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Dear Friends,

Your Cook County Historical Society is at it again, poised to jump into 2015 with a bang! We are preparing another real treat. Later this spring we will open an new exhibit...

“MUSIC from the Tip o’ the Arrowhead” From the Town Hall polkas, through the bars and clubs, jazz, rock & country bands, church choral groups and so many others, we have gained a rich history of music over the years.

Many remember how the town bank morphed into a popular tavern, now with shows seven nights week. The Arrowhead Center for the Arts moved from a dream into reality. The old hardware store became the American Legion and dance floor! The old Lutheran Church with its theater seating became the home of the Grand Marais Playhouse and many other concerts. And finally, we have the evolution of our award-winning radio station WTIP and its creation, the annual RadioWaves Music Festival. We, at the museum, intend to create a space where everybody has a chance to see how it all came to be.

This will be an exhibit in-progress as you, our community, contribute music memorabilia, photographs and concert posters to form a timeline on the walls. The timeline will start roughly with the completion of Highway 61 and will end at present day with space reserved for the future—and other treasures as they are discovered. We’ll have an electric piano, (for public playing or with headphones) a video display and a few other surprises that will breathe life into our exhibit!

Join us in celebrating Cook County’s stirring history of music by bringing in your old music memorabilia. There simply may not be room for all of the things we receive, but pieces that we do use, will be professionally copied and the originals returned to you. Even if we don’t display your pieces, we’ll be sure to copy them for our archives and future music lovers to appreciate. Please bring or send your materials to the Museum before March 15th.

We are fortunate to have been offered matching funds from a local donor! Our estimated budget is \$10,000. This will help cover new lighting, video monitor and staff production time. The piano, a fixture in the old East Bay Hotel, has been donated by a local family. And, other musical folks will be donating their time and talents.

Please help us to raise another \$5,000 to bring it all alive for our grand opening on May 24th! All donations are tax deductible.

You can donate online at www.cookcountyhistory.org, or send a check to the address below.

Thank you for your loyal and generous support!

Museum Staff and Volunteers

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