



CHICAGO'S OUT FOR HOURS CELEBRATE EP RELEASE AT METRO

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The blues was born out of tragedy, so it's fitting that one of the city's top acts in a genre so deeply rooted in Chicago – the stellar *Out For Hours* – was as well.

Though they knew each other as kids a bit, the group's songwriters – Frankie Monacella and Chris Ulrich – got better acquainted in May of 1999 while on the

same mission trip to Oklahoma City. Then ravaged by tornadoes, the area needed assistance, and Frankie and Chris' abilities as musicians were put to good use, to ease the hardship of victims and lift spirits of volunteers while in OKC. Since then, the duo have been inseparable musically, and they went on to form Out For Hours soon after.

Using fiery licks, vocals that paint elaborate images, trusty keys and a rhythm section you could set your watch to, this band has shared the stage with the likes of Ben Folds Five and Barenaked Ladies, and is set to headline a huge release show for their fifth release, *Sweet Talk* EP, next month.

The toe-tapping "Higher" showcases all of what OFH does best, featuring swampy riffs, a hard-thumping kick drum, show-stopping four-part harmonies and lyrics that speak to the heart of love. The group gets political both on the sultry "Bound To Break" and its accompanying video, as shots of presidents and political rallies underscore calls for change and compromise. Bassist Tim Fullerton, drummer Paul Wilhelm and keyboardist/Paul's brother Adam Wilhelm craft a stunning backdrop as Frankie and Chris layout cunning vocals and red-hot fretwork. And on the EP's title track, the group takes a more traditional pop/rock route into the stratosphere, without losing any sense of urgency. An electronic intro gives way to instantly memorable palm-muted guitars before a brilliant chorus kicks in and gives the listener pure audio joy.

The band will celebrate the release of this new EP with a headlining performance at Chicago's renowned Metro. [Details here.](#)

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