

Bridge Werks

A Hatch Werks LLC & PTM Werks Inc. Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of Bridge Werks sharing the latest news on the documentary *Chicago Drawbridges* and related film and book happenings.



A New Documentary – Just Released & Broadcast



Chicago Drawbridges directed by Stephen Hatch and narrated by Patrick McBriarty, author and bridge historian, chronicles the importance of the bridges in the making of the Windy City, from the very first wood footbridge, built by a tavern owner in 1832, to today's iconic structures spanning the Chicago River.

This one-hour documentary will be broadcast in Chicago on public television station WYCC coinciding with the Spring bridge lifts.

Be more Chicago! Tune into WYCC – Channel 20 on:

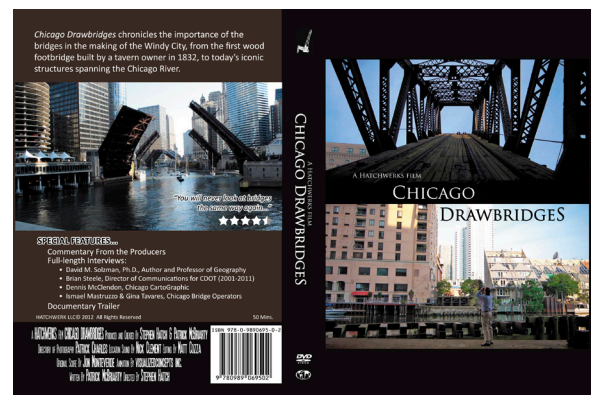
- **Sunday, April 28 at 5pm**
- **Wednesday, May 1 at 7pm**
- **Sunday, May 5 at 8pm**
- **Monday, May 6 at 9pm** (schedules may change so please check WYCC's listings)

to see this independently produced documentary from Hatch Werks LLC, the collaboration of Chicago filmmaker Stephen Hatch and author and Chicago bridge historian Patrick McBriarty, that has been praised by initial audiences.

On May 2012 the fine-cut of the film was shown at Columbia College Chicago's Front Row Theater, and the over 150 folks attending gave the film a 4.5 out of a 5 star rating.

On January 22, 2013 in Park City, Utah Columbia College Chicago screened the film during the Sundance Film Festival. It was greatly enjoyed by an informed and diverse crowd, and initiated sales of the early release DVD.

On January 29, 2013 in Chicago the documentary was featured at a reception and fundraising event for the Chicago Engineers Foundation at the Union League Club. With 200 historians, engineers, City officials, and others in attendance the film was well received by the enthusiastic crowd.



Informative and entertaining this film tells the story of Chicago's development through its bridges and is based on the forthcoming book *Chicago River Bridges* (October 2013). Expert interviews include professor, geographer, and author David M. Solzman, PhD.; Brian Steele, Director of Communications for CDOT (2001-2011); map maker and historian Dennis McClendon of Chicago CartoGraphics; James S. Phillips, PE (ret.); Ozana Balan King, Museum Director, McCormick Bridgehouse & Chicago River Museum; and Grant Crowley owner of Crowley's Yacht Yard.

The early release DVDs are available at the Chicago Maritime Museum, the McCormick Bridgehouse and Chicago River Museum (it re-opens May 11) and at the film website – check us out at:

<http://www.chicagodrawbridges.com/> and Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ChicagoDrawbridges>

If your store wishes to carry the DVD or want to show the film for your organization

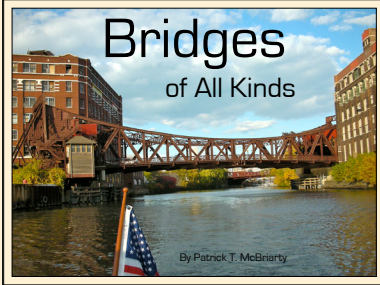
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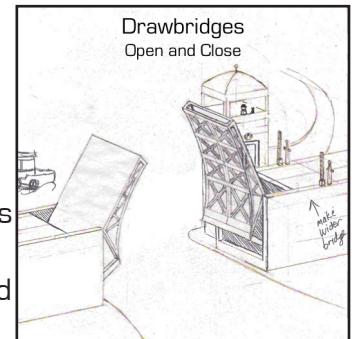
Children's Bridge Books



Now available on Apple's eBookstore (for iPads and iPhones) the children's picture book Bridges of All Kinds by Patrick McBriarty presents an engaging collection of over 50 color photographs of bridges from across the world. This is one of the first books about bridges designed specifically for children. It displays the great variety of types, shapes, colors, materials, uses, and life cycle of bridges. These elemental structures connect the people, cultures, countries and societies conveying the vehicle and pedestrian traffic of the world. Each bridge is described by its prominent attribute such as big, yellow, or covered and each bridge location is also identified. Photographic notes at

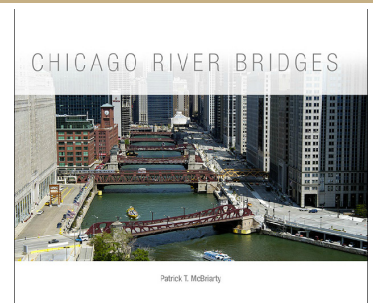
the end of the book provide additional bridge specifics for further identification and discussion. Print copies will be available for sale in March 2013.

A second children's picture book, by Patrick McBriarty and illustrated by Johanna Kim, Drawbridges Open and Close is expected in May 2013. Animal characters populate this amazing and fantastic drawbridge world and reveals how they work. With bells ringing, lights flashing, and gears groaning the bridge opens for water traffic and then closes to carry street traffic over the waterway. This first in an series of stories exploring the ins and outs of drawbridges and offers a revealing look at these marvels of engineering, permanence, and movement for the entertainment and edification of readers of all ages. Recommended for kids 2 years and up.



Chicago River Bridges – Oct. 2013

Chicago River Bridges by Patrick T. McBriarty presents the untold history and development of Chicago's iconic bridges, from the first wood footbridge to the fantastic marvels of steel, concrete, and machinery of today. Published by the University of Illinois Press telling the story of Chicago as seen through its bridges, for it has been the bridges that proved critical in connecting and reconnecting the people, industry, and neighborhoods of a city that is constantly remaking itself. In this book, the author shows how generations of Chicagoans built (and rebuilt) the thriving city trisected by the Chicago River and linked by its many crossings.



A confluence of Chicago history, engineering lore, and urban design, Chicago River Bridges illustrates Chicago's significant contribution to drawbridge innovation and emergence as the drawbridge capital of the world. This 288 page photographic guide is slightly-oversized (11 x 9-1/2 inches) and covers 55 bridge sites crossing the Chicago River from South Ashland Avenue to Belmont Avenue. It includes 76 color photographs and more than 100 black and white maps and images. It is perfect for any reader interested in learning more about the grace and function of Chicago's many and varied bridges. **Pre-publication orders for this book may be placed by calling (800) 621-2736.** Tell them you read about it in Bridge Werks!

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