

Chicago Events and Attractions Sure to Please During RSNA 2007

DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON, Chicago is one of the most vibrant cities in the country. It sparkles with festivities that include art, music and theater, as well as once-in-a-lifetime special museum exhibits. Regardless of age and interest, Chicago will offer something for everyone attending RSNA 2007.



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Art Institute of Chicago

THE ART INSTITUTE’S world-renowned permanent collection includes a noteworthy exhibition of surrealist paintings and Impressionist art. This winter, a special exhibit will feature the work of Jasper Johns, one of the 20th century’s most important living artists. This 100-work exhibit focuses on Johns’ use of gray throughout his career in drawings, paintings, prints and sculptures. A second exhibit, *Splendor and Intimacy: Mughal and Rajput Courty Life*, celebrates India and Pakistan’s 60 years of independence with a small display of decorative arts and miniature paintings.

■ 111 S. Michigan Ave.
 Tickets: 1-312-930-4040
 Membership: 1-312-575-8000

www.artic.edu
www.ticketmaster.com

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Target, 1958
 Conte crayon on paper,
 15 1/2" x 15" sheet.
 Collection
 Mr. and Mrs.
 Andrew Saul.
 Art © Jasper
 Johns/Licensed by
 VAGA, New York, NY

Field Museum

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 4 billion years of evolution, allowing visitors to touch a real dinosaur bone and the teeth of a mastodon and a woolly mammoth.

A special exhibit, *Maps: Finding Our Place in the World*, includes more than 100 maps from around the globe. Some of the “greatest maps ever made” will be featured. Not only does this exhibit tell the story of the evolution of mapmaking and technology’s role, but it also examines the human aspect of map design. *Maps* is part of the citywide Festival of Maps, which unites 25 cultural and scientific institutions in a collaboration fea-



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turing art, globes and maps from ancient to modern times. The Field Museum anchors the Museum Campus, which also includes the Shedd Aquarium and Adler Planetarium, on South Lake Shore Drive at Soldier Field.

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

Museum of Contemporary Art

THE MCA's three special exhibits offer an interesting experience this winter. *Sympathy for the Devil: Art and Rock and Roll Since 1967*, explores the revolving relationship between visual art and the rock-and-roll culture through album covers, music videos and other related works of art. Twentieth century artist Alexander Calder's work holds a place in many a heart with his colorful mobiles and stabiles. *Alexander Calder in Focus* is a small exhibit of his works from 1927 to 1968. *Mapping the Self* is the MCA's contribution to the citywide Festival of Maps. Through drawing, photography, sound and video, the exhibit studies how mapmaking has been employed by artists to provide context to their world.

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.

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



Sympathy for the Devil: Art and Rock and Roll Since 1967, explores the relationship between visual art and the rock-and-roll culture. Shown is Destroy All Monsters Collective, *Amazing Freaks of the Motor City*, 2001.

Courtesy of Patrick Painter, Los Angeles

Shedd Aquarium

Lizards and the Komodo King is a special exhibit featuring lizards of all shapes and sizes from around the world. A favorite among children, Komodos can grow up to eight feet long, weigh as much as 300 pounds and eat a pig in 20 minutes.



The aquarium is home to aquatic life from around the world. *The Wild Reef* exhibit offers one of the most diverse displays of sharks in North America. Visitors can also enjoy sea-horses, otters, seals, dolphins, penguins and whales. 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. Scheduled in the virtual reality StarRider Theater are *Zulu Patrol*; *Under the Weather*; *Black Holes: The Other Side of Infinity* and *TimeSpace*, where time travelers quickly flip through the highlights of 14 billion years of our universe's history. The Sky Theater depicts stars and other nighttime wonders projected on Adler's distinctive dome. Sky Theater presentations include *Egyptian Nights: Secrets of the Sky Gods* and *Night Sky Live!* 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. This tranquil exhibit offers a wonderful repose from the recreational chaos of Navy Pier. The museum has more than 150 stained glass works—some dating back to the 1890s—by artists including John LaFarge, Louis Sullivan, Frank Lloyd Wright, Franz Mayer and F.X. Zettler. Free guided tours are also available by appointment.

■ 600 E. Grand Ave.
1-312-595-5024

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Perched on the edge of a Lincoln Park lagoon, this Chicago museum welcomes children of all ages to explore nature. Visitors should be sure to enjoy the beauty of the Butterfly Haven. Other permanent exhibits include the Look-in Animal Lab, Extreme Green House, Mysteries of the Marsh, RiverWorks, Water Lab, Wilderness Walk and Hands on Habitat for visitors age seven and younger.

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

Chicago Historical Society

The Society has created an urban museum, which presents the fascinating multicultural heritage of the region in creative, up-to-date exhibits. 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 chrysanthemum show in November and a Christmas show in December.

■ 2391 N. Stockton Dr.
1-312-742-7736

Garfield Park Conservatory

A holiday flower show is presented by the Garfield Park Conservatory, which was built in 1907. The conservatory was designed by architect Jens Jensen and is one of the world's largest gardens under glass.



■ 300 N. Central Park Ave.
1-312-746-5100
www.garfield-conservatory.org

Museum of Science and Industry

THE Museum of Science and Industry is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the city of Chicago and among seven of the most visited museums in the U.S. Opened in 1933, it was the first museum in North America to develop hands-on, interactive exhibits.

Permanent exhibits include the U-505 World War II submarine, Colleen Moore's Fairy Castle and the Apollo 8 Command Module. Of particular interest to RSNA 2007 attendees may be *IMAGING: Tools of Science*, an exhibit featuring the use of computer-based imaging technology in the fields of medicine, science, law enforcement and entertainment.

A special exhibit, *Star Wars: Where Science Meets Imagination*, explores the technology behind the fantasy and applies it to reality of the future. More than 80 costumes, models and props from the movie are displayed along with video interviews with engineers, filmmakers and scientists.

Annual exhibits include the *Christmas Around the World* and *Holidays of Light*. Also on display in a special exhibit are more than 200 robots and space toys from the Robert Lesser collection.

Robots Like Us explores how these delightful toys once illustrated a generation's fantasies



Photo: Dom Magal Photography

and fears of the future.

The Omnimax theater at the Museum of Science and Industry presents *Dinosaur Hunters* and the new 3-D Theater in the West Pavilion offers 20-minute 3-D films.

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

In the *Star Wars: Where Science Meets Imagination* exhibit, Luke Skywalker's Landspeeder is on display for the first time.

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Lyric Opera of Chicago

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

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

Die Frau Ohne Schatten (The Woman Without a Shadow)

November 26 and 30
A fairytale of epic proportions.
by Richard Strauss
Conductor: Sir Andrew Davis
with Christine Brewer, Robert Dean Smith and Deborah Voigt

Julius Caesar

November 28
Cleopatra's seduction of Caesar
by Charles Gounod
Conductor: Emmanuelle Haïm
with David Daniels and Danielle de Niese



Chicago Symphony Orchestra

November 27

Conductor: John Williams
Program: Williams: Fanfare for a Festive Occasion
Williams: Tributes! (for Seiji)
Williams: The Five Sacred Trees (Bassoon Concerto)
Williams: Four Pieces from American Journey
Williams: Selections from The Witches of Eastwick
Williams: Sayuri's Theme from Memoirs of a Geisha
Williams: Adventures on Earth from E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial

November 29 and 30

Conductor: Semyon Bychkov
Piano: Yundi-Li
Program: Ravel: Piano Concerto in G Major
Shostakovich: Symphony No. 7 (Leningrad)



■ Chicago Symphony Orchestra
220 S. Michigan Ave.
1-312-294-3000
www.cso.org

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 \$49.50 by visiting www.citypass.com/city/chicago.html. Once you start using the CityPass, you have nine days to visit all of the included attractions.

THEATER

Altar Boyz

An award winning musical comedy, Altar Boyz follows a Catholic “boy band” with one Jewish member.

- Drury Lane Theatre
Water Tower Place
175 E. Chestnut Street
1-312-642-2000
www.drurylanewatertower.com

Behind the Emerald Curtain

Performers from Wicked: The Untold Story of the Witches of Oz (see description, this page) guide this backstage tour of the blockbuster musical’s set.

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

Forbidden Broadway: Special Victims Unit

This witty musical spoofs well-known Broadway shows in a rowdy spectacle.

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

Jersey Boys

This award-winning best musical about the life of Rock and Roll Hall of Famers The Four Seasons chronicles how Frankie Valli, Bob Gaudio, Tommy DeVito and Nick Massi became one of the greatest successes in pop music history.

- LaSalle Bank Theatre
18 W. Monroe St.
1-312-977-1710
www.ticketmaster.com

A Park in Our House

In Castro’s Cuba, hopes fade to dreams for a family in 1970.

- Victory Gardens Greenhouse
2257 N. Lincoln Ave.
1-773-871-3000
www.victorygardens.org

The Phantom of the Opera

Chicago welcomes Broadway’s longest running show—Andrew Lloyd Webber’s extraordinary love story with sumptuous sets and costumes.

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

Put the Nuns in Charge

In this sequel to Late Nite Catechism, a hit among those who wanted more nuns, rules of a strict Catholic upbringing are applied to today’s modern life.

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

The Second City

Chicago’s favorite comedy venue, the venerable Second City, has spawned stars such as John Belushi, Bill Murray and Mike Myers. The ETC stage features up-and-coming Chicago comics.

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

Wicked: The Untold Story of the Witches of Oz

This smash hit examines the friendship between Gilda the Good Witch and the Wicked Witch of the West.

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



Making Waves

by Blue Man Group
Performance art and comedy meet music. Certainly not traditional theater, but fantastically popular.

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



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

Chicago Children’s Museum

CHICAGO Children’s Museum is committed to creating a community where play and learning connect. 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. As part of the museum’s winter theme, children can skate in their stocking feet to festive, wintry music in the “ice rink.” Call in November to reserve a place in one of the gingerbread workshops being offered in partnership with the Culinary and Hospitality Institute of Chicago.

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

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 ZooLights Festival is a nightly event during the holiday season.

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



American Girl Place

Shoppers at American Girl Place may choose among the beautiful dolls and catch *American Girls Review* in the theater. Lunch, tea and dinner are served at The Café. Reservations are recommended.

- 111 E. Chicago Ave.
1-877-247-5223
www.americangirl.com

Navy Pier IMAX Theatre

The Navy Pier IMAX theatre will announce its holiday film schedule in late autumn.

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

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