EXPLORING CHICAGO DURING RSNA 2015

BY MARY ANN McCLAIN

Take advantage of your time in Chicago to experience some of what this amazing city has to offer. From dazzling architecture and world-class museums to an eclectic mix of music and entertainment, the Windy City has a vibrancy all its own.

This year, we have compiled our annual roster of some of the “musts” — must see, do, enjoy — from Choose Chicago, the city’s official tourist destination resource. For a full list of attractions, visit ChooseChicago.com.

MUSEUMS AND CONSERVATORIES

ADLER PLANETARIUM
The Adler fuels imaginations about the skies above us, offering daily planetarium shows and exhibits using leading-edge technology. Don’t miss “The Universe: A Walk through Space and Time” or the 30-minute live “Destination Solar System.”
• 300 S. Lake Shore Dr.
  1-312-922-7827
  adlerplanetarium.org

ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO
With two bronze lions flanking its Michigan Avenue entrance, the Art Institute houses more than 300,000 artworks and artifacts from around the globe. The new “A Voyage to South America” exhibit shows the influence cultural convergence had in early South America as European conventions merged with indigenous traditions.
• 111 S. Michigan Ave.
  1-877-307-4242
  artic.edu

CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM
Telling the proud story of Chicago’s past, the museum’s artifacts and collections date back to 1856. For “The Secret Lives of Objects,” the museum opened its vaults to shine a light on objects that have played a part in this city’s intriguing past, including Charlie Chaplin’s bamboo cane and the glasses worn by Nathan Leopold Jr., in the infamous 1924 Leopold and Loeb murder case.
• 1601 N. Clark St.
  1-312-642-4600
  chicagohistory.org

DRIEHAUS MUSEUM
Take a self-guided tour through the Driehaus, one of the few remaining palatial homes erected during America’s Gilded Age. The “Makers & Muse” exhibit showcases over 250 pieces of exquisite jewelry made by female designers between the Victorian Era and the First World War.
• 40 E. Erie St.
  1-312-482-8933
  driehausmuseum.org

DU SABLE MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
As the nation’s first independent museum dedicated to collecting and preserving the history, culture and works of people of African descent, the DuSable offers exhibits, concerts, films, children’s events and literary discussions.
• 740 E. 56th Place
  1-773-947-0600
  dusablenmuseum.org

FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
The Field inspires curiosity about life on Earth while exploring how the world came to be. The newest exhibit, “Cyrus Tang Hall of China,” takes visitors across thousands of years of Chinese history to discover one of the world’s most influential civilizations.
• 1400 S. Lake Shore Dr.
  1-312-922-9410
  fieldmuseum.org

GARFIELD PARK CONSERVATORY
Often referred to as “landscape art under glass,” this glass and metal structure is breathtaking with lush greenery, demonstration gardens and prairie waterfalls set among stone and water landscapes.
• 300 N. Central Park Ave.
  1-312-746-5100
  garfield-conservatory.org

LINCOLN PARK CONSERVATORY
Built in the late 1800s, the Conservatory was designed to showcase exotic plants and grow the thousands of plants needed for use in area parks.
• 2391 N. Stockton Dr.
  1-312-742-7736
  chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks/lp-con

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART
The MCA offers exhibitions of the most thought-provoking art created since 1945.
• 220 E. Chicago Ave.
  1-312-280-2660
  mca Chicago.org

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY
Packed with all kinds of interactive bells and whistles, the museum offers hands-on experiences designed to spark scientific inquiry and creativity. Catch the “Journey to Space” film and the newest interactive collection – “Robot Revolution,” illustrating how robots help and improve our lives.
• 5700 S. Lake Shore Dr.
  1-773-684-1414
  msmithicago.org

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF MEXICAN ART
Experience the richness of Mexico through its color, art and culture. The museum offers performing arts initiatives in film, literature, theater, culinary arts and more.
• 1852 W. 19th St.
  1-312-738-1503
  nationalmuseumofmexicanoart.org

PEGGY NOTEBAERT NATURE MUSEUM
With its focus on green living and sustainability, the Notebaert invites you to explore nature in unusual and innovative ways.
• 2430 N. Cannon Dr.
  1-773-755-5100
  naturemuseum.org

PRITZKER MILITARY MUSEUM & LIBRARY
A must-see for military buffs, the Pritzker offers a nonpartisan look at military history and at the sacrifices made by the men and women who served.
• 104 S. Michigan Ave.
  1-312-374-9333
  pritzkermilitary.org

To add to your Chicago adventure, RSNA offers variety of tours and events. Look for the RSNA Tours and Events icons in this article signaling RSNA pre-arranged packaged deals. Enroll for tours and events online at RSNA.org/Tours-and-Events.
THEATRE

“BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL”
Starts Dec. 1
Endorsed by the Grammy winner herself, this Tony award-winning play traces Carole King’s early life, her reluctant rise to fame, and features some of the songs she made famous.

Oriental Theatre
24 W. Randolph St.
1-312-997-1700
Tickets: 1-800-775-2000
broadwayinchicago.com/show/beautiful-the-carole-king-musical
RSNA.org/All-Tours-and-Events/

“THE LION KING”
Disney presents this Tony-winning musical that brings the much-loved 1994 animated film to life.

Cadillac Palace Theatre
151 W. Randolph St.
1-800-775-2000
broadwayinchicago.com/show/disneys-lion-king
RSNA.org/All-Tours-and-Events/

“THE HEIR APPARENT”
Eraste has it all – good looks, a beautiful fiancée and the prospect of a sizable inheritance from an elderly uncle. However, his uncle has bequeathed his entire fortune to someone else.

Chicago Shakespeare Theater’s Courtyard Theater
800 E. Grand Avenue
1-312-595-5600
chicagoshakes.com

“DOMESTICATED”
Starts Dec. 3
Politician Bill Pulver stumbles through a carefully crafted apology as his wife stands stoically behind him in this wickedly funny play about a marriage burst apart by a sex scandal. Yet… what is she really thinking?

Steppenwolf Theatre Company
1650 N. Halsted St.
1-312-335-1650
steppenwolf.org

“TREASURE ISLAND”
Adapted from the beloved Stevenson novel, set sail with young Jim Hawkins, Long John Silver and a crew of swashbuckling rogues as this epic tale unfolds on the stage.

Loopingglass Theatre
821 N. Michigan Ave.
1-312-337-0665
loopingglasstheatre.org/event_page/treasure-island

“BLUE MAN GROUP”
Find out for yourself why the Blue Man Group continues to impress and entertain audiences worldwide. Children under five not admitted.

Briar Street Theatre
3133 N. Halsted St.
1-773-348-4000
blueman.com
RSNA.org/All-Tours-and-Events/

“THE MERRY WIDOW”
This captivating comedy tells the story of wealthy widow Hanna and her countrymen’s attempts to keep her money in the principality by finding her the right husband.

Lyric Opera of Chicago
20 N. Wacker Dr.
1-312-332-2244
lyricopera.org

VIENNA BOYS CHOIR
Nov. 28
Ring in the holidays with the enchanting sounds of the world-renowned Vienna Boys Choir.

Chicago Symphony Orchestra
20 S. Michigan Ave.
1-312-294-3000
cso.org

“GERSHWIN’S "RHAPSODY IN BLUE"”
Nov. 27, 29
This musical composition by George Gershwin beautifully combines elements of classical music with jazz-influenced effects. Marin Alsop conducts a program of masterworks that also includes Clyne’s “Masquerade,” Barber’s Second Essay for Orchestra and Dvorak’s Symphony No. 7.

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1-312-294-3000
cso.org

“BEST OF SECOND CITY AND CHICAGO PIZZA”
Nov. 30
Chicago is known for deep dish pizza and for the side-splitting improv of Second City, where Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi got their start. Enjoy an evening at one of the area’s best pizzerias then head over to The Second City Theater for some laughs.

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Liver fibrosis—an important worldwide health problem if left unchecked—can progress to cirrhosis and corresponding portal hypertension and liver failure. Cirrhosis is also a major risk factor for development of hepatocellular carcinoma. Biopsy is the gold standard for diagnosing fibrosis, but is invasive and subject to sampling errors.

With a 2014-2016 Mallinckrodt/RSNA Research Scholar Grant, Michael A. Ohliger, M.D., Ph.D., seeks to develop new hyperpolarized carbon-13 MRI methods to monitor the progression of inflammation and fibrosis using clinical MRI scanners.

“The techniques developed in this study can be directly translated into human studies; a 13C-labeled compound ([1-13C] pyruvate) has already been tested in humans,” Dr. Ohliger said.

“Data will be used to gain further funding and regulatory approval to bring hyperpolarized 13C techniques in the clinic, providing new tools to help patients with chronic liver disease.”

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**FAMILY PERFORMANCES**

“A CHRISTMAS CAROL”  
Nov. 28  
Ring in the holidays with this timeless Dickens classic, a holiday staple at the Goodman for over 30 years!  
- Goodman Theatre  
170 N. Dearborn St.  
1-312-494-2175  
goodmantheatre.org  
- RSNA.org/All-Tours-and-Events/

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT EXPERIENCE  
Dec. 1  
Frank Lloyd Wright fans will want to take this guided tour to see the legendary architect’s Oak Park home and studio where inspirations like his renowned “Prairie style” originated. The tour continues with lunch and a tour at Wright’s Robie House – considered one of the most important buildings in American architecture.  
- RSNA.org/All-Tours-and-Events/

**FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

360 CHICAGO (FORMERLY JOHN HANCOCK OBSERVATORY)  
If you are into thrills, 360 Chicago atop the John Hancock building now offers a heart-thumping experience allowing you to hold on as a bank of windows tilts outwardly at a staggering 36-degree angle. Aptly named Tilt, this experience offers a whole new perspective on the already amazing views.  
- 875 N. Michigan Ave.  
1- 888-875-8439  
360chicago.com

**HOLIDAY FAVORITES**

CHRISTKINDLMARKET CHICAGO AND SANTA HOUSE  
Reminiscent of old Germany, this open air market celebrates the holidays with authentic German food, drinks and wares.  
- Daley Plaza  
50 W. Washington St.  
1-312-494-2175  
christkindlmarket.com

CAROLING AT CLOUD GATE, MILLENNIUM PARK  
Nov. 27 & Dec. 4; 6 p.m.  
201 E. Randolph St., Michigan Avenue between Randolph and Monroe.

A CHANTICLEER CHRISTMAS  
Dec. 1  
The Grammy-award winning ensemble Chanticleer is the perfect way to spark your holiday spirit. Set in Chicago’s beautiful Fourth Presbyterian Church, this intimate concert will showcase Chanticleer’s “orchestra of voices,” performing traditional Christmas music ranging from Baroque classics to 21st-century favorites. Produced by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, this enchanting holiday experience is not one to be missed.

- Chicago’s Fourth Presbyterian Church  
126 E Chestnut St.  
- RSNA.org/All-Tours-and-Events/

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