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ILLINOIS LABOR HISTORY SOCIETY

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Dear Members and Friends:

Times are changing and so are we! This year our Annual Union Hall of Honor Awards event will be something different -- a Reception/Concert at the Chicago History Museum to honor music and musicians in the labor movement.

Our program will be a tribute to the Chicago Federation of Musicians and its famed former local and national leader James Petrillo. We will recognize not only his leadership of local 10 but also his important role in creating the Grant Park free summer music program in Chicago, celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. Tom Lee, current president of the American Federation of Musicians, will come to Chicago for the occasion.

We will also recognize several former members of local 208, the largely black Chicago musicians' local, who merged with local 10 to create the current Chicago Federation of Musicians, local 10-208. **Jimmy Ellis, Art Hoyle and Willie Pickens** will not only be there for the induction of local 208 into the Union Hall of Honor, but also to perform. And we will recognize our own contemporary singer of labor songs, labor historian and folklorist, **Bucky Halker**. His CD of Illinois labor songs was distributed at the Illinois AFL-CIO convention a few years ago. Bucky will perform with **Nora Guthrie**, daughter of Woody Guthrie and two nationally known musicians, **Don Stiernberg and Tom Piekarski**. We are also pleased to have **Jon Langford** on the bill. A man who has reinvented himself and his music several times over, Langford is a renaissance man of rock and will knock our socks off!

The evening will begin with a reception in the Chicago Room including an opportunity to view the exhibiton *Chicago: Crossroads of America*. The concert will immediately follow in the Rubloff Auditorium. It will be hosted by Dick Kay, one of Chicago's best political news commentators.

You won't want to miss this memorable event
Sunday, November 22, 5:30 to 9:00 pm.
Chicago History Museum
1601 N. Clark St.

Please buy your tickets soon and consider a greeting in the program book.

Solidarity,

Larry Spivack
President