

Chicago History Museum

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CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM CALENDAR OF EVENTS May – June - July 2008

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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 – Wednesday, Friday & Saturday	9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday	9:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday	12 Noon – 5:00 p.m.

RESEARCH CENTER HOURS

(September 4 – May 28)

Tuesday – Thursday: 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

CLOSED Sunday and Monday

(May 29-September 3)

Tuesday – Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday – Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

CLOSED Saturday, Sunday, Monday

Admission: **GENERAL ADMISSION**

\$14 Adults including audio tour

\$12 Seniors (65+)/Students (13-22) including audio tour

FREE Children 12 years and under & Chicago History Museum members

FREE general admission on Mondays

Admission to the Research Center: \$5 daily fee or \$15 annual membership

Exhibitions

- 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 the 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 ***Schaumburg: From Cornfield to Woodfield***
This Community Gallery exhibition focuses on Schaumburg, one of the Chicago area's most prominent suburbs and a regional force in its own right.
- Closing 08/03/08 ***Big Picture: A New View of Painting in Chicago***
This exhibition examines the city's evolving artistic traditions. Drawn from the Museum's collection, the exhibition explores Chicago's landscape, abstraction, and social aspects.
- Closing 12/07/08 ***CHICAGO@40: The Band and its City***
The installation commemorates this hometown band's 40th anniversary with a display of artifacts from the band's remarkable history. Many of the objects will become part of the Chicago History Museum's permanent collection.
- Closing 01/04/09 ***Catholic Chicago***
First in a series of exhibitions exploring our city from the perspective of faith, this exhibition will delve into how the experience of being Catholic in Chicago has transformed over time. Examined through a historical context, several themes – the parish, education, worship, social action, and community traditions – will introduce and reveal the lives of Catholics, past and present.

Special Museum Events

- Thurs., May 15
6:00 p.m. Reception
7:00 p.m. Dinner & Awards
The 14th Annual Making History Awards
The Board of Trustees of the Chicago Historical Society invites you to celebrate the accomplishments of our five 2008 Making History Awardees for their historic contributions to Chicago. Tickets start at \$500 per person.
- Sat., Jun. 21
10:30 a.m. – 12 noon
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Screen Actors Guild Program and "Audition"
The Screen Actors Guild celebrates 75 years by providing ten audience members the opportunity to "rehearse" and shoot an "audition." Award-winning casting director Jane Alderman will coach the auditions. Tickets are FREE with Museum Admission.

Fri., Jul. 4
10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

49th Annual Star-Spangled Independence Day Celebration

Enjoy patriotic music, a reading of the Declaration of Independence, face painting, and a children's costume parade led by the World's Tallest Uncle Sam. The activities are FREE to the public and are held outdoors on the Museum's plaza.

Public Programs

Sun., May 4
Sun., Jun. 8
Sun., Jul. 13
1:30 p.m.

Project Sunday

This monthly documentary film series held in collaboration with ITVS and Kartemquin Films is FREE with Museum admission.

- **May 4: Screaming Queens**
This film explores the human rights struggle of the transgender community that began in 1966 when transgender women and gay street-hustlers fought back against police harassment for the first time in history. 57 min.
- **June 8: The Blinking Madonna and other Miracles**
The film explores the myth and faith of the lives of American Catholic women after the filmmaker captures the Miracle of the Blinking Madonna on film accidentally. 60 min.
- **July 13: Chicago 360 v. 3**
Presented in collaboration with Split Pillow, this film is a uniquely creative look at life in Chicago and includes 5 mini-documentaries that explore some of the jobs and workforce that define Chicago. 90 min.

Tues., May 6
Tues., Jun. 3
Tues., Jul. 15
6:30-8:00 p.m.

In the K/Now

This monthly series explores the current issues faced by Chicago residents as their environments change and grow under the influence of an urban society. Admission is FREE. Reservations are recommended.

- **May 6: Roid Rage: The Great American Steroid Scandal**
The use of steroids has affected our nation's sports leagues and has tarnished America's favorite pastime. Join a discussion that examines the great American steroid scandal.
- **June 3: Blog You!**
This panel will discuss the blogging buzz, online etiquette dos and don'ts, and the effects of cyber communication on our lives.
- **July 15: Catholic Controversy**
Explore the issues of the Catholic Church including woman in the priesthood, closing parishes and schools, sexual abuse, and bringing the church into the twenty-first century.

Wed., Jun. 11
Wed., Jul. 30

Movies in the Park

Presented in collaboration with the Chicago Park District. Movies are FREE to the public and held on the Museum's outdoor plaza. All movies begin at dusk.

- **June 11: Uncle Buck**
- **July 30: Ferris Bueller's Day Off**

Thurs., May 8
5:30 p.m. Cocktails
6:30 p.m. Program

Out at CHM

The Out at CHM series addresses the history of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people in Chicago and the larger United States. Admission is \$12/\$10 Museum members. **Screaming Queens and Lavender Panthers: A History of Transgender Activism** explores the history of transgender activism in Chicago and throughout the nation that began when a group of drag-queen prostitutes in San Francisco retaliated against police harassment in 1966.

Off-Site Guided 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.**

Sat., Jun. 7
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Fields of Dreams and Nightmares

Go on this baseball journey covering more than 100 years of local baseball lore. See where the Cubs won their last World Series and where the White Sox played before Comiskey. This tour wouldn't be complete without guided tours of both U.S. Cellular Field and Wrigley Field. Participants should plan to bring their own lunch or purchase lunch at a hot dog stand. Tickets \$75/70 Museum members.

Sat., Jul. 12
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Driving the Backstreets: Chicago's Neighborhoods in Film and TV

Discover how moviemakers and television producers have used the city's neighborhoods as backdrops, plot devices, and characters. Tickets are \$45/40 Museum members.

BOAT TOURS

Tours meet at the Chicago Line Cruises boat dock at North Pier, 465 N. McClurg Court. It is recommended to arrive 15 minutes prior to the scheduled tour time. **Reservations required.** Admission is \$45/\$40 Museum members. There is a \$17 open bar package available for all evening tours. (Kayak tours have a separate meeting location and price... see below).

Sun., May 18
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Exploring Chicago's Yeast Side: A History of Beer (boat tour)

Discover Chicago's golden age of brewing on this sunset tour complete with beer provided by Berghoff Brewery.

Sun., Jun. 1
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 pm.

Devil in the White City (boat tour)

Discover the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition and the devilish doings of H.H. Holmes, as described in Erik Lawson's best-selling book. Sail past sites related to the fair and learn about its lasting legacy. This tour includes snacks showcased at the fair and other surprises.

Wed., Jun. 25
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Stars and Stripes Summer Sail (boat tour)

This pre-Fourth of July celebration will include live music and dazzling fireworks.

Sun., Jul. 20
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Summer Sunrise Java Jaunt (boat tour)

Savor the sights of the city on this sunrise tour with coffee guru Tony Dreyfuss, who will talk on the history of the industry and trace the journey from bean to cup. Tour includes tastings from Metropolis Coffee Company.

Sat., Jun. 28
Sat., Jul. 12
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Paddle into the Past (kayak tour)
Kayak through the architectural canyons of the Chicago River on this guided tour presented in partnership with Chicago Kayak. This three-hour tour is a workout for both your brain and body. No experience needed. Reservations required. Tickets are \$55/50 Museum members.

BIKE TOURS

Sun., Jun. 15
Sun., Jul. 13
8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Ride Like the Devil
Cycle into the past and discover the fascinating facts behind the White City of 1893. This Devil in the White City tour includes 25 miles of biking and its BYOB (Bring Your Own Bike). Tickets are \$25/20 Museum members.

'L' TOURS

All 'L' tours meet at the concierge desk of The Palmer House at 17 E. Monroe. All 'L' tours include a one-day CTA transit pass. **Reservations required.** Tickets are \$15/\$10 Museum members (unless noted otherwise). All tours run 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Sun., Jul. 20

Life Along the 'L': Green Line - South
This tour travels south from the Loop down the historic "Alley L" corridor to Bronzeville, the Illinois Institute of Technology and Jackson Park.

Sun., Jun. 8
Sun., Jul. 27

Life Along the 'L': Green Line - West
This tour goes through the industrial heart of old Chicago to the oldest operational station house in the CTA system at Ashland/Lake, the Garfield Park Conservatory and Oak Park.

Sun., Jun. 1
Sun., Jul. 13

Life Along the 'L': Brown Line
Journey from downtown Chicago through some of the most historic and beautiful neighborhoods on the Northwest side.

Sun., Jun. 29

Life Along the 'L': Blue Line
This tour highlights Wicker Park on the Northwest side and Pilsen on the Southwest side.

Sat., Jun. 28
Sat., Jul. 26

Boomin' Bronzeville
Discover the history and culture of Bronzeville. This tour combines a "L" ride along with approx. 1.5 miles of walking.

Sun., Jun. 22
Sun., Jul. 6
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Loop 'L'
Greg Borzo leads this journey of the loop visiting historic sites and spots made famous in the movies. This tour includes a substantial amount of walking. This tour is \$20/\$15 Museum members.

WALKING TOURS

Sat., May 10
Sat., Jun. 14
Sat., Jul. 12
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Sainly Stroll (walking tour)

Join us for this new, limited series in celebration of our newest exhibition, *Catholic Chicago*. Chicago is known as a city of neighborhoods and these unique walking tours provide insight into the people and places that make up these communities and parishes. These tours are in collaboration with the Center for Religious Architecture. Tickets are \$10/\$5 Museum members.

- May 10: **Ukrainian Village**
- June 14: **Lincoln Park**
- July 12: **East Rogers Park**

Sun., May 18
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Graceland Cemetery Tour

This tour explores the grounds of Graceland Cemetery, including the graves of Marshall Field, Louis Sullivan, Potter and Bertha Palmer, and George Pullman. Meet at the cemetery entrance at Irving Park Road and Clark Street. Reservations recommended. Tickets are \$15/\$10 Museum members.

Sun., Jun. 22
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Bohemian National Cemetery

This cemetery founded as a last resting place for persons of Czech descent, today has one of the city's finest collections of funerary art, earning it the nickname, "Garden of the Dead." Tour meets at the cemetery entrance at 4001 N. Clark St. Tickets are \$15/\$10 Museum members.

Sun., Jul. 27
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Oak Woods Cemetery Tour

Oak Woods is the South Side's most significant and historic cemetery. This is the resting place for well-known athletes, scientists, activists and politicians. Tour meets at the entrance at 1035 E. 67th St. Tickets are \$15/\$10 Museum members.

Sat., May 3, 10, 17, 31
Sat., Jun. 7, 21, 28
Sat., Jul. 12, 19, 26
10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon

Know Your Neighborhood Walking Tours

These tours go through Chicago's historic North Side. The Gold Coast, Lincoln Park, and Old Town. Tours meet in front of the Chicago History Museum. Admission is \$10/\$5 Museum members.

May 3, June 7, July 12: **The Glitzy Gold Coast**

May 17, June 21, July 19: **The Old Town Trek**

May 10, June 28, July 26: **Saturday In The Park (Lincoln Park)**

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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 with audio tour, \$12 Seniors/Students with audio tour, free for Children 12 years and younger. General admission is free on Mondays.