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CHICAGO IRL ANNOUNCES THE RELEASE OF ITS THIRD ISSUE ALONG WITH RELATED PERFORMANCES AND READINGS IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHICAGO ZINE FEST AND PARLOUR ON CLARK'S NORTHERN LIGHTS.

CHICAGO IRL (In Real Life), a queer Chicago collaboration of culture & class(lessness) featuring work from 25 contributors in the fields of poetry, prose, photography, collage, and illustration will debut at the **Chicago Zine Fest** on March 10th. Highlights from the third issue include illustration work from Ignatz-nominated Tony Breed, a tender tale of a one-night stand romance from two perspectives by resident Dane Hallmark and out-of-towner Luis Rendon, photography from Kiam Junio Marcelo, a multimedia artist who served seven years in the US Navy, and Daniel Drake, a native of Evanston and Vermont, writing from locals Jamie Anne Royce, Janie Stamm, Jelena Dzopalic and much more.

Chicago IRL will be at the Chicago Zine Fest from 11am–6pm on Saturday, March 10th at Columbia College's Conway Center, 1st floor, table 11 (1104 S. Wabash). Chicago IRL will also participate in the **Chicago Zine Fest Exhibitor Reading** on Friday, March 9th from 7–9pm at 826CHI (1331 N. Milwaukee Ave). Contributors Rebecca Kling and Wes Perry will read excerpts from their work. Kling, a Chicago-based artist whose multi-media productions question gender, self-expression, and what it means to be at home in one's own body has performed throughout the Midwest, earning her praise from the *Chicago Tribune*, *Time Out Chicago*, *Newcity Stage*, *Centerstage Chicago*, and more, will read from her piece "I Am So Very Sorry." Perry will perform an excerpt from his one man show *Stop Acting Like A Girl*, which *The Windy City Times* called a "triumph" and "an eminently enjoyable journey of great comic timing and reflection."

The **release party** for issue three will be from 10pm–2am on Saturday, March 31st at Parlour on Clark (6341 N Clark Street) as part of the monthly queer performance and dance party **Northern Lights**, hosted by Rocco Granite with DJ Erik Roldan, featuring the Go-Go Gothic Dancers with performances by Chicago IRL contributors Wes Perry, Jesus Plaza and Deja K. Taylor. Perry will again perform an excerpt from *Stop Acting Like A Girl*. Plaza as [X]P will do a dance performance piece to Nicki Minaj's "Stupid Hoe." Taylor, who has toured in Amsterdam/London, rocked stages with Common, Marsha Ambrosius, and will.i.am and was featured in *Russell Simmons Presents Brave New Voices* on HBO, will perform original hip-hop numbers.

CHICAGO IRL documents and archives Chicago's current creative queer happenings. It's a physical archive in the ephemeral age of the internet where work is posted and instantly buried by the next new thing. It released its first issue featuring work from 15 contributors across the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and allied spectrum in June 2011. The second issue premiered in November 2011 featuring work from 27 contributors emphasizing a theme of collaboration. Chicago IRL also participated as one of more than 40 Chicago publishers at the first ever Chicago Book Expo in the basement of the Uptown Broadway Building, rumored to have been a speakeasy for Al Capone, where it was very dark and very cold. Chicago IRL is independently published and produced by graphic designer Topher McCulloch, a South Dakota native who blew into town four years ago and tries to make something awful every day (msaed.tumblr.com), and Joseph Varisco, a graduate student of social work, Chicago native and creator of the Queer Culture & Social Media Study (qcsms.tumblr.com).

Chicago IRL issues 1–3 are available for \$11 locally at Quimby's Bookstore, Chicago Comics and Women & Children First or online at www.chicagoirl.com/order. More information and regular updates are available at: www.chicagoirl.com

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