

Chicago Events and Attractions Shine at RSNA 2009

FROM ITS world-class museums and bustling theater scene to its delectable dining and family-friendly activities, Chicago offers a stellar lineup of attractions sure to please everyone attending RSNA 2009. In keeping with our economy-conscious times, be sure to check out our Insider's Guide to Chicago's Best Deals.

RSNA Tours & Events

RSNA is sponsoring a series of tours and events during RSNA 2009. The RSNA Tours & Events brochure is available at RSNA2009.RSNA.org. Click Tours & City Events in the left-hand column.

Please look for the **RSNA TOUR** icon next to event listings in this article, signifying that a pre-arranged RSNA package is available. Enroll for tours and events online when registering for the annual meeting or while adding courses.



Museums

Art Institute of Chicago

THE Art Institute's world-renowned permanent collection includes a noteworthy exhibition of surrealist paintings and Impressionist art now showcased in the stunning Modern Wing, **RSNA TOUR 20** Lloyd Wright, William Morris and Gustav Stickley. Another special exhibition this winter is *Playing with Pictures: The Art of Victorian Photo Collage*.

Chicago, the first Arts and Crafts exhibition at the museum in more than 30 years. It includes designs from the movement's notables such as Frank Stickley. Another special exhibition this winter is *Playing with Pictures: The Art of Victorian Photo Collage*.

■ 111 S. Michigan Ave.
 Tickets: 1-312-930-4040
www.artic.edu
www.ticketmaster.com

In November, visitors can explore *Apostles of Beauty: Arts and Crafts from Britain to Chi-*

Field Museum

RSNA TOUR 13 While visiting The Field Museum, say hello to Sue, the largest, most complete and best preserved Tyrannosaurus rex fossil ever discovered. Sue is only one of the many noteworthy specimens in the Field's permanent collection. The *Evolving Planet* exhibit explores four billion years of evolution, allowing visitors to touch a real dinosaur bone and the teeth of a mastodon and a woolly mammoth. Families may be interested in the new Crown Family Play Lab for children, which features interactive exhibits exploring science, anthropology, technology, nature, art and music, complete with a soundproof drum room.

The recently opened Ernst & Young 3-D Theater, Chicago's only completely digital 3-D theater, helps bring favorite museum topics to life. Movie tickets are \$5 per person plus basic museum admission.



The Nature of Diamonds examines the uniqueness of the gem as it journeys from diamond mine to dealer. The exhibit includes noteworthy pieces by Fulco di Vedura, Cartier and Boucheron and works from Tiffany & Co. designed by Frank Gehry and Elsa Peretti.

■ 1400 S. Lake Shore Dr.
 1-312-922-9410
www.fnmh.org

American Gothic, 1930, by Grant Wood, is part of the permanent collection at the Art Institute of Chicago.



Museum of Contemporary Art

THE MCA's permanent collection represents trends in art after 1945, with a special emphasis on Surrealism (1940s and 1950s), Minimalism (1960s), conceptual art and photography (1960s to the present), installation art and art by local artists. The collection includes paintings, sculpture, photography, video, film and installations.

This winter, MCA will host the most significant American exhibition of British artist Liam Gillick's work. The various media and formats consider how art and architecture influence interpersonal communication and vice versa. A complementary exhibit, curated by Liam Gillick himself, provides context for the artist's work.

Italics: Italian Art Between Tradition and Revolution explores Italian art and expression from the late 1960s to the present and demonstrates how these 75 Italian artists have forged new identities from their country's history.

Twentieth century artist Alexander Calder's



Michelangelo Pistoletto, *Le trombe del giudizio*, 1968.

Collezione Cittadellarte-Fondazione Pistoletto Collection, Biella.

work holds a place in many hearts with his colorful mobiles and stables. *Alexander Calder in Focus* is a small exhibit of his works from 1927 to 1968.

■ 220 E. Chicago Ave.
1-312-280-2660
www.mcachicago.org

Shedd Aquarium

THE AQUARIUM is home to aquatic life from around the world, with a special emphasis on crowd favorites such as sharks—*The Wild Reef* offers one of the most diverse displays of sharks in North America. See Chicago's treasured



Beluga whales, dolphins and penguins in Fantasea, located in the newly renovated Oceanarium. A 15-foot, walk-in yellow submarine has been added to the greatly enhanced under water viewing level. Visitors can also enjoy seahorses, otters

and seals. Penguin petting is a must. Watch a diver hand feed a variety of species in the *Caribbean Reef*, a 360-degree tour of a 90,000 gallon underwater reef community. The Shedd, a principal part of the

Museum Campus, is a tasteful blend of contemporary and 1930s architecture situated on the shore of Lake Michigan.

■ 1200 S. Lake Shore Dr.
1-312-939-2438
www.sheddnet.org

Adler Planetarium

PLANETARIUM visitors now can view the newly restored Gemini 12 spacecraft in the *Shoot for the Moon* exhibit, where cutting-edge technology helps tell the story of America's part in the space race. Planetarium shows play continuously throughout the day in two theaters. The StarRider Theater provides a virtual reality experience, while the Sky Theater depicts stars and other nighttime wonders projected on Adler's distinctive dome. *Telescopes: Through the Looking Glass*, is a special exhibit celebrating the 400th birthday of the telescope. Learn how these amazing instruments have changed our concepts of the universe and our place in it.



The Adler Planetarium is located on a scenic section of the Museum Campus jutting into Lake Michigan.

■ 1300 S. Lake Shore Dr.
1-312-922-7827
www.adlerplanetarium.org

Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows

Located on the east end of Navy Pier, this free museum houses the nation's largest permanent collection of Tiffany stained glass windows. The museum has more than 150 stained glass works—some dating back to the 1890s—by artists including John LaFarge, Louis Sullivan, Louis Comfort Tiffany, Frank Lloyd Wright, Franz Mayer and F.X. Zettler. Admission is free and public tours are offered at no extra charge most Thursdays at 2 p.m.

■ 600 E. Grand Ave.
1-312-595-5024

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Perched on the edge of a Lincoln Park lagoon, this museum welcomes children of all ages to explore nature in unusual and innovative ways. Permanent exhibits include the Look-in Animal Lab, Extreme Green House, Mysteries of the Marsh and the Butterfly Haven.

■ 2430 N. Cannon Dr.
1-773-755-5100
www.chias.org

Chicago History Museum

The Chicago Historical Society has created an urban museum, which presents the fascinating multicultural **RSNA TOUR 33** heritage of the region in creative, up-to-date exhibits. The museum's collection includes over 22 million artifacts and documents. Check the Web site for neighborhood tours, lectures, performances and events.

■ 1601 N. Clark St.
1-312-642-4600
www.chicagohs.org

Lincoln Park Conservatory

A tropical oasis features greenery from around the world. Seasonal features include a Christmas show in December.

■ 2391 N. Stockton Dr.
1-312-742-7736
www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/index.cfm

Museum of Science and Industry

THE Museum of Science and Industry is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Chicago and is the only remaining building from the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition. **RSNA TOUR 30**

Permanent exhibits include the U-505 World War II submarine, the fascinating Coal Mine and Colleen Moore's Fairy Castle. The recently redesigned Henry Crown Space Center features the Apollo 8 Command Module. The newest exhibit, *You! The Experience* provides interactive opportunities to inspire us all to optimize our personal health and well being. In *Smart Home: Green + Wired*, ecofriendly living is demonstrated in a three-story, sustainable "green" home that has been erected on the museum's property.

The special exhibit *Art + Science = Architecture* features unbelievable likenesses of many of the world's most famous buildings that are completely fabricated with oversized LEGO blocks. Annual seasonal exhibits include the *Christmas Around the World* and *Holidays of Light*.

The museum's Omnimax theater is a five-story, domed, wraparound theatre. Check the Web site for current showings.

■ 57th St. and Lake Shore Dr.
1-773-684-1414
www.msichicago.org



Photo Credit: JB Spector, Museum of Science and Industry

Earth Revealed is one of the permanent exhibits at the Museum of Science and Industry.

The Insider's Guide to Chicago's Best Deals

Take advantage of the many great deals and free activities available at many of the city's most popular destinations. Here is a rundown of the best free attractions in town along with their "free" days and times.

- Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St. (Monday)
- Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago (Tuesday)
- Charnley-Persky House Museum, 1365 N. Astor St. (Wednesday)
- Clarke House Museum, 1827 S. Indiana Ave. (Wednesday)
- Glessner House Museum, 1800 S. Prairie Ave. (Wednesday)
- Art Institute of Chicago, 11 S. Michigan Ave. (Thursday evenings, 5–9 p.m.)
- Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 N. Cannon Dr. (Thursday)
- Chicago Children's Museum at Navy Pier, 700 E. Grand Ave. (Sunday, Dec. 6, admission is free for those 15 and under)
- Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Dr. (Dec. 2)
- Shedd Aquarium, 1200 S. Lake Shore Dr. (Nov. 30)

Always free:

- Chicago ArchiCenter, 224 S. Michigan Ave.
- Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St.
- City Gallery at the Historic Water Tower, 806 N. Michigan Ave.
- Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2391 N. Stockton Dr.
- Lincoln Park Zoo, 2200 N. Cannon Dr.
- Millennium Park Welcome Center, 201 E. Randolph St.
- Museum of Contemporary Photography, 600 S. Michigan Ave.
- Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave.
- Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows, 600 E. Grand Ave.

McDonald's Thanksgiving Parade

Santa Claus, Ronald McDonald, and many other characters and personalities will march down State Street on Thanksgiving Day for the annual parade from 8:30–11 a.m.

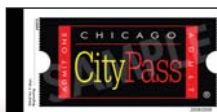
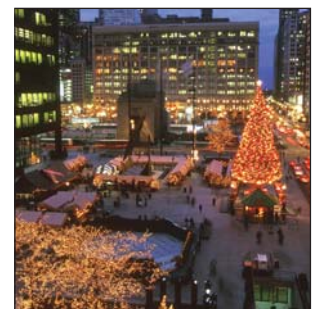


Macy's Holiday Windows

A winter favorite for many is to take the family to view the animated window displays installed for the holidays at the Macy's store at 111 N. State Street.

Christkindlmarket Chicago and the Santa House

Opening November 26, Christkindlmarket Chicago is the largest and most renowned German winter holiday market in the U.S. attracting visitors from the city and around the world. Christkindlmarket is located on Daley Plaza between Washington and Dearborn Streets.



Save Money, Avoid Ticket Lines with CityPass

A CityPass ticket booklet containing admission tickets to the Shedd Aquarium, Adler Planetarium, Field Museum and Museum of Science and Industry, as well as the Hancock Observatory, is available for \$69.00 and can save you up to 40 percent on all admissions and allow you to skip ticket lines at each venue. Once you start using the CityPass, you have nine days to visit all of the included attractions. Visit www.citypass.com/city/chicago.html.

Theater

RSNA TOUR 27

The Addams Family

Enjoy the family dynamics of this famous monster family, which may resemble yours.

- Ford Center for the Performing Arts
Oriental Theatre
24 W. Randolph St.
1-312-902-1400
www.ticketmaster.com

American Buffalo

Tension and humor ripple through playwright David Mamet's simple dialogue.

- Steppenwolf Theatre
1650 N. Halsted Ave.
1-312-335-1650
www.steppenwolf.org

Cirque du Soleil

Vaudeville and Cirque du Soleil come together in Chicago for this one-of-a-kind performance.

- The Chicago Theatre
175 N. State St.
1-312-902-1500
www.ticketmaster.com
www.thechicagotheatre.com

Late Nite Catechism

This witty performance examining the Baby Boomer parochial school experience is a longtime favorite among those taught by nuns and also serves as a wry introduction to Catholicism.

- Royal George Theatre
1641 N. Halsted St.
1-312-902-1400
www.ticketmaster.com

The Second City

The Main Stage of Chicago's favorite comedy venue features well-established actors and skits and a smaller ETC stage features up-and-coming Chicago comics.

- Main Stage and ETC stage
1616 N. Wells St.
1-312-337-3992
www.secondcity.com



The Snow Queen

Hans Christian Andersen's popular winter tale will be performed for a fourth holiday season.

- Victory Gardens Mainstage
at the Biograph
2433 N. Lincoln Ave.
1-773-871-3000
www.victorygardens.org

Young Frankenstein – The New Mel Brooks Musical

This live-on-stage comedy is as hilarious and scary as the film version but with singing and dancing. Winner of the 2008 Outer Critics Circle Award and the *Broadway.com* Audience Award for Best Musical.

- Cadillac Palace Theatre
151 W. Randolph St.
1-312-902-1400
www.ticketmaster.com

Family Performances

A Christmas Carol

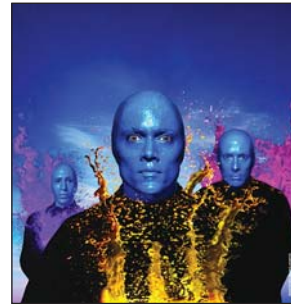
This production of the famous Dickens tale makes even Scrooge seem magical.

- Goodman Theatre
170 N. Dearborn St.
1-312-443-3800
www.goodman-theatre.org

Rewired

by Blue Man Group
Performance art and comedy meet music. Certainly not conventional theater, the performance is furiously paced and loud. Blue Man has a well-earned position as one of the most popular performances in the city.

- Briar Street Theatre
3133 N. Halsted
1-773-348-4000
www.blue-man.com
www.ticketmaster.com



American Girl Place

Shoppers at American Girl Place may choose among the beautiful dolls. Call to make a reservation for lunch, tea or dinner.

- Water Tower Place
835 N. Michigan Ave.
1-877-247-5223
www.americangirl.com

Chicago Children's Museum

More than 12 interactive exhibits and new programs offer hours of creative play. Hands-on exhibits are creatively focused on science, literacy, humanities and the arts.



"Snow Much Fun" offers a winter wonderland of fun including an "ice rink" where children can skate in their stocking feet to festive, wintry music.

- 700 E. Grand Ave. (on Navy Pier)
1-312-527-1000
www.chicildrensmuseum.org

Navy Pier IMAX Theatre

The Navy Pier IMAX theatre will announce its complete holiday film schedule in late autumn. Included will be "A Christmas Carol" in 3D.

- 700 E. Grand Ave.
1-312-595-5629
www.imax.com/chicago

Lincoln Park Zoo

The Lincoln Park Zoo is the oldest zoological garden in the country, as well as one of the most modern. Casting a festive glow on the zoo grounds, the Zoo-Lights Festival is a popular nighttime activity. This event is open Friday through Sunday evenings.

- 2200 N. Cannon Dr.
1-312-742-2000
www.lpzoo.com

Family Activities

Symphony and Opera

Lyric Opera of Chicago

RSNA TOUR 28 The world renowned Lyric Opera of Chicago performs in one of North America's most beautiful opera houses, the Civic Opera House, which opened in 1929. Tickets go on sale in August.

Katya Kabanova December 1 and 4

A poignant story of a young Russian woman's decision to pursue love at all costs.

By Leoš Janáček; Conductor: Markus Stenz with Karita Mattila, Judith Forst and Brandon Jovanovich

- 20 N. Wacker Dr., 1-312-332-2244 x5600
www.lyricopera.org



Karita Mattila sings the title role of Katya Kabanova

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Chicago Symphony Orchestra

December 3 **RSNA TOUR 40**

Conductor: Markus Stenz
Program: Mendelssohn: *Violin Concerto*, Mahler: *Symphony No. 4*

December 4

Conductor: Markus Stenz
Mahler: *Symphony No. 4*

- 220 S. Michigan Ave.
1-312-294-3000
www.cso.org