

2011 Entertainers at Daley Plaza

DHF EXPRESS is more than just a soulful, high-energy band. With their signature blend of power pop covers and off-beat originals, they will make you sweat...but they'll also make you think. Frontman Adam Hines and bassist Louis DeMarco are young men with autism, and are both talented visual artists and members of Project Onward, a studio program for artists with special needs at the Chicago Cultural Center.

JOHNNY CRESCENDO is a true icon of the worldwide disabled people's movement. The singer-songwriter has been a tireless activist and advocate. His history spans the early days of the formation of the movement through the heights of direct action to the philosophy of the future.

HANDICAP THIS! is a powerful stage show not for the timid. It will stir your senses, challenge your thinking, and wake up your attitude. Mike Berkson and Tim Wambach bring their true-life adventure to the stage. It is a provocative look at friendship, breaking down barriers, and living with disabilities....the possibilities of YOUR abilities.

ELAINE KOLB is a folk musician, disability/diversity rights activist, and a grass-roots community organizer. In 1981, she was a Fulbright Scholar to Australia, as part of the United Nations International Year of Disabled Persons. Working with ADAPT, Not Dead Yet, Concrete Change, and Money Follows the Person, among others, Elaine's voice calls for understanding, inclusion, freedom, and justice for everyone.

MOMENTA is a dance troupe consisting of dancers who are able-bodied and dancers with disabilities who create a flow and relationship of energy proving that anyone can dance. Maintaining a firm grasp on the roots of American modern dance, while pushing forward into the future...Momenta is about good choreography.

PRAETORIUM SIGN LANGUAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH CHOIR, led by Pastor Carole Clark, lifts up the name of Jesus and spreads His Word in ASL, song and voice. They are a favorite at the parade each year.

EQUIP FOR EQUALITY SINGERS perform an annual treat at the parade, their disability anthem, "Disabled and Proud." Equip for Equality is Illinois' only cross-disability, comprehensive advocacy organization.

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