



Left: Two participants working at our "creative corner" organized by Maria Gullo. Right: Menace and Morgan from Novem Studios working on a live art mural. (Echoes of Chicago's *The Chicago Round Table 2008*)

About Our Events

A theme is chosen for each event and artists submit works that relate to the theme. Every event offers a variety of local music; multiple genres allows musicians and their followings to cross-pollinate and learn about various Chicago scenes. Two or three nonprofits that address issues related to each event's theme are invited to partner with the event, provide an information table, and give a lecture. Echoes donates 100% of each event's profits to these partnering nonprofits. Additional staples of our events include a themed photobooth, arts & crafts tables, a marketplace of local artisans and vendors, and most importantly: community.

Collaboration

Echoes enjoys working with others to improve their events by adding the essences of Chicago arts and community. We collaborate with local working, emerging, and outsider artists and musicians. From street festivals to parties, let us know your vision and we can help make it happen.

Local Partnerships

We hope to gain local sponsors to support our organization so that we can further realize our vision, hire a staff, have a permanent location, and raise more awareness and funds for local nonprofits that address issues of social justice.

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100% Volunteer

Our events are not possible without our friends and family that volunteer their time to staff our events. We are incredibly grateful that they are willing to spend their time in this way.

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**When a drop hits,
it ripples...**



echoes is a nonprofit whose mission is to create affordable, innovative arts and music events that promote Chicago culture and community while raising awareness and funds for local nonprofits.



About Us

Echoes of Chicago was conceived in 2003 by young people ranging from the ages of fifteen to nineteen, and incorporated in 2005. This earlier manifestation of Echoes remained active through 2008 by creating multi-media events as a “safe” space for young people organized and produced by young people.

In 2011, Echoes was relaunched as what we call Echoes 2.0. To increase social impact and relevancy, we decided to focus on leveraging our unique events to benefit other local nonprofits by raising funds and awareness of the issues they address.

Though the main focus of Echoes has shifted from providing a space of creativity specifically for young people, we still aim to serve all creative, passionate, socially aware individuals, young and old. Our events' attendees have ranged from infants to folks in their 70s. Most attendees are in their early twenties to mid-thirties.

Echoes is currently 100% volunteer-run and affordability is crucial to our mission for both participants and attendees. We believe that through our energetic, live events, we can foster an appreciation for what a sustainable and symbiotic community can do to support great causes throughout the city.

Our slogan, "When a drop hits, it ripples..." highlights that this is a movement about change making; about inspiring one another to look at each other for who we really are; to better understand the burdens that others might have; and that Chicago culture, in all its manifestations, is what make our city truly an amazing place. We believe that if we work together combining our various backgrounds, skillsets, time and passions to help others, we can make this city an example of our mission.

Echoes exists to provide spaces to further democratize art and culture in Chicago, making it accessible to everyone.



Hand-Painted Hats

Echoes routinely gathers local artists to paint on blank hats. Each hat is a unique piece of art combining a sense of individuality with a long time fashion trend, and providing a fun arts community get together. Hats are then sold at Echoes events to aid in furthering the Echoes mission.'



Left: Andy Abrisz performing with The Siderunners at Holidazed 2013 at Hq.
Center: A hat painted by Rebecca Israilevich. Right: Attendees appreciate the art at Youth About Art 2012.



Windy

Windy was envisioned in 2012 to represent Echoes of Chicago as their Superhero: A spirit that is connected to the area, considered a deity by the Potawatomi, Miami, and Illinois before being settled by Americans and becoming what they deemed Super. She represents the richness and diversity of Chicago's history.

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Our hope is that this initiative will help counter negativity and encourage positive reinforcement through social media. We recognize that sometimes people just need a simple gesture of affection, to know that someone cares for them and help them know that we see their pain and we want to move upward - together.



Left: Attendees pose in the photobooth at Love Not Lost 2010.
Right: Attendees appreciate the art at Holidazed 2014 at Subterra

Themed Photobooth

A staple at each of our events is a photobooth with a backdrop and props that correlate with the theme of the given event.

Creative Corner: Arts & Crafts

One of our favorite parts of our events is our Creative Corner: Arts & Crafts for community members of all ages to create with various supplies and make their own art.

