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Something "Unconventional" is coming to Chicago to the Heartland Cafe on Friday, October 24. The Unconventional Tour: Making Waves 2008 - a mashup of live music, media, film, politics, features [The Away Team](#), electronic duo from California plus Chicago's own [Swizzle Tree "acoustic" - Steve and Saarang](#), and very special guest hitmaker Jim Post who penned the song "Reach out in the Darkness."

Included in the Unconventional program will be a "Free Speech" Contest with prizes, for the best 2 minute rant. The contest will be judged by "clap-o-meter"-- i.e., audience response, so stacking the audience with friends could win a spot on the Unconventional DVD, a free T-shirt, and other free goodies.

"We're putting the party back into politics - we want to make waves, mobilize voters and talk about issues that really matter." says Little who is spearheading the tour. In each town on the Unconventional Tour, the program lineup will vary. Other cities on the tour include Albuquerque, Little Rock, St. Louis, Bloomington, Tulsa, Austin and Santa Barbara.

The music of The Away Team is also unconventional: eclectic electronic pop with a political and sometimes quirky twist. Keyboardist Nik Green, who hails from the UK, worked with Jimmy Page and Roy Harper after Led Zepplin disbanded. Songwriter and instrumentalist (harp, keyboards, percussion, bass, guitar) Penny Little was signed to Warner Brothers in the UK, in the late 80's, toured Europe and Japan as a singer and her controversial documentary films have toured to packed houses in Europe, the US, Australia, Japan.

Jim Post, according to the Chicago Tribune, is, "one of the Midwest's treasures" is well known for penning the hit "Reach Out of the Darkness", recording by "Friend and Lover" in the late 1960's. He is known for his one man shows as Mark Twain, in addition to performances of children's songs.

Chicago band Swizzle Tree will be releasing their new EP "No I'm Really Happy Now" on October 11th so this will be an opportunity to hear some of this fresh, melodic, lyrically edgy material with Swizzle Tree Acoustic from Steve Krok and Saraang.

This evening of political music kicks off at 8 pm. More information is available at the website: <http://www.unconventionaltour.com> or email: info@unconventionaltour.com