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Link City Chicago

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Subliminal Strings

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**Seven Screen Video and Music installation:
Betty Rymer Gallery, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago**

***Subliminal Strings* Music performance:
The Chicago History Museum**

Presented in collaboration with the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC), *Link City Chicago* is a seven-screen video and music composition dedicated to the life of the city of Chicago. Composed as an image and sound remix, *Link City* reflects the city as a node in the world-wide process of cultural exchange today. Drawing from a wide range of historical and modern images, including images from the Getty Archive, Miller has created a new multimedia tapestry of sound and images that explore the idea of "the city" as a form in constant flux, an energy force continually changing over time.

A multimedia collage installation projection in four sections (City of the Past, City of the Future, Third World City, and Industrialized City), *Link City Chicago* examines the idea of the urban landscape as a legible text, and looks at the global city from the viewpoint of how form and function are evolving in the radically accelerated information economy.

Miller describes the *Link City Chicago* project in this way:

I wanted to look at how Chicago – a city at the heart of the American experience – resonates with many issues that I think exist at the core of the early 21st century. Information overload, a city made of a composite of almost every major ethnic group on the planet, and the massive concentration of economic and political power that has accrued in Chicago over the course of the last two centuries – all of these make the idea of doing a portrait of Chicago incredibly compelling.

Link City Chicago was commissioned by the School of the Art Institute of Chicago with the Chicago History Museum, and is supported by Getty Images. Working with a Chicago-based video production and research team, SAIC Associate Professor John Manning serves as location and post-production director.

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