

FILL YOUR ARTS CALENDAR

A highly curated list of the 36 best cultural events of the summer

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HISTORY Vikings

Field Museum; see details on page 98.

ART This Must Be the Place

Firecat Projects; see details on page 96.

ARCHITECTURE Together

Graham Foundation; see details on page 98.

ART The Freedom Principle

Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago; see details on page 98.

OPERA Lyric Opera

Yippee! Classical radio station WFMT-FM is rebroadcasting Lyric's entire 2014-15 season. Don't miss *Porgy and Bess* (July 4): Nothing beats blasting "Summertime" while blasting the air conditioner. *Through July 11.* wfmt.com



ART The Last Supper

Each of Julie Green's 600 painted plates depicts a death row inmate's final meal. Powerful stuff. *Through August 9.* Free. blockmuseum.northwestern.edu

ART Look at Me Now!

A remarkable group show explores how people around the world portray themselves through portraiture. *Through August 23.* Free. moniquemeloche.com

THEATER Moby Dick

Lookingglass; see details on page 94.



ART Ruth: Selections from the Horwich Collection

Carl Hammer Gallery; see details on page 96.



THEATER All Our Tragic

Missed the debut of Sean Graney's 12-hour adaptation of every single extant Greek tragedy last year? Now's your chance to catch the gloriously messy epic. *Through August 9.* \$100-\$125. the-hypocrites.com

DAY

NIGHT

THEATER The Magic Parlour

Watching third-generation magician Dennis Watkins bend the laws of physics is truly extraordinary. *Through July 31.* \$75. themagicparlourchicago.com

THEATER Salonathon

A genre-defying open mike variety show. *Mondays.* Free. salonathon.tumblr.com

OPERA Madame Pompadour

Chicago Folks Operetta; see details on page 94.

DANCE Meet the Fly Honeys

Attention burlesque fans: This cabaret show boasts 50-plus dancers and a seriously elaborate striptease. *August 13 to 29.* \$25-\$35. chopintheatre.com



THEATER Men on the Verge of a His-Panic Breakdown

Apollo Studio Theater; see details on page 93.

SOUL Motown Mondays

Shake your groove thang at this weekly dance party. *Mondays.* Free. motownonmondays.com

JAZZ Sound of the City Workshop

Take a walk on the weird side at this experimental-jazz jam session. *Wednesdays.* Free. constellation-chicago.com

MOVIES Midnight Movies at the Music Box

This Chicago institution is heaven for film-fan night owls. *Fridays and Saturdays.* \$9. musicboxtheatre.com



JAZZ The Saber-tooth Organ Quartet

Great jazz organ players are nearly extinct. Don't miss the chance to hear some of the best musicians in town. *Saturdays.* \$5 (free after 2 a.m.). greenmilljazz.com

READINGS Essay Fiesta

Lit stars such as Keith Ecker and Ian Belknap, plus talented unknowns, riff on a different theme on the third Monday of each month. Free. essayfiesta.com

MOVIES Summer Film Series

Millennium Park; see details on page 98.

THEATER Oak Park Theater Festival

Set up camp in the town's pastoral Austin Gardens, where *To Kill a Mockingbird* runs through July 18. \$20. oakparkfestival.com

JAZZ Tuesdays on the Terrace

Museum of Contemporary Art; see details on page 96.

ART Activate

Visual artists, musicians, and other creative types turn alley grit into party gold. *Through October 23.* Free. loopchicago.com/activate



ARCHITECTURE Twilight River Cruise

The city's best river ride, led by docents from the Chicago Architecture Foundation, now sets sail at twilight—and has a bar onboard. Magical. *Through October 12.* \$23-\$42. architecture.org

CLASSICAL Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Your chance to hear the *Star Trek* theme (June 25) and Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique* (June 27) sans tux at the Morton Arboretum. Bring a picnic. *June 25 to 27.* \$49. cso.org

OUTDOOR

CLASSICAL Make Music Chicago

A one-day citywide celebration of summer. *June 21.* Free. rushhour.org

ART Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park

As bucolic as it sounds. sculpturepark.org

THEATER Theatre-Hikes

Strap on your boots: This ambulatory company stages each scene in a different park location. *Through October.* Free. theatre-hikes.org

ARCHITECTURE Sheffield Garden Walk

See details on page 98.

MUSIC Tuesday Morning Music

Classical tunes and jazz on a Tuesday morning, surrounded by acres of beautiful greenery? Yes, please. *Through September 1.* Free. chicago-botanic.org



ART Pilsen Mural Walk

Take a self-guided tour of 30-plus city-sanctioned murals by such rising stars as Hebru Brantley, Pose, and Rodrigo "Solo" Mireles. *16th between Canal and Western.* Free. chicagoarchitecture.org



COMEDY Second City Neighborhood Tour

A hilariously snarky guide to Old Town led by comedian Margaret Hicks. *Through October 11.* \$15. secondcity.com

THEATER Shakespeare in the Parks

Kids (and impatient adults) will love this mash-up of highlights from the Bard's canon. *Through August 16.* chicagoshakes.com

COMEDY Bronzeville Comedy Showcase

Bust a gut south of Roosevelt Road. Funny guy Brian Babylon hosts. *Every other Wednesday.* Free. blancchicago.com



DESIGN Wheaton All-Night Flea Market

August 15. \$7. zurko-promotions.com

HOW TO SCREEN A MOVIE OUTDOORS

From Michael W. Phillips Jr., executive director of South Side Projections

1 Be a good neighbor. Like it or not, your screening is going to be semipublic, so check with your neighbors first to make sure they have no objections. (Inviting them might help.)

2 Forget handheld LCD projectors. They're fine for an office presentation, but they don't cut it outside. Buy or borrow a projector with at least 2,000 lumens, such as the Epson PowerLite Home Cinema 600 3LCD (\$360, epson.com).

3 Use a real screen. Phillips recommends a sturdy eight-foot model such as the Da-Lite Versatol Portable and Tripod Projection Screen (\$129, bestbuy.com).

4 Dim the lights. To prevent backyard security lights from competing with the screen, drape sheets over them.

5 Let 'er roll!