

Bridge Werks

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Just Announced – Broadcast



On **Sunday, September 1 at 5:00 p.m.** *Chicago Drawbridges* will be aired on Chicago Public Television - **WYCC – Channel 20.**
Be more Chicago! Make Chicago Drawbridges part of your Labor Day Weekend!

A Recap of the Last Year

It has been an amazing year since the first screening of the fine cut of *Chicago Drawbridges* at the Front Row Cinema in May 2012! Twelve months later the world premier television broadcast was seen by thousands on Chicago Public Television in May 2013. In between, there were countless hours of additional shooting, editing, research, and coordinating. Yet ultimately the topic and film has informed, thrilled, and



Front Row Cinema screening.

fascinated audiences along the way at screenings during Sundance in Park City, UT; for the Chicago Engineers Foundation; members of the Chicago Yacht Club; and at the Chicago History Museum. We have come amazingly far in the past 12 months, particularly as an independently produced documentary!

As co-producers, Stephen Hatch and I would like to thank everyone who has helped make this launch of the film so fantastic, especially, as it reaches out to an even wider audience. We look forward to additional screenings and broadcasts, and are happy to bring *Chicago Drawbridges* to your event or organization.

As the general interest in Chicago's bridges has grown and release of the companion book *Chicago River Bridges* nears, Stephen and I are scheduled to speak at several engagements in the next few months. Check our News & Events webpage at ChicagoDrawbridges.com for details.

The next phase for the film is its use in the classroom, which has already started at the university level through a well-known UIC geography professor. In the coming school year a Golden Apple Award winning Chicago teacher will be using it in his third grade classroom. We hope wider use in the classroom will inform and engage students, and instill an interest in architecture, engineering, math, science, and history with future generations. Interested teachers and school principals are encouraged to contact us for more details.

Locally we will continue to partner with WYCC, Channel – 20 in Chicago, for additional broadcasts and a pledge drive or two in December. Additionally with WYCC's help, we will be offering the film to regional PBS affiliates for broadcast throughout Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Talk your local Public Television about airing the film and check our webpage for air dates and times as they are scheduled.

When we started, Stephen and I decided on a pay-it-forward approach creating the film out-of-pocket to share this fantastic history of Chicago bridges in hopes it would somehow breakeven. Without a marketing team or big-budget studio the progress so far would not have been possible without your support. Talking up the film, telling friends and family about it, and purchasing DVDs has allowed us to get this far. Thank you!

We hope for your continued support, encouraging others to check out *Chicago Drawbridges*, buy DVDs from our website www.ChicagoDrawbridges.com.



lobbying for PBS airings, or even step up to sponsor a broadcast and distribution as we capture a broader audience. Thanks everyone!

Keep in touch with us at ChicagoDrawbridges@gmail.com and share your favorite bridge or bridge story. We enjoy hearing from you.

Cheers,

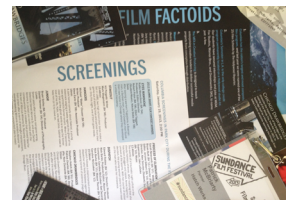
Patrick McBriarty



Patrick and Stephen on the wrap party-river cruise.



Screening at the Union League Club



Sundance moments!

DVDs are available at the McCormick Bridgehouse Museum on Michigan Avenue, the Chicago Maritime Museum, Chicago Yacht Club, or on-line at our website www.ChicagoDrawbridges.com and ShopPBS.com

Contact us at: ChicagoDrawbridges@gmail.com

Footage of Wells Street Bridge Rehabilitation



50TH ANNIVERSARY

On **September 25th** the Chicago Engineers Foundation will celebrate its 50th Anniversary with a reception and celebration of past, present, and future engineering works in Chicago. Hatch Werks Films has been invited to participate in the event **screening footage of the Wells Street Bridge Rehabilitation** showing attachment of the new trusses, which were floated into place by barge. Engineers and Architects involved in the project will be on-hand along with the filmmakers to discuss this amazing engineering feat. Several other exhibits celebrating Chicago engineering will also be featured in this intimate trade show style and networking event. Funds raised will go toward the CEF educational scholarship fund to encourage potential and future engineers. Tickets are \$50 and it is open to the public. Join us on Thursday evening 5:30 – 7 pm at the Union League Club of Chicago.

For details go to <http://chicagoengineersfoundation.org/category/events/>

Sponsor of the 8th Annual Big Fish Ball

In June 2013, Hatch Werks Films and *Chicago Drawbridges* contributed to sponsor of the 8th Annual Big Fish Ball, the Friends of the Chicago River's one-of-a-kind gala benefiting the river, this past June. This annual fundraising event and \$350/plate dinner was held along the river on the Merchandise Mart's Riverside Drive between Wells Street and Franklin Street Bridges and each of the over 450 attendees received a limited edition *Chicago Drawbridges* DVD. Governor Patrick Quinn, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Former Mayor Richard M. Daley, and Maestro Riccardo Muti, Music Director of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra were Honorary Co-Chairs of the event.



2013 Henry N. Barkhausen Award

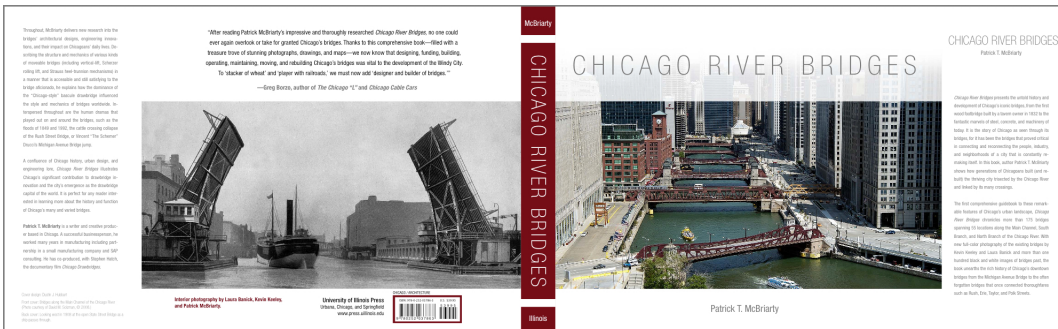


The Association for Great Lakes Maritime History will present the 2013 Henry N. Barkhausen Award for original research on Great Lakes Maritime History to Patrick McBriarty for a submission from his forthcoming book *Chicago River Bridges*. This award is given annually to recognize and



encourage new research in the field of Great Lakes maritime history and winners are invited to present their paper and participate in Association's annual conference, which this year is September 14 on Mackinac Island, Michigan.

The book *Chicago River Bridges* will be published in October by the University of Illinois Press. This full-color, oversized, history, and photographic guide to the bridges on the Chicago River chronicles the importance of the bridges in the development of Chicago, which acted as a crucible for drawbridge and in particular bascule bridge innovation, testing, and design.



The handsome book dust jacket offers an exciting sneak peek in anticipation of its release. This is the anxiously awaited companion to the documentary *Chicago Drawbridge* created specifically for PBS and first aired on Chicago Public Television.



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