

Chicago History Museum

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CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM CALENDAR OF EVENTS March, April, May 2010

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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 12 Noon – 5:00 p.m.

NORTH & CLARK CAFÉ

Monday - Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sunday 12 Noon – 4:00 p.m.

RESEARCH CENTER HOURS

Tuesday - Thursday: 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
CLOSED on Mondays

Admission:

GENERAL ADMISSION

\$14 Adults
\$12 Seniors/Students
FREE Children 12 years and under and 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.
- Opening 05/22/10 ***I Do! Chicago Ties the Knot***
Nearly every part of a wedding celebration is steeped in history and tradition. The exhibition explores an array of wedding traditions through costume, and how some of those traditions were standardized by Chicago retailers to create the wedding industry we know today.
- Closing 04/12/10 ***Abraham Lincoln Transformed***
This exhibition examines the fundamental change in Lincoln's views about slavery and the Union from his time entering the presidency until his death. Discover the intensity and gravity of the forces that transformed Lincoln's views and forever changed America.
- Closing 04/12/10 ***Benito Juárez and the Making of Modern Mexico***
This exhibition co-curated with the National Museum of Mexican Art, explores Juárez's devotion to making Mexico a modern Republic with just laws, equal citizenship rights, and economic development. Over 25 national treasures from Mexico that have never been exhibited in the United States will be on display.
- Closing 09/06/10 ***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, Lincoln Park residents and visitors have witnessed some of the city's most historic events.
- Closing 11/01/10 ***My Chinatown***
The Chicago History Museum announces its first-ever multimedia theatre experience. Driven by the personal experiences of the people who made Chinatown their home and keep its traditions alive, the exhibition *My Chinatown* provides visitors an insider's look at this unique and vibrant Chicago neighborhood.

Special Museum Events

Thurs., Mar. 4
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Chicago's 173rd Birthday Party

Celebrate the city's annual birthday party with music, crafts, and birthday cake. From 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. general admission to the Museum is FREE.

Tues., Apr. 6
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Sheffield's Bar and Grill
3258 N. Sheffield

New Beer's Eve

At the stroke of midnight on April 7, 1933, Prohibition was history. After thirteen years as contraband, "intoxicating liquors" were once again legal. The night before has come to be known as New Beer's Eve, and the Chicago History Museum will celebrate this historic event and kick off Prohibition month. Ticket price includes food and beer. \$55/\$50 members and students.

Thurs., May 13
5:30 Cocktails
6:30 Dinner and presentation
Palmer House

Making History Awards

The Making History Awards celebrate the historical contributions that three individuals and one corporation have made to the city and nation. Tickets are \$500 per person.

Fri., May 21
11:00 a.m.

I Do! Chicago Ties the Knot Preview Luncheon

The Costume Council of the Chicago Historical Society will host this preview luncheon as a first look at the exhibition with curator, Timothy Long. Tickets are \$225 per person.

Public Programs

Tues., Mar. 2
Thurs., Apr.8
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

In the K/Now

This series explores contemporary issues affecting life in Chicago. Journalist **Laura Washington** moderates a panel discussing these issues and includes the audience in the conversation. FREE.

- Mar. 2: **Mortgage Mess**
The recent recession has taken its toll on various aspects of the economy, but perhaps the place it hurts most is home sweet home. This panel discusses the pros and cons of home ownership in Chicago.
- Apr.8: **Up In Smoke**
Stigmatized and criminalized, marijuana use has been prohibited since the early twentieth century. Yet, its popularity- especially in popular culture- combined with shifting social attitudes has rekindled a debate about the legalization of marijuana.

Sun., Mar. 7
Sun., Apr. 18
Sun., May 2

Project Sunday

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

- Mar. 7: **Lioness**
Get an intimate look at the Iraq War through the eyes of the first women in U.S. history sent into direct ground combat, despite a policy that bans them from doing so. Through harrowing personal stories, these women candidly share their experiences in Iraq as well as from their lives back home to form a portrait of the emotional and psychological effects of war. 90 Minutes.
- Apr. 18: **Rumrunners, Moonshiners, and Bootleggers**
Revisit the rough-and-tumble days of Prohibition with a candid look at its legacy. Filled with extraordinary tales, rarely seen footage, and a host of captivating photos, this documentary is an unforgettable portrait of one of the most compelling eras in our history. Presented in collaboration with the History Channel. 100 Minutes.
- May 2: **Dirt! The Movie**
Inspired by William Bryant Logan's acclaimed book, *Dirt: The Ecstatic Skin of the Earth*, find out how industrial farming, mining, and urban developments have led us toward cataclysmic droughts, starvation, floods, and climate change. 60 Minutes.

Tues., Apr. 13
Tues., Apr. 27
Tues., May 4

Prohibition Seminar

Seminar series tickets are \$32/\$25 members. Individual seminars sold separately.

- Apr. 13: **America Goes Dry**
The idea to control the consumption of alcohol was developing for nearly a century before the passage of an amendment to the Constitution. Curator **John Russick** leads this conversation that digs into the roots of Prohibition and how an idea meant to improve life instead spawn an epidemic of lawlessness and violence. \$10/\$8 Members.
- Apr. 27: **Get Capone!**
Join us for the official book release party for *Get Capone*, the true story of the hunt for Chicago's most infamous gangster. Author **Jonathan Eig** shares how he uncovered never-before-seen, top-secret documents, including some of Capone's personal letters and offers a stunning new theory to explain the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. Following the lecture, slip into our speakeasy with cash bar and enjoy a whiskey tasting with Templeton Rye Whiskey. \$15/\$12 Members.
- May 4: **The Way We Drank**
The speakeasy changed American drinking habits, and it also permanently altered the nature of urban social life, particularly in relationships between men and women. Former *New York Times* public editor **Dan Okrent** and author of *Last Call: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition*, discusses this exploration of America's wet oases during the dry years. \$10/\$8 Members.

Thurs., Mar. 4
Thurs., Apr. 15
Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.
Program at 6:30 p.m.

OUT at CHM

Discover the long and storied history of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people through the Out at CHM series. Tickets are \$12/\$10 members and students.

- Mar. 4: **Queer Latinos: Art and Change**
Join us for a fascinating exploration of Chicago's long standing and diverse queer Latino community. Scholars Lawrence La Fountain-Stokes and Lourdes Torres share their insights on the intersection of art and political change over the last twenty-five years.
- Apr. 15: **Richard Nixon, Gay Liberationist?**
Focusing on the Chicago bar scene of the postwar era, historian John D'Emilio has uncovered some surprising and unintended consequences of Richard Nixon's animosity towards the Richard J. Daley administration. Without a doubt, queer activists over the course of the 1960s and 70s fought back against police harassment of LGBT public spaces. But Nixon's concerted efforts to destroy the power of Chicago's Democratic machine paradoxically undermined the police's systematic harassment of bars patronized by LGBT people.

Off-Site Guided Tours

BUS/TROLLEY 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 Museum members; \$100 for any three tours.

Sat., Mar. 6
1:00 - 5:00p.m.

Studs Terkel's Chicago

Studs Terkel called Chicago home for much of his life and developed a love affair with the Windy City. Beginning at the Chicago History Museum, where Studs was a scholar-in-residence and traveling to various city sites, this tour takes you through the journey of the Chicago icon's life.

Sat., Mar. 20
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Devil in the White City

Visit sites related to Erik Larson's best selling book on the World's Columbian Exposition during this monthly tour that takes you back to 1893 Chicago.

Sat., Apr. 24
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Gangland Chicago

Find out what makes Chicago untouchable. Curator John Russick takes you on a tour of the city's gangland past.

Sat., May 1
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Haymarket and the Labor Trial

Labor historian **Jeffery Helgeson** leads you on an exploration of the events, places and people behind Chicago's labor history. This tour showcases the many dramatic struggles and generations of working-class life in our city's turbulent past.

'L' TOURS

Tours meet at the Concierge Desk of the Palmer House Chicago, 17 E. Monroe. All tours begin at 1:00 p.m. and last approximately two hours. Ticket price includes a one-day CTA transit pass. \$15/\$10 members. Reservations required.

Sun., Mar. 7
Sun., Apr. 11
Sun., May 2

Brown Line

Squeezed between historic buildings, back porches and pocket yards, the Brown Line runs through neighborhoods that offer a broad ethnic and farming heritage.

Sun., Mar. 14
Sun., Apr. 18

Green Line South

Take a historic trip on Chicago's oldest 'L,' retracing the development of the city as it grew south. The group will step off the train once or twice to visit neighborhoods along the way.

Sun., Mar. 21
Sun., May 16

Green Line West

This tour affords plenty of heavy-duty industrial and railroad sights, including abandoned factories and active freight railroad lines. The group will step off the train once or twice to visit such sights as the historic Garfield Park Conservatory or Oak Park.

Sun., Mar. 28
Sun., May 23

Blue Line

Using a mixture of elevated and underground tracks, this tour covers the history of the most ambitious of the four original elevated lines. During the trip, you'll travel over the recently renovated Paulina Connector, explore the Pilsen and Wicker Park neighborhoods, and learn about the development of subways.

Sun., Apr. 25

The Loop 'L'

Greg Borzo, author of *The Chicago 'L'*, leads this journey of the Loop. The tour includes commentary about stations and buildings along the route and amazing photographic opportunities. Please be prepared for 1.5 miles of walking.

WALKING TOURS

All tours are from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 Noon. Reservations required for all tours. Tickets are \$15, \$1members.

Sat., Apr. 10 **Wonderful Wizard of Oz Park**
Sat., May 15

Sat., May 1 **Saturday in the Park: Lincoln Park**

Sat., Apr. 17 **Glitzy Gold Coast**
Sat., May 8

Sat., Apr. 24 **The Old Town Trek**
Sat., May 22

Sun., May 16 **Graceland Cemetery Tour**

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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.