

Chicago History Museum

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Attention: Calendar Listing Editors and Reporters Chicago calendar listings for March, April, and May 2012

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CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM CALENDAR OF EVENTS May, June, July 2012

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General Museum Information

Location: 1601 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60614

Public Information: Call 312-642-4600 or visit www.chicagohistory.org

Hours: **MUSEUM HOURS**
Monday – Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday Noon – 5 p.m.

Special Offers:
Free Feb. 5- 29

NORTH & CLARK CAFÉ
Monday – Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Sunday Noon – 4 p.m.

RESEARCH CENTER HOURS
(Through May 2012)
Tuesday – Friday 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
CLOSED SUNDAY & MONDAY
CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 2

Admission: **GENERAL ADMISSION**
\$14 Adults
\$12 Seniors, Students
FREE Children 12 years and under and Chicago History Museum members
Admission to the Research Center: \$5 daily fee or \$15 annual membership.

Illinois residents can take advantage of free admission on the following dates:
July 4, August 15 and 16, 22 and 23, 29 and 30.

Exhibitions/Installations

Opens June 9

Magic

Get a glimpse of the world of magic and its historic roots in Chicago. Featuring a multimedia object theater experience, a display of significant artifacts and a regular schedule of live performances, the exhibition explores what it takes for young magicians-in-training to become seasoned sorcerers.

Ongoing

Chicago: Crossroads of America

Explore Chicago's changing economy, challenging crises, diverse neighborhoods, groundbreaking innovations, and lively cultural scene. Wander through these galleries to discover legendary stories, from the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 to Riverview Park or the renowned rivalry of the Cubs vs. Sox.

Ongoing

Sensing Chicago

History is beautiful, noisy, rough, stinky, and delicious. In this gallery, children use their five senses to explore Chicago, uncover its past, and discover that history is all around them.

Ongoing

Imagining Chicago: The Dioramas

The beloved dioramas feature Chicago's rise from a desolate frontier outpost to the bustling city that hosted the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893.

Ongoing

Facing Freedom

Based on the central idea that the history of the United States has been shaped by conflicts over what it means to be free, this permanent exhibition uses images, artifacts, and interactivity to explore familiar and not-so-familiar stories from the nation's past. From women's suffrage and the formation of unions, to Japanese internment, to a local school boycott, the exhibition highlights some of the ways Americans have struggled over the true meaning of freedom.

Ongoing

Lincoln Park Block by Block

The community exhibition takes a fresh look at an extraordinary neighborhood from the opening of Chicago's first public beach in 1895 to the riots of the late 1960s.

Ongoing

Abraham Lincoln and Lincoln's Chicago

Portraits and personal stories of Chicagoans are paired with richly detailed views of the city as it appeared in the 1860s when Lincoln would have traveled here. It also highlights the key events of Lincoln's presidency: his election in 1860, the Civil War, and his assassination.

Ongoing

Unexpected Chicago May-June: Hugh Hefner's Black Book

This little black book speaks volumes, for it belonged to Hugh Hefner, who founded Playboy in 1953. Today, a real address book like this is becoming a thing of the past, but in its day this artifact signified a masculine player who then and still today has a bevy of beautiful women at his fingertips.

Special Museum Events

Thurs., May 3

The Chicago History Museum Women's Guild will host the first ever celebration of women who support cultural institutions in the city by serving on their women's organizations. ABC 7's Janet Davies will host what proves to be a festive afternoon filled with a look back at the stories behind the

estimated \$200 million that has been raised to benefit Chicago arts and cultural institutions.

Public Programs

Project Sunday

This documentary film series is FREE with museum admission. All films begin at 1:30 p.m.

Sun., May 6
Sun., June 10
Sun., July 15

- **July 15: The Real George Washington**

In this documentary from National Geographic, historians and scientists use new archaeological discoveries and the latest research techniques to shed light on our nation's first president.

Magic Performances

Curious how magic looks in action? Professional magicians roam our halls at set times all summer long, defying viewers with their tricks and tips.

June 9- Sep.3

Roaming Magicians

Daily Magic Demonstrations: Mondays–Fridays, 11:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M. Saturdays, 11:00 A.M.–4:00 p.m.; Sundays, 1:00–4:00 P.M.

Summer Stage Performances

For three weeks in July, CHM will welcome some of Chicago's most talented magicians to the Rubloff Auditorium running 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on select days. Free with Museum admission. For groups of 10 or more, advanced reservations are required.

Tues. July 10
Wed. July 11
Thurs. July 12

Sean Masterson Magic

Magician Sean Masterson's theatrical magic show combines sleight of hand, mind-blowing illusions, and audience participation. He brings Magic to life imaginatively, through stories, masks, and puppets.

Tues. July 17
Wed. July 18
Thurs. July 19

Jeanette Andrews's Magic

Since Jeanette put on her first magic show for her preschool class, she has amazed countless spectators. Her performances combine magic, music, and audience participation to create an elegant, fun experience that will leave you enthralled.

Tues. July 24
Wed. July 25
Thurs. July 26

Magic over the Rainbow with Daniel Orleans

Crayons vanish from a little girl's hand and their vibrant colors spectacularly materialize in a blank coloring book. A Houdini-like escape from 50 feet of rope is made by a bewildered dad. Thurs. Strange occurrences? Not if you're watching Danny Orleans.

Off-Site Tours

Bus Tours

Tours meet at the Chicago History Museum, unless otherwise noted. It is recommended to arrive 15 minutes prior to the scheduled tour time. **Reservations required.** Tickets are \$45 (\$40 members) or \$115 for three (\$110 members). Tours run 1– 5 p.m.

Sat., May 5

Beverly Hills

Beverly is located as far South and West as you can go and still be in the City of Chicago! Following the Great Chicago Fire and with the arrival of the

commuter service, housing boomed. Join Sharon Sylvester as you take a tour of this beautiful, tree filled, architecturally significant and wonderfully diverse community.

Sat., May 19

The Haymarket Affair

To commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Haymarket Affair, Paul Durica leads this bus and walking tour and will take participants to sites connected to the Haymarket Tragedy, its prelude, and its aftermath. Participants will have the option to end their tour at Haymarket Pub & Brewery at Randolph & Halsted.

Pub Crawls

These monthly walking or trolley tours allow you the chance to get a taste of Chicago in a unique way by visiting four or five historic watering holes. Inside each location, you'll have time for a drink as your guide recounts the history of the establishment and its surrounding neighborhood. **Reservations required.**

Fri., May 4

Chicago's Greatest Dives

Feeling a bit in the poor house? Join us as we pour into some of Chicago's best dive bars. We'll learn about the history behind each drinking den we visit and discuss the history behind moonshine, bathtub gin, and other historic homemade drinks. The tour runs 6–9 p.m. \$30, \$25 members.

Thur., May 17

The Village People

Young man, there's a place you can go and it's called Roscoe Village! Yep, located near the YMCA and right outside the reach of rowdy Wrigley, Roscoe Village is known for its tree-lined streets and unique boutiques. Once home to the historic and playful Riverview Park, this walking tour of Roscoe Village pubs will provide amusement for all! The tour runs 7–10 p.m. \$25, \$20 members.

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The Chicago History Museum, a major museum and research center for Chicago and American history, is located at 1601 N. Clark Street. The Museum can be reached by CTA buses 11, 22, 36, 72, 151, and 156. Parking is conveniently located one block north of the Museum at Clark and LaSalle Streets (enter on Stockton Drive). Admission to the Museum is \$14 Adults for with audio tour, \$12 for Seniors, Students with audio tour and free for Children 12 years and younger.