal 2, across from CIBO Market; Terminal 3 near the Lottery Booth and in Terminal 5, Lower Level across from the Information Booth. At Midway, the stage is in the Lower Level near the Information Booth. All performances are from 2-5 p.m.

Local music has had a strong presence in Chicago’s airports since the early 1990s. In 1992, the CDA began showcasing local artists by featuring live performances in the terminals at O’Hare and Midway. The popular program is original to Chicago and has led to similar live music programs at other airports around the country.

In 1998, the Department of Aviation, along with key individuals in the Chicago music scene, enlisted help from local labels, music organizations, clubs, bands and individual musicians to bring local artists’ recordings to O’Hare and Midway.

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See the attached CDA “Music in the Air” schedule and/or visit www.FlyChicago.com for a complete schedule of performances.

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The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O’Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago’s airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainable initiatives for airport planning, operations and maintenance, concessions and tenants in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM), released in August 2009. To view case studies, lessons learned and new technologies, and for more information on the SAM, please visit www.airportgoinggreen.org.

The O’Hare Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O’Hare’s airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit www.oharemodernization.org to learn more about the OMP.

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Editor’s Note: Two photos and captions are attached.



Caption 1 – The Victory Travelers entertained passengers in Terminal 1 at O’Hare International Airport on Friday, June 4, 2010, to coincide with this weekend’s Chicago Gospel Music Festival in Millennium Park. As part of the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) “Music in the Air” program, five gospel groups performed live on the secure side of the domestic terminals at O’Hare, and on the Lower Level in O’Hare’s International Terminal, and at Midway International Airports from 2 to 5 p.m.

Photo – Chicago Department of Aviation/kp

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Caption 2 - As part of the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) "Music in the Air" program, five gospel groups performed live on Friday, June 4, 2010, on the secure side of the domestic terminals at O'Hare, and on the Lower Level in O'Hare's International Terminal, and at Midway International Airports from 2 to 5 p.m. Here, Darwin Jackson and Praise Ministry performed for travelers in the baggage claim area at Midway International Airport.

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