Phil Ponce is host of *Chicago Tonight*, a nightly television magazine of news and culture on WTTW11, the most-watched PBS station in the country. Ponce conducts nightly interviews with news-makers, authors and artists or moderates panels on topics ranging from business and medicine to the arts and education. Nationally, Ponce was one of Jim Lehrer’s anchors on *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*.

Ponce is active as a moderator of political debates and has been a moderator or panelist in debates for the Presidency, the U.S. Senate, Illinois governor and Chicago mayor. He has been a columnist for the *Chicago Tribune* and taught interviewing at Loyola University Chicago. He has an undergraduate degree in English from Indiana University, a law degree from the University of Michigan and practiced law for six years before becoming a journalist.

Ponce’s awards include Illinois Journalist of the Year, the Studs Terkel Award for Journalism and the City Club of Chicago’s Award for Excellence in Journalism. Ponce and his artist wife, Ann, live in Chicago. Their two sons, Dan and Anthony, also are Chicago television broadcasters; their daughter, Maria is a Chicago photographer.

**Phil Ponce** will present a special address, “*Tales From A City*” during the Centennial Session at Navy Pier on Tuesday, April 12.