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**MAYOR EMANUEL, CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT ANNOUNCE LINEUP FOR TEENS IN THE
PARK FESTIVAL**

Free music and arts festival for teens to feature blend of local and well-known talent

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Chicago Park District today announced this year's lineup for the free Teens in the Park Festival (T.I.P. Fest) to be held Saturday, July 9 at Northerly Island. The lineup features a combination of local and established artists.

"The Teens in the Park Festival not only serves as the largest platform for Chicago's young artists to showcase their work, but a place for all artists to connect and celebrate with one another," Mayor Emanuel said. "This lineup does more than exhibit the great talent the City of Chicago has to offer, it represents the passion, ambition and energy that Chicago's youth has for music, art and dance."

T.I.P. Fest, once again, will have no shortage of Chicago artists. Headliners include Chicago natives Sir the Baptist, who is performing at this year's Lollapalooza, Boy Illinois, Mark Hood, who was on season nine of NBC's The Voice, Spenzo, and Jamila Woods, among others. Woods recently released an album and is most notably known for her collaboration with Chance The Rapper, currently one of Chicago's most popular artists. Also performing at the festival are a variety of young Chicago artists looking to share their talent on a larger stage.

Earlier this year, the Chicago Park District held auditions at parks throughout the city to see who would perform at this year's T.I.P. Fest.

"Featuring Chicago artists who are looking to break into the industry and who have already made a name for themselves, is important to us" said Chicago Park District Superintendent and CEO Michael P. Kelly. "This festival is meant to provide teens with a safe place to

express themselves and enjoy good music. Artists who grew up in Chicago know how important it is to have that kind of space.”

Apart from musical performances, T.I.P. Fest will host activities for teens that include a graffiti wall, a digital design lab and games and merchandise booths. This year’s MC will be King Ron The Poet and DJ Mike P will DJ the event. Tickets for T.I.P Fest were made available earlier this month and can still be found [here](#). Only persons 14-24 years old will be admitted to the festival.

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The Chicago Park District is the 2014 Gold Medal Award winner, recognized for excellence in park and recreation management across the nation. For more information about the Chicago Park District’s more than 8,300 acres of parkland, more than 585 parks, 26 miles of lakefront, 12 museums, two world-class conservatories, 16 historic lagoons, nearly 50 nature areas, thousands of special events, sports and entertaining programs, please visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or contact the Chicago Park District at 312/742.PLAY or 312/747.2001 (TTY). Want to share your talent? Volunteer in the parks by calling, 312/742.PLAY.