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Let CUI be the most valuable amenity in your professional and personal life!

A client called your CUI concierge in need of VIP hotel accommodations. Because of CUI's long-standing and strong relationship with the Trump Hotel, your concierge was able to secure for the client (and several of his colleagues) a complimentary upgrade to a one bedroom suite at our preferred standard room rate! The client was ecstatic!

We Recommend



Various prime locations, warm hospitality, and delicious, unique dishes are what make **Rosebud restaurants** a fine Chicago touchstone for locals and visitors alike who swear by the Pappardelle (square noodles) and the charming, old-world Italian spirit. Both **Rosebud Steakhouse** and **Rosebud Prime** will be offering bar bites Mon-Fri 3-6pm with Prime also featuring a special cocktail menu and live music Mon-Fri from 9-11pm. Don't miss out on an extraordinary evening!



Big Fish, based on the novel by Daniel Wallace then adapted into a colorful fantasy film by Tim Burton, now takes to the stage for its world premiere at Broadway in Chicago. As the charismatic Edward Bloom reaches the final days of his life, his son Will endeavours to find out who his father truly is beyond his extravagant tall tales. A story that flourishes with heart and imagination, **Big Fish** celebrates the whimsical unpredictability of life and love.

Contact your CUI Concierge to secure VIP restaurant reservations or procure top tickets to the show of your choice.

New/News

Howells & Hood 455 N. Michigan Ave.; John Howells and Raymond Hood began constructing "the most beautiful office building in the world" in 1922: The Tribune Tower. Now, from Bottleneck management (Sweetwater, South Branch), comes an all new restaurant and pour house at the base of the building, with "114 different local and global beers" and an outdoor patio waiting in anticipation for you and the warm weather.

American Junkie 15 W. Illinois St.; From Executive Chef Kendal Duque (formally of City Tavern) arrives a new staple in "contemporary American cuisine." Familiar American favorites include soft pretzels and smoked pork ribs while flatbreads with foie gras and pineapple reflect Duque's eclectic style.

Contact your CUI Concierge to secure a VIP table at the restaurant of your choice.

Wine Insight

Visit www.conciergeunlimited.com for April's Wine Insight from our connoisseur, Beranand Guinand.

Arts/Museums

<i>through</i>		
1-7	Chicago Improv Festival	Various locations
18-21	Chicago International Movies & Music Fest	Various locations
28	Color Blind: Collection in Blk & White	MCA
28	Tom Torluemke: Fearsome Fable	Hyde Park Art Ctr.
5/11	Silent Cinema: An Inn in Tokyo	Music Box Theatre
5/12	Picasso and Chicago	Art Institute
5/12	Irving Penn: Underfoot	Art Institute
5/19	Color Rush: 75 Yrs of Color Photography	Milwaukee Art Museum
5/26	Orson Welles: Hello Americans	Music Box Theatre
5/26	Apocalypto Nouveau	Firecat Projects
5/31	Joan Mitchell: At Home in Poetry	Poetry Foundation
6/2	Destroy the Picture: Painting the Void	Museum of Contemporary Art
9/28	Not About Bombs	National Veteran's Museum
<i>ongoing</i>		
	Deep Space Adventure	Adler Planetarium
	Amazon Rising	Shedd Aquarium
	Ebony Fashion Flair	Chicago History Museum
<i>through</i>	<i>around the globe</i>	
17-21	Live Ideas: The Worlds of Oliver Sachs	New York Live Arts, NY
5/5	Impressionists & Post-impressionists	Musée d'Orsay, Paris
5/27	Impressionism, Fashion, and Modernity	The Met, NY
6/3	Mexican Art: Masterpieces	Louvre, Paris
8/14	Punk: Chaos to Couture	The Met, NY

Ballet/Dance

9-14	Khmer Arts Ensemble	The Joyce Theatre, NY
12-14	The Seldoms: Mix With Six	Links Hall
13	River North Dance Co: Havana Blue	Auditorium Theatre
24-5/5	Joffrey Ballet: Othello	Auditorium Theatre
26-5/4	Giselle	Teatro Alla Scalla, Italy
5/18-18	Swan Lake Act II	Harris Theatre

Children/Family

5	Welcome to the Universe	Adler Planetarium
6	Creature's Features: Interesting Ears	Lincoln Park Zoo
6,14	Insect Investigation	Chicago Botanic Garden
20	Earth Day Celebration	Bartlett Nature Center
<i>through</i>		
5/19	The Cat in the Hat	Apollo Theatre
5/25	Exploration Station	Oak Park Conservatory
9/2	Animal Inside Out	Museum of Science & Industry
9/8	Creatures of Light	Field Museum
10/1	Family Explorer Backpack	The Morton Arboretum

Classical/Symphony

at Symphony Center

4-6	Prokofiev Piano Concerto No. 3: CSO, S. Oramo, cond.
11-16	Multi Conducts Bach Mass: CSO, R. Muti, cond.
18-19, 23	Multi Conducts Beethoven 4: CSO, R. Muti, cond.
	<i>at the Royal Festival Hall, London</i>
20	Giuseppe Verdi's Requiem: Philharmonia Orchestra, D. Gatti, cond.
21	Jonas Kaufman: Philharmonia Orchestra, J. Riede, cond.
30	The Damnation of Faust: Philharmonia Orchestra, C. Dutoit, cond.

Opera

at the Lyric Opera of Chicago

3,6 **A Streetcar Named Desire** André Previn

5/4,5,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19 **Oklahoma!** Richard Rodgers & Oscar Hammerstein II

at Chicago Opera Theater

20,24,26,28 **María de Buenos Aires** Ástor Piazzolla & Horacio Ferrer

at The Metropolitan Opera of New York City

3,6 **La Traviata** Giuseppe Verdi

6,25, 5/4 **Das Rheingold** Robert Lepage

Theatre

opens

2-14 **Catch Me If You Can**

Cadillac Palace Theatre

2-5/5 **Big Fish**

Oriental Theatre

3-17 **Kafka's Monkey**

Baryshnikov Arts Center, NY

23 **Anything Goes**

Cadillac Palace Theatre

30 **Henry VIII**

Chicago Shakespeare

through

14 **Proof**

Court Theatre

14 **Measure for Measure**

Goodman Theatre

23 **Coriolanus**

Chopin Theatre

27 **The Revisionist**

Cherry Lane Theatre, NY

28 **Othello: The Remix**

Chicago Shakespeare

28 **The Birthday Party**

Steppenwolf Theatre

5/25 **The Winslow Boy**

The Old Vic, London

6/15 **The Audience**

Gielgud Theatre, London

open run

The Book of Mormon

Bank of America Theatre

We're All In This Room Together

Second City

Who Do We Think We Are?

Second City

Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella

The Broadway Theatre, NY

Avenue Q

New World Stages, NY

Sneak Previews

5/7 **La Gioconda**

Opéra Bastille, Paris

5/10 **Midnight Movie: Romeo + Juliet**

Music Box Theatre

5/13 **American Ballet Theatre: Opening Night**

The Metropolitan Opera, NY

5/18 **Chicago Green Festival**

Navy Pier

6/1 **57th Street Art Fair**

Hyde Park

6/3 **Second City Guide to the Opera**

Civic Opera House

6/11 **Museum Mile Festival**

Location TBA, NY

6/14 **Fleetwood Mac**

Allstate Arena

6/30 **Glastonbury Festival**

Pilton, Somerset, England

7/10 **Taste of Chicago**

Grant Park

7/17 **Mrs. Carter Show Tour: Beyoncé**

United Center

7/19 **Pearl Jam**

Wrigley Field

7/22 **Jay Z & Justin Timberlake**

Soldier Field

8/6 **Flashdance**

Cadillac Palace Theatre

8/10 **Taylor Swift**

Soldier Field

8/2-4 **Lollapalooza**

Grant Park

8/30 **Chicago Jazz Festival**

Millennium Park

9/20 **La scala di seta: Premiere**

Teatro alla Scala, Italy

9/21 **Giovanna d'Arco**

Chicago Opera Theatre

10/9 **Once**

Oriental Theatre

10/22 **Mozart's Requiem**

Théâtre des Champs-Élysées, Paris

10/30 **Wicked**

Oriental Theatre

Contact your CUI concierge for top tickets to all upcoming events!

Concert/Rock/Blues/Jazz

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Sigur Rós

UIC Pavillion

5

Madeleine Peyroux

Old Town School of Folk Music

6

Maroon 5

Allstate Arena

6

Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band

United Center

11

Brad Paisley

First Midwest Bank Amp.

12-13

Widespread Panic

UIC Pavillion

13

Richard Elliot

Intercontinental Hotel O'Hare

15-16

Muse

Madison Square Garden

17

Occidental Gypsy

Old Town School of Folk Music

18

Alicia Keys + Miguel

United Center

21

Paris Combo

City Winery

27

ABBA The Concert

Akoo Theater, Rosemont

27

Ibrahim Maalouf Quintet

Salle Pleyel, Paris

29

Jim James

Webster Hall, NY

Sports

◆ Cubs

1,3,4 Pittsburgh

5-7 Atlanta

8-10 Milwaukee

11-14 San Francisco

16-18 Texas

19-21 Milwaukee

also...

8-14 **PGA Masters Tournament**

Augusta, GA

15 **Boston Marathon**

Boston, MA

5/3-4 **Kentucky Derby**

Louisville, KY

◆ Bulls

1 Washington

4 Brooklyn

5 Magic

7 Detroit

9 Toronto

11 New York

◆ Blackhawks

1,6,7,19 Nashville

4, 14 St. Louis

9 Minnesota

12 Detroit

15 Dallas

20 Phoenix

CUI WHITE SOX PRIVILEGED RATES!

As a client of Concierge Unlimited International, you now have access to select White Sox games at CUI exclusive rates! Up to 45% off!

Your choice of games include:

Kansas City, April 4

Minnesota, April 19

Cleveland, April 23

Tampa Bay, April 27

Los Angeles, May 10 & 11

Boston, May 21

Miami, May 25

Oakland, June 7

Toronto, June 12

NY Mets, June 25

Cleveland, June 29

Baltimore, July 3

Atlanta, July 19

Detroit, July 22

Kansas City, July 27

NY Yankees, August 5, 6, 7

Atlanta, August 14

Texas, August 23

Kansas City, August 28

Detroit, September 10

Cleveland, September 14

Minnesota, September 18

Kansas City, September 27



Special/Seasonal

3-6 **Taste of Vail**

Vail, CO

3-14 **Cleveland International Film Festival**

Tower City Cinemas, OH

6-7 **Planet Comicon**

Kansas City Convention Center

11-25 **29th Latino Film Festival**

AMC Theatres

12-14 **Arizona Jazz Festival**

The Wigwam, AZ

19 **Lecture: "Building Beauty"**

Chicago Botanic Garden

20 **Friends of the Parks: Earth Day Clean-up**

Various parks

26-28 **Austin Food & Wine Festival**

Auditorium Shores, TX

26 **Chicago Comic & Entertainment Expo**

McCormick Place

27

5k for EarthDay

Humboldt Park

through

14 **National Cherry Blossom Festival**

Washington, D.C.

5/13

Spring Flower Show

Lincoln Park Conservatory



We are your time-saving concierge service and resource for local, national, and international needs!



Put some Spring into your step!

Tired of the winter blues? A much-awaited thaw is most certainly in order! You've utilized your invaluable CUI service for romantic seasonal operas, VIP restaurant reservations, prime seating for the popular Book of Mormon, and those last-minute special Valentine's Day deliveries; but now you're ready to experience all the beauty and warmth this Spring has to offer. Not only will CUI continue to provide our quality, convenient, and time-saving service, we're ready to recommend and inspire great ideas to make your Spring the best it can be!

4/1 & 4/8 Cubs & White Sox Home Openers

Wrigley & U.S. Cellular Field

For both the north side and the south side, spring means baseball. The White Sox begin their season at 3:10pm on Monday April 1, hosting the Kansas City Royals. The Cubs take to Wrigley Field the following week for the first game of their season at 1:20pm on Monday April 8, hosting the Milwaukee Brewers. See your CUI concierge for top tickets and exclusive rates!

4/19 Joffrey Ballet Spring Gala

Auditorium Theatre

Join the Joffrey Ballet for an evening of breath-taking ballet at the Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University followed by a glamorous black-tie gala at Hilton Chicago Grand Ballroom.

4/19-21 Antiques & Garden Fair

Chicago Botanic Garden

Vendors from all around the globe make their way to this unique and wondrous fair, its intriguing pieces and romantic ambience providing an ideal spring outing. View spectacular exhibits and settings and make sure to catch the weekend's thought-provoking lectures from key design and garden experts.

4/28 Green & Growing Fair

Garfield Park Conservatory

Held every year through GreenNet Chicago, a non-profit coalition with the mission to improve and promote green open space and sustainability, the Green & Growing fair is the ideal spring occasion for devoted and prospective greenies. A conglomeration of activities, workshops, food, live music, and more, this FREE event is perfect for the whole family!

5/4 Steppenwolf Gala

Steppenwolf Theatre

Members of Steppenwolf's acclaimed ensemble will put on an exclusive 30-minute performance including a special selection from the world premiere of *Head of Passes*. An elegant cocktail reception will follow along with an intimate dinner setting among the ensemble's most talented artists. Come join the city's top civic and business leaders in this theatrically transformed venue to support some of Chicago's finest theatre.

5/18 Sumus Animalia : Zoo-ologie 2013

Lincoln Park Zoo

Every year, the Lincoln Park Zoo transforms its grounds into a rendition of Ancient Rome and hosts a lavish, exciting fundraiser. Set amid the Kovler Lion House, this magical evening offers guests food, drinks, and dancing. Contact your CUI concierge regarding VIP tickets for specialty cocktails and exclusive food stations in a VIP lounge. All proceeds help keep Lincoln Park Zoo open and free to the public.

Spring Cleaning: Become a Happy, Healthy, All New You!

Feng Shui for Spring

- **Bedroom Blunder:** Let go of the TV, computer, and other digital devices in your bedroom to ensure a quiet and peaceful environment. We're all undoubtedly attached to our digital lives these days, but this one simple step can decrease stress and invite more calm into your everyday.
- **Closet Clutter:** Stick to the six-month rule: if you haven't worn it in six months, toss it! Sometimes we hold on to old pieces for nostalgia, or maybe we've just forgotten about those sweaters stuffed in the back we swear we'll wear again. Whatever your reason, take a chance to clear it out and you'll instantly feel lighter. Guaranteed.
- **Kitchen Chaos:** The best way to improve your health is to improve the state and cleanliness of your kitchen. The kitchen should have good lighting and be airy, spacious, and welcoming. Don't overload with gadgets and *definitely* keep the TV out of the eating space. Fresh flowers are also a great addition for brightness and visual appeal.

It's easy being green : bright, delicious, and healthy recipes (courtesy of Whole Foods)

greens with carrots, feta cheese, and brown rice

2 carrots, shredded
2 bunches dark leafy greens (kale, collard greens or Swiss chard), tough stems removed, leaves very thinly sliced
1/2 red onion, finely chopped
1/4 teaspoon sea salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/4 pound feta cheese, crumbled
1 (20 ounce) package frozen 365 Everyday Value Organic Whole Grain Brown Rice, prepared according to package directions



Put carrots, greens, onions, 1/4 cup water, salt and pepper into a large, deep skillet and toss well. Cover and cook over medium heat, tossing once or twice, until greens are wilted and tender, 10 to 15 minutes. Toss with feta cheese and spoon over brown rice.

Chicago's open-air architectural cruises at CUI special discounted rates!

Spring is finally here: enjoy the warm breezes, fresh flowers, and glasses of wine at your favorite restaurant's al fresco dining option! Or utilize the outdoors with one of Chicago's awe-inspiring architectural cruises. Pick from one of the many CUI preferred partners such as **Chicago's First Lady** and **Shoreline Sightseeing**, which are sure to guarantee an experience perfect for a romantic evening, fun family outing, or private event.



Contact your CUI Concierge for special cruise rates!

For more event information, VIP restaurant & hotel accommodations, or top tickets, contact Concierge Unlimited International, your time-saving concierge service and resource for local, national, and international needs.

Springtime in Paris

Need to get away? CUI will make your impossibles possible for a romantic au printemps in Paris! Let CUI book VIP reservations at a Michelin star restaurant, reserve a room with a view of La Tour Eiffel, and help create an unforgettable experience!



Les Jardins des Tulleries

These awe-inspiring gardens were designed for Catherine de Medicis in 1564, situated next to the Louvre and parallel to the river Seine. In 1664, Le Notre redesigned the gardens which now feature many different statues, fine trees, and flowers. A perfect spot to bring a loved one or simply sit and regard the dazzling Parisian sights, sounds, and smells.

Musée Rodin

This poetic museum and gardens house iconic sculptures such as "Le Penseur" (The Thinker) and "Le Baiser" (The Kiss) by Auguste Rodin, capturing the wonder and elegance of Paris. Get lost in a plethora of pink, white, and red roses amidst the backdrop of the classic Parisian architecture of The Hôtel Biron.

Sainte-Chapelle

Discover an architectural masterpiece in the heart of Paris at the Sainte-Chapelle, a Gothic-style "Holy Chapel" steeped in Paris's rich history as the original locale for Louis IX's collection of relics of Christ. Its stained glass windows and breath-taking views make this national monument a majestic must-see.

Can't make it to Paris this Spring? Contact your CUI Concierge to secure reservations at one of Chicago's fantastic French restaurants!

Dining Al fresco: Parisian Style

Café des Architectes Sofitel Chicago Water Tower, 20 E. Chestnut St.; With servers who say *Bonjour* and *Merci* and authentic french dishes to die for, there's practically no need to travel overseas.

Bistrot Zinc 1131 N. State St.; Taking direct inspiration from the classic French bistrot with its "zinc" bar, Bistrot Zinc serves as a stunning staple for an evening dinner or Sunday afternoon brunch.

Mon Ami Gabi 2300 N. Lincoln Park West; Noted for its oysters and boeuf bourguignonne, this turn-of-the-century Parisian look-alike boasts an extensive selection of wines and a classic, lively ambiance.

Key Reasons Clients Rely on CUI

Last minute reservations? Sure No hassle!
A client walked into the concierge office at 3:30pm on a Friday afternoon wanting to secure a reservation for that evening for six people at Chicago's new "hottest, finest" restaurant. A few calls to their CUI contacts and the entire party was able to enjoy the best place in town. The client was treated like royalty and, needless to say, all his guests knew he was someone special since he was able to obtain a reservation! **Can't find what you're looking for? Contact your CUI time-saving concierge to locate, arrange and deliver your "impossibles".**

The race for the perfect hotel accommodations? Not a problem!
A client was in need of a block of hotel rooms for her son's wedding--unfortunately on the same weekend as the Chicago Marathon. Luckily, your CUI concierge was able to secure hotel accommodations very close to the wedding location at an incredibly reasonable rate, saving the wedding guests money, time, and the hassle of booking a number of rooms during a busy city event. **Contact your CUI Concierge to arrange accommodations at your choice hotel today!**



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Suggestions to the Editor

We invite your suggestions for future issues of *Cultural Update*. Are there cultural events you would like us to highlight? Do you have feedback about a restaurant or event that we have recommended? Let us know what you think! Please feel free to contact the editor via email at communications@conciergeunlimited.com or by phone at (312) 220-0500.