

Media Alert
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Cooperative Image Group is a non Profit Youth Arts Education Organization for youth ages 10 to 20. Its programming is aimed at providing civic service through arts education while creating collaborations between Chicago area artists and youth. After three years of running, Co-op Image has become part of the neighborhood while it fills a key community need. Co-op Image provides innovative programs for area youth and artists. Since its launch in 2003, Co-op Image has:

- Provided safe environments and collaborated on innovative arts programming with over 1800 Chicago area youth.
- Obtained ownership of “Campbell Co-op Garden” from the city
- Helped Maintain “Our Block Community Farm”
- Opened a kitchen in Co-op’s “Corner Art Center” for a youth cooking show called “Chi-Town Chefs.”
- Created several youth-lead documentary program With CHA, CPS, ASM, and others.
- Produced dozens of murals throughout Chicago’s West and South sides
- Began the second year of “So Fresh Printing,” a youth-run screen printing business collaboration

Co-op Image Group is excited to announce the third annual **Fall into Art**, a benefit to support its after-school arts programs. Doors open at **6:00 pm** and the show begins at **7:00 p.m. Saturday, September 23rd** at **Chicago Hot Glass** located at 1250 N. Central Park Ave. Proceeds from this event will help Co-op Image Group to replace six cameras which were stolen from the corner art center on August 3rd.

The event will feature live glassblowing demonstrations by Chicago Hot Glass artists and on-the-spot customized t-shirt creations by Co-op Image Group’s very own youth-run screen-printing business, **So Fresh Printing**. Musical entertainment will be provided by **Devil in a Woodpile**, Chicago’s favorite acoustic blues and jug band.

All proceeds from this event go to Co-op Image’s camera fund and operating budget so that we can continue providing innovative, safe, and productive environments for young people in and around **Humboldt Park**. A donation of **\$25** at the door, includes complimentary food and drink. **Show is all ages.**

- Co-op Image