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—Jenna Lyle, Programs Director, The Arts Club of Chicago

MUSIC, MAGIC & MURDER

A Storytelling Tour of Chicago’s Most Fascinating Building

Presented by Author Keir Graff

Over 128 years, Chicago’s Fine Arts Building has witnessed the creation of countless works of art—and even a murder or two.

Is it a vertical art colony? An office building for eccentrics? Or a historical accident that still exists only because of benevolent landlords and patrons of the arts?

In his acclaimed storytelling tour, Chicago author Keir Graff shares the building’s fascinating history, from spaces designed by Frank Lloyd Wright to the roles it played in the founding of *Poetry* magazine, the success of *The Wizard of Oz*, and the publication of James Joyce’s *Ulysses*. (It even has a strange connection to Orson Welles’s *Citizen Kane*!)

Accompanied by a dynamic presentation featuring contemporary photographs and rare historic images, Graff transports the audience to a place that time forgot, explaining how this unique cultural treasure has beaten the odds to not only survive but thrive.

It’s a story Graff is uniquely situated to tell—he’s a building tenant, too.

Ready to book? Contact Keir Graff (keir@keirgraff.com) to schedule your event now!



“Music, Magic & Murder” Program Details

Cost: \$500–\$1,000

Length: 60–90 minutes

- Includes Q&A; program can be tailored to your needs

Tech requirements:

- Projector and screen
- Microphone and PA

Contact Keir Graff at keir@keirgraff.com to learn more

“Keir is a delightful storyteller! When he talks about *Chicago’s Fine Arts Building: Music, Magic, and Murder*, it is truly a magical experience. . . . he kept our audience spellbound.”

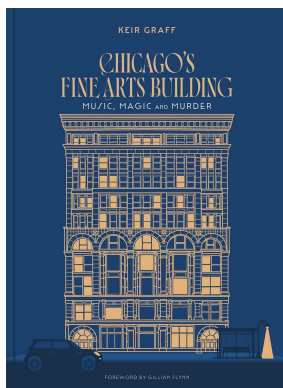
—Cheryl Ziegler, Archivist for Union League Club of Chicago

“Keir Graff gave a wonderful presentation on the Fine Arts Building that was full of excellent and deep research, fantastic photos, interesting historical connections, personal anecdotes, and great humor. He had the audience rapt for an hour and deftly handled the many questions lobbed at him after his talk.”

—Mark Kaplan, manager, Uptown Branch of the Chicago Public Library

The Book: *Chicago’s Fine Arts Building: Music, Magic, and Murder*

Keir can sign and personalize copies for presentation attendees.



- Finalist, Chicago Review of Books Award
- Finalist, Chicago Writers Association Book of the Year
- Honorable Mention, American Society of Journalists & Authors

“Chock-full of fascinating anecdotes and striking photography.” — *Chicago*

To learn more, visit keirgraff.com; view images at Trope.com.