



DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPECIAL EVENTS  
CITY OF CHICAGO

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Mr. Gilad Sommer  
New Acropolis Chicago  
1259 West Victoria Street  
Chicago, IL 60660

Dear Mr. Sommer:

I would like to thank you for exhibiting at the City of Chicago's inaugural Lake FX Summit + Expo April 16-19, 2015. We estimate that 10,000 creative professionals participated in 120 programs that included keynotes, panels, workshops, evening showcases, performances, an expo, networking opportunities and the Lake FX marketplace by Dose!

Your knowledge, expertise and advice elevated the level of conversation around industry best practices and issues and set the bar for further dialogue here in Chicago. As a success story and thought leader, you served as a model for our local industry and communicated that our community can thrive through professional development, sharing ideas and staying connected.

Well on its way to becoming the largest free event of its kind for creatives in the Midwest, the inaugural Lake FX Summit + Expo shined a spotlight on Chicago's innovative Film, Music, Fashion, Culinary and Visual and Performing Arts industries. The programs provided creative professionals of all levels with the tools, connections and resources they need to advance their careers in an ever-changing industry.

On behalf of the City of Chicago and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, I am grateful for your support. The wealth of knowledge gained and opportunities presented will lead to newfound success in supporting the creative industries in Chicago. Your participation in the Lake FX Summit + Expo will make a lasting impact on the overall growth and prosperity of our city's creative community for years to come.

Sincerely,

Michelle T. Boone  
Commissioner