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**I See Music to provide demonstrations for the blind during AccessChicago’s Expo for those with unique abilities**

*Training for visually impaired helps spur employment/entrepreneurship*

(CHICAGO)– [**I See Music, LLC,**](http://www.iseemusic.org/media.php) is an innovative company that teaches the blind audio engineering using technology to help level the playing field with sighted people working in these industries. ‘I See Music’s’ proprietary training curriculum, conducted by blind trainers, uses specialized techniques to teach blind learners skills that many assume only the sighted can accomplish. Graduates of the training work in fields as varied as audio engineering, post production in the movie and recording industry, and become recording artist and DJ’s.

“We give visually impaired people the skills to exercise their creative power,” says I See Music’s owner and director [**Byron** **Harden.**](http://www.iseemusic.org/faculty.php?facultyId=1) “Most importantly we are combating unemployment in the blind community by offering innovative and accessible training in the highly competitive field of audio engineering.” Harden, who is totally blind, points out that the company’s training works equally well for the sighted.

‘I See Music, will showcase its unique training at [AccessChicago](https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/mopd/provdrs/accesschicago.html), hosted by the Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD), on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Festival Hall B. The AccessChicago exhibition promotes the independence and inclusion of people with all types of disabilities by showcasing Chicago’s wide range of accessible venues, products, and services.

Conducting the training will be ‘I See Music’ team members Harden and [**Jason Dasent**](http://www.iseemusic.org/faculty.php?facultyId=5). Dasent operates [**Studio Jay Recording Ltd.**](https://www.studiojayrecording-fsm.com/) out of Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and is a music producer, keyboardist and audio engineer who is totally blind. He is the creator of **Discover Me**, an American Idol like talent competition based in Trinidad. I See Music’s staff includes nine trainers.

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The team will present four sessions throughout the day to acquaint both visually impaired and sighted participants with the many skills that can be learned via I See Music’s on-line training. These run the gamut from creating, recording, mixing and editing audio, to producing audio books and podcasts.

According to statistics, unemployment among the blind ranges anywhere from 40% to near 70%. With the help of I See Music trainers a large percentage of the visually impaired could enter industries doing work that typically only sighted people do, and entrepreneurship also becomes a viable option.

The I See Music training levels the playing field and promotes diversity and inclusion for the blind. The company’s core principals are predicated on independence, technological advancement, self-confidence, equality and opportunity.

During AccessChicago I See Music personnel will demonstrate their virtual training using specialized software from [**Avid’s | ProTools**](http://www.avid.com/pro-tools), [**Native Instruments**](https://www.native-instruments.com/en/company/), and Apple’s [**Logic X Pro**.](https://www.native-instruments.com/en/company/) This hands-on synchronized training is done online, in real time. For more information about I See Music’s training or to enroll call 312-810-1001 or visit their website [here](http://www.iseemusic.org/index.php).

**About I See Music**

**I see Music, LLC** is creating a community of music lovers where accessibility is not an issue in this very technical and sighted industry. I See Music services the artistic and technical needs using Pro-Tools software training for both the blind and sighted community. Sound equipment rental for love music shows, studio time rental for recording sessions, music studio design consulting, and providing specialized training for the blind in music studio production and engineering. For more information about I See Music and its training program for both the blind and sighted visit their website [here](https://iseemusic.org/index.php).

**About AccessChicago**

AccessChicago is the City’s only event that brings together more than 100 of Chicagoland’s top disability related service providers, product merchandisers, assistive technology suppliers, and recreational exhibitors under one roof!

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