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NATIONALLY-ACCLAIMED HOME DESIGN EXPERT, FRANK FONTANA, TO HOST EXPANDED HOME-FOCUSED LIFESTYLE SHOW ON 720 WGN-AM

"The Frank Fontana Show" Begins Airing Sunday, October 5th

CHICAGO – October X, 2014 – This October, WGN Radio will expand the role of popular home design expert, Frank Fontana, with a new extended show and regular weekday visits on WGN-TV and online. Beginning October 5th, the new "Frank Fontana Show" will air every Sunday from 1-3 p.m., following "Dean Richards' Sunday Morning," on 720 WGN-AM and wgnradio.com or streaming via iHeart Radio, TuneIn, or the WGN Radio mobile apps.

For over 90 years, WGN Radio has not only been Chicago's fencepost for conversation and a destination for news and sports, but also that "neighbor on the block" offering a helpful hand to its listeners. The new two-hour "Frank Fontana Show" will deliver all those things, but will add Frank's entertaining perspective on interior architecture, home design and regular commentary on current events.

"Every week Frank will help our listeners make their house into a home," said Todd Manley Vice President of Content and Programming for Tribune Radio. ""He'll share his great home design expertise against the backdrop of real life in Chicago as a busy dad and husband raising two young kids."

The future of WGN Radio is centered on a 360-experience in audio, video, and social media. Fans of "The Frank Fontana Show" can learn more about Frank's own *Project Home* as he continues the ongoing rehab of his charming 100-year-old suburban farmhouse. His new show will also featuring conversations with celebrity guests, and helpful segments including "I've Got A Guy" highlighting great local resources for various home and design projects. "As they say, home is where the heart is and WGN has definitely become my radio home over the past year," said Fontana. "With this new show on Sunday afternoons, I'm looking forward to reconnecting with more people who are working on their own design projects and seeking great tips and ideas to enjoy spending more time at home with their family and friends.

About Frank Fontana

Fontana most recently hosted WGN-AM's "The Design Dude with Frank Fontana" for the past year on Saturdays from 6-7 a.m. An Emmy-nominated, TV & radio host, Frank Fontana is one of the nation's leading celebrity lifestyle experts. Fontana also penned a top-selling DIY book, *Dirty Little Secrets of Design*. Frank built his nationally- renowned brand as the host of HGTV's "Take over My Make Over" and most notably the longest running, highest rated HGTV Design shows, "Design on a Dime." In addition to his new WGN-AM show, Frank is a regular contributor to NBC's TODAY Show, OPRAH.com and has appeared on the award winning NBC design show "Open House."

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