

Art, cocktails and mingling: JTJ Event on Saturday 8

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If you're up for some art, cocktails and mingling this weekend (and really, who isn't?), get thee to the [John T. Jackson Foundation Celebration](#) at the MCA. The event is in honor of John T. Jackson, who's life tragically ended in the 2003 Lincoln Park porch collapse. Shortly after, family and friends began a nonprofit foundation in his honor. On a personal note, this event is very near and dear to my heart, as I grew up with the Jackson family: John and his siblings went to the same grade school and high school as my siblings and I

did, and I played years and years of tennis, soccer and basketball with one of his older sisters. The Jacksons are a truly awesome family, and they've rallied together with John's friends to create an extraordinary foundation (and rockin' parties): Proceeds benefit a scholarship and grant awarded annually. I've attended the JTJ event in NYC in past years, and am thrilled it's making its Chicago debut this weekend. Come on out for a great party! *Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E Chicago Ave (347-886-6888, jtjfoundation.org). El: Red to Chicago. Bus: 3, 10, 26, 66, 125, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 151. 8pm-midnight. \$120.*