

Bridge Werks

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Chicago Drawbridges



The documentary will be shown **Sunday, June 16 at 1:30 pm** at the **Chicago History Museum** as part of their Project Sunday series. The film is free with admission to the museum. For more information goto: <http://chicagohistory.org/planavisit/upcomingevents/film>

The television broadcast premier in April and early May 2013 of this one-hour documentary was on Chicago public television station WYCC, coinciding with the Spring bridge lifts. Directed by Chicago filmmaker Stephen Hatch and narrated by Patrick McBriarty, author and bridge

historian, Chicago Drawbridges 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.

The film, based on Patrick's forthcoming book Chicago River Bridges from the University of Illinois Press, garnered ready praise by all that have seen it as a quality program and entertaining history of Chicago through its bridges. Even folks who never imagined bridges as interesting greatly enjoy the film, and like most viewers, now look at bridges with a new respect and wonder.

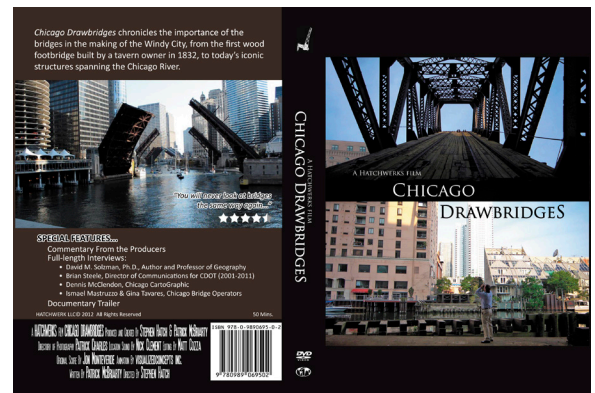
Folks invariably ask what's next, and are anxious to see more from the duo of Stephen Hatch and Patrick McBriarty, who independently produced Chicago Drawbridges. Gratified by the response they encourage supporters to purchase DVDs, host ticketed screening events, or promote the film to local schools, as broad success of this documentary will foster additional works.

The documentary has come a long way from the fine-cut and screenings of the film in May 2012 at Columbia College Chicago's Front Row Theater, the January 22, 2013 Park City screening during Sundance, and the successful fundraising event on January 29 for the Chicago Engineers Foundation at the Union League Club. The producers would like to thank everyone involved.

In early 2013 the producers decided to double down and shot two additional segments on Chicago bridges in film and the rehabilitation of the Wells Street Bridge. These new segments plus other minor changes expanded the documentray from 49 to 56-minutes [the ideal length for a one-hour program on public television]. The subsequent pre-broadcast screening at the Chicago Yacht Club and the WYCC airing of the new version were extremely well received and help position the documentary for marketing and broadcast with public television stations regionally and nationally.

Your support is greatly appreciated and broadcast DVDs, which include an additional hour-and-forty-four minutes of special features of full-lenght inteveiws, comments from the producers, bridge operators, and more, are available at the Chicago Maritime Museum, the McCormick Bridgehouse & Chicago River Museum, and at the film website at: <http://www.ChicagoDrawbridges.com>

Don't forget to check us out on Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/ChicagoDrawbridges>



Carry the DVD in your store, Show the film

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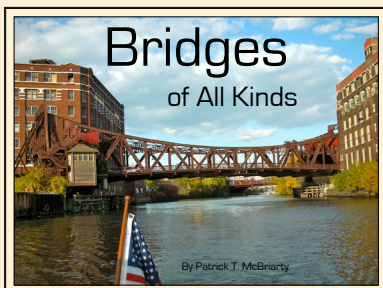
Other Projects

Besides the significant work of promoting Chicago Drawbridges, Stephen and Patrick are both working on other potential film projects that are in the earliest stages and best kept under wraps at this time.

However, we can share the recent and expected release of three bridge books by Patrick.



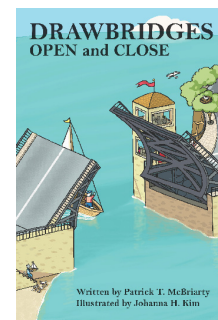
Two Children's Bridge Picture Books



Now available on Apple's iTunes bookstore (for iPads and iPhones) the children's picture book Bridges of All Kinds is about big bridges, small bridges, red bridges, steel bridges, and railroad bridges from around the world. The 36-page color, children's picture book presents an engaging collection of 51 bridges that amaze and delight children of all ages. It shows the great variety of types, shapes, colors, materials, uses, and life cycle of bridges. These fantastic structures connect the people, cultures, countries, and communities of the world conveying all types of vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Each bridge is described by its prominent attribute such as tall, bumpy, or overpass and

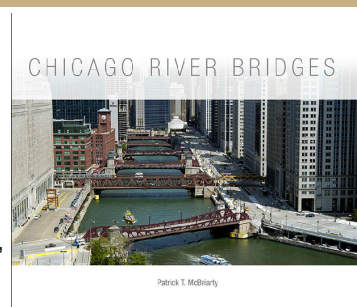
its location is given. Photographic notes at the end of the book provide additional specifics. Recommended for children 2-years and up the book includes four Chicago bridges. Printed copies are available for sale at the website: www.PTMWerks.com

Drawbridges Open and Close, Patrick McBriarty's third book, features illustrations by Johanna Kim and introduces Bridge Tender Todd who safely follows six steps to open the drawbridge for an approaching tugboat and barge and other various watercraft. He reverses the six steps to close the bridge and allow an assortment of characters and vehicles to cross the bridge. Expected publication in June 2013 it is the first in an series of Bridge Tender Todd picture books exploring the world of drawbridges and animated populace in this fanciful land entertaining readers of all ages. Recommended for kids 2-years old and up.



Chicago River Bridges

Chicago River Bridges is a history and photographic guide by Patrick T. McBriarty presenting the untold history and development of Chicago's bridges from the first wood footbridge to the fantastic marvels of steel, concrete, and machinery of today. Published by the University of Illinois Press it tells the story of Chicago as seen through the bridges, which have been critical in connecting and reconnecting the people, industry, and neighborhoods of a city constantly remaking itself. In this book, the author shows how generations of Chicagoans built (and rebuilt) the thriving city trisected by the Chicago River 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 north to Belmont Avenue. It includes 76 color photographs and more than 100 black and white 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 our newsletter *Bridge Werks!*



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