



**3 Elite Athletes Will Run in the 13th Annual Chicago Half Marathon
This Sunday September 13th 2009, Along Picturesque Lake Shore Drive**

Registration Open but Limited for this Hometown Race!

3 elite athletes will compete in the 13th Annual Chicago Half Marathon this Sunday September 13, 2009 alongside 20,000 runners on Lake Shore Drive. The scenic route begins and ends in Jackson Park, showcasing Chicago's brilliant south shoreline and skyline.

Patrick Rizzo was born on July 25th 1983. His hometown is Schaumburg IL and he attended North Central College. He says that all of his coaches from high school on up are his role models and his favorite food is pizza. Patrick Rizzo has run 65 minutes for the half and 2 hours 17 minutes for the full this past year in Boston.

Melissa White was born April 17th 1981. Her hometown is Naples NY and she attended college at SUNY Geneseo. She says her favorite place to run is anywhere where the weather is warm and her favorite running accessory is her Aruba sunglasses. Melissa White has run 1 hour 13 minutes for the half and 2 hours 37 minutes for the full in the 2008 Olympic Trials.

Carol Jefferson was born on June 19th 1985. Her hometown is Schwenksville PA and she attended Liberty University. Carol Jefferson is a rookie at the distance, but will run in the 1 hour 16 minutes range.

Come out and see these runners at the Chicago Half Marathon which starts at 7:30 a.m. on September 13, 2009. The race start is Jackson Park at the intersection of Hayes & Richards.

Registration is limited for those who want to run this great hometown race. Go to the Health & Fitness Expo at Navy Pier on Friday, September 11 or Saturday, September 12 to register. It's the perfect way to spend a beautiful day and prep for the Chicago marathon in October! Get more information about the Chicago Half Marathon at www.chicagohalfmarathon.com.

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