# Chicago History Museum

#### JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2012 MUSEUM MEDIA CALENDAR

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#### MUSEUM INFORMATION

#### Hours:

Monday - Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Noon – 5 p.m.

#### Research Center Hours:

Tuesday - Friday 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### **CLOSED SUNDAY & MONDAY**

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: July 4, August 15 and 16, 22 and

23, 29 and 30

#### **EXHIBITIONS/INSTALLATIONS**

Opens June 9 Magic

With a wave of a wand and a mystical word or two, Magic is set to appear at the Chicago History Museum. This interactive exhibition invites you to don a cape and explore the world of

magic.

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

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.

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

What you see when you walk into the Chicago History Museum is just the tip of an iceberg that is 22 million artifacts strong and counting. In 2012, Unexpected Chicago will offer 6 new

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month period.

#### **SPECIAL MUSEUM EVENTS**

Wed., July 4 53rd Annual July Fourth Celebration

Celebrate our nation's independence with our time-honored family festivities! Join the fun at the Museum's 53rd annual Fourth of July celebration on Uihlein Plaza. After the event, museum

admission is free for Illinois residents.

#### **PUBLIC PROGRAMS**

#### **Project Sunday**

This documentary film series is FREE with museum admission. All films are on select Sundays and begin at 1:30 p.m.

• **July 15:** *The Real George* – Come see the real President Washington and rediscover why to this day he remains one of the most beloved figures in American history.

August 12: Speed & Angels – Come follow two Young Navy Officers on their two-and-a-half year journey as it takes them through dogfights in the Nevada desert to wartime deployments to Iraq.

#### Movies in the Park

Movies in the Park, a free event, begin at dusk on select days on the Chicago History Museum's back plaza in Lincoln Park.

July 18: Return To Me

• July 31: Ferris Bueller's Day Off

• August 15: The Princess Bride

• September 5: The Blues Brothers

#### Summer Magic Performances

For three weeks in July, the Museum is proud to welcome some of Chicago's most talented magicians to the Rubloff Auditorium. You won't believe your eyes!

- July 10, 11, 12- Sean Masterson's Magic
- July 17, 18, 19- Jeanette Andrews' Magic
- July 24, 25, 26- Magic Over the Rainbow with Daniel Orleans

#### **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. Tickets are \$45 (\$40 members) or \$115 for three (\$110 members). Tours run 1– 5 p.m.

#### Devil in the White City

Sat., June 14	Follow Daniel Burnham's plans and learn about the devilish doings of H. H. Holmes as you
	explore the World's Columbian Exposition. (Also available on August 11)

#### Magical Mystery Tour

Sat., July 21	Enjoy a private tour of the Magic exhibition, sites important to Chicago magic, a stop at a magic
	shop, and a private performance by Magic Chicago Inc.

#### **Great Walls of Chinatown**

Sat., August 4	Chicago's Chinatown is celebrating its 100th anniversary! Join us for an exclusive visit to a
	Chinese family association and explore traditional Chinese architecture.

#### Jets, Pools, and Waterfalls: Chicago Fountains

Sat., August 25	Bill Hinchliff keeps you cool this summer, touring unique fountains such as the Laird Bell
	Quadrangle, the Joe DiMaggio Piazza, Garfield Park, and many more.

### Boat Tours We are pleased to partner with Chicago Line Cruises for a series of entertaining boat tours that help you soak up Chicago's past. Reservations required.

#### The Pale Ale Sail

Sat., July 22	Set sail with Wei Fraser, Certified Cicerone™ at River North Distribution, as he discusses the
	India Pale Ale and its ties to marine travel. 6 p.m9 p.m. \$65, \$60 members.

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#### Soul on the Water

Sat., August 24	This waterside tour includes a live performance by soul legend Marvin Smith of the Artistics and
	his band. An open bar option is available for an additional \$20 (purchased dockside). 7:30 -10
	n m \$50 \$45 members

Kayak Tours All tours paddle approximately six miles. No experience required. Single and tandem kayaks are

available. Reservations required.

Paddle Into the Past

Weekends Paddle into the past as you kayak along the architectural canyons of the Chicago River and learn

about Chicago history. Saturdays and Sundays in June, July and August; 10a.m.-1 p.m. \$60,

\$55 members.

Sunset Paddle

Sundays Enjoy our city's beautiful sunset as it reflects off the water, onto the buildings, and into your

soul. Saturdays and Sundays in June, July and August; 7 -10 p.m. \$60, \$55 members.

Fireworks Paddle

July 11/ Aug., 1 This Chicago River night paddle provides a unique perspective of the city's architecture, set

against a fantastic backdrop of fireworks. 7:15 -10:45 p.m. \$60, \$55 members. Wednesdays,

July 11 and August 1.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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.