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The Bank of America Chicago Distance Series Announces Extension of Media Partnership with NBC 5 Chicago and Telemundo Chicago

CHICAGO – Following a successful Bank of America Chicago Marathon on Sunday, October 12, event organizers today announced an extension of a media partnership with NBCUniversal Local Chicago (NBC 5 Chicago / WMAQ and Telemundo Chicago / WSNS). The multi-year agreement will continue the stations' role as the official English and Spanish television broadcast partners for the Bank of America Chicago Distance Series events through 2028. NBC 5 Chicago has been a media partner of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon for the past 18 years. Telemundo Chicago joined the event as a media partner in 2017.

As the official television broadcast partners for the series, NBC 5 Chicago and Telemundo Chicago will feature pre-marathon programming, training tips, runner profiles, and extensive live race day coverage for the Bank of America Chicago Marathon across the stations' linear and digital platforms. In addition to televising and streaming the Chicago Marathon, NBC 5 and Telemundo Chicago will deliver coverage of the Shamrock Shuffle in March and Chicago 13.1 in June, on its mobile apps and digital platforms.

"We're thrilled to announce our continued partnership with NBC 5 Chicago and Telemundo Chicago as the official English and Spanish-language broadcasts for our Bank of America Chicago Distance Series events," said Executive Race Director Carey Pinkowski. "The teams at NBC 5 Chicago and Telemundo Chicago capture the spirit of our events, from the world-class professional races at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon, to inspiring human interest stories that come from our local Chicago running community."

"We are truly honored to continue our longstanding partnership with the Bank of America Chicago Distance Series," said Kevin Cross, President and General Manager, NBCUniversal Local Chicago. "For nearly two decades, our collaboration has allowed us to showcase the very best of Chicago—from elite athletic achievement to the powerful personal stories that unite our communities. Our teams at NBC 5 and Telemundo Chicago are passionate about capturing these moments and sharing them with viewers across our region and beyond. We look forward to bringing even more unforgettable moments in the years to come."

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon is a member of the Abbott World Marathon Majors and is held annually on the second Sunday in October. The 2026 event will air on NBC 5 Chicago, Telemundo Chicago, and TeleXitos on Sunday, October 11. Race day coverage features play-by-

play action of the professional race from expert analysts, as well as course updates and inspiring stories from NBC 5 and Telemundo Chicago anchors and reporters embedded across various neighborhoods along the course.

About the Bank of America Chicago Marathon

In its 48th year on Sunday, October 11, 2026, the Bank of America Chicago Marathon will welcome thousands of participants from more than 100 countries and all 50 states, including a world-class professional athlete field, top regional and Masters runners, race veterans, debut marathoners and charity participants. The race's iconic course takes participants through 29 vibrant neighborhoods on an architectural and cultural tour of Chicago. Annually, more than a million spectators line the streets cheering on tens of thousands of participants from the starting line to the final stretch down Columbus Drive. As a result of the race's national and international draw, the Chicago Marathon assists in raising millions of dollars for a variety of charitable causes while generating over \$683 million in annual economic impact to its host city. The 2026 Bank of America Chicago Marathon, a member of the Abbott World Marathon Majors, will start and finish in Grant Park beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 11. In advance of the race, a three-day Abbott Health & Fitness Expo will be held at McCormick Place Convention Center on Thursday, October 8, Friday, October 9, and Saturday, October 10. For more information about the event and how to get involved, go to chicagomarathon.com.

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About NBCUniversal Local Chicago

NBCUniversal Local Chicago, a part of NBCUniversal Local, is the home of NBC 5 (WMAQ-TV) and Telemundo Chicago (WSNS-TV). Together, the duopoly serves diverse English- and Spanish-speaking audiences in the third largest U.S. television market. The NBC and Telemundo-owned stations deliver the latest local news, consumer, and investigative reports across multiple platforms, including linear TV, streaming, and digital. Their coverage includes Chicago's most accurate forecast, extensive local sports coverage, original documentaries and series, and lifestyle and entertainment programming through "Chicago Today." All original content is available on-air, digitally via NBCChicago.com and TelemundoChicago.com, and via the stations' mobile apps. Viewers can also access the NBC 5 Chicago News 24/7 live streaming channel on Peacock, Roku, Samsung TV, Amazon Fire TV, and other supported platforms.

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