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GRANTA MAGAZINE AND CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS HOST ACCLAIMED AUTHORS TO CELEBRATE SPECIAL CHICAGO ISSUE

**Chicago Public Radio's Steve Edwards Moderates
Conversation Featuring Audrey Niffenegger (*The Time Traveler's Wife*)
and Aleksandar Hemon (*The Lazarus Project*)**

Who: Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Granta, The Magazine Of New Writing

What: London-based Granta magazine's week-long celebration of its all-Chicago issue kicks off with Audrey Niffenegger, author of the best-selling *The Time Traveler's Wife*, now a major motion picture, and Aleksandar Hemon, MacArthur fellow and National Book Award Finalist for *The Lazarus Project*, discussing how artists and writers from around the world represent Chicago in their work. Chicago Public Radio's Steve Edwards moderates.

Granta magazine's special Chicago issue features new essays, stories, art and poems about Chicago by 28 acclaimed authors and artists including Sandra Cisneros, Don DeLillo, Stuart Dybek, Aleksandar Hemon, Alex Kotlowitz, George Saunders, Elaine Showalter, Wole Soyinka and Chris Ware. **This is only the second time in its history that the prestigious literary magazine, founded 120 years ago at Cambridge University, has devoted an entire issue to a single city.**

When: Monday, September 14
6 p.m.

Where: Chicago Cultural Center
78 E. Washington Street
Preston Bradley Hall

Details: Audience members are invited to join panelists and some of the other 28 contributors to Granta's special Chicago issue for a reception after the discussion.

Admission is free but reservations are required by contacting Emily Long, emily.long@cityofchicago.org, 312.742.0821. For more information about the event, call 312.744.7097.

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