

April's Big Kick-off to Spring!

April is the real kick-off to Spring! It's time to shake off those cold weather blues and get ready for a month packed with events!

- ◆ Sporting Events ◆ Concert Season ◆ Easter Festivities
- ◆ Reservations at James Beard and Food & Wine nominated restaurants ◆
- ◆ Theatre openings for all ages ◆ And More!

New/News

Fulton Market Kitchen (311 North Sangamon Street), is easily the coolest new bar in Chicago! Art and decor litter the walls in "Controlled Chaos" motif. The food is equally as artistic as its decor with Executive Chef, James Gottwald (Monti's, Sunday), and Chef de Cuisine, Kyle Petersen (Ceres' Table, Naha), at the helm.



River Roast (315 North LaSalle) is a meal with a view! This restaurant provides its patrons with spectacular views of the city, the iconic Chicago River, and cuisine by James Beard Award winning Chef Tony Mantuano.

Happy 25th Anniversary



Congratulations on your Silver Anniversary! We appreciate the many years of stellar partnership, and wish you continued success!

Contact your CUI Concierge to arrange a VIP dinner for business or pleasure! Ask about Gibson's specials for the month of April! Let us be

At Your Service for all of your dining needs!

We Recommend

Beyond Events (Chicago, IL) is beyond catering, it's a step up from everyday office catering! A catering spread that is truly made for office events that are sure to impress. The use of ceramic serving plates, tablescapes, and upscale disposables compliments vamped up selections; like ancho crusted hanger steak and divine cinnamon rolls!



Gino's East (500 North LaSalle) a Chicago classic that can be delivered right to your door! Known for their famous pizza, Gino's also offers an assortment of appetizers and beverages for all your personal and business needs! This is the perfect pick for office, visiting groups, or at home catering

Need your next meeting or event catered? Contact your CUI Concierge for assistance in planning your get-together!

OfficeLinks (233 South Wacker Drive) a meeting with a view! This meeting space, atop the 84th floor of Willis Tower, dazzles with stunning views of the lake! Perfect for private corporate dinners, meetings, and consists of all the luxuries clients expect.

Contact your CUI Concierge to save time and money on group and meeting spaces for your next function!

Wine Insight

View our "Wine Insights" at www.conciergeunlimited.com

Arts/Museums

opens

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|------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 5 | Francis Bacon and Henry Moore | Ontario, Canada |
| 8 | Hired Hand | Art Institute |
| 12 | Isa Genzken: Retrospective | MCA |
| 18 | Modern Masters Return | Art Institute |
| 29 | Zachary Cahill | MCA |
| 5-13 | Robot Block Party | MSI |

through

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| 13 | City Self | MCA |
| 15 | Lilli Carré | MCA |
| 27 | London's Lost Jewels | Museum of London |
| 27 | Renoir's True Colors | Art Institute |
| 5/4 | Treasures of the Walt Disney Archives | MSI |
| 5/4 | The Way of the Shovel | MCA |
| 5/18 | Christopher Williams: The Production Line of Happiness | Art Institute |
| 6/1 | Dayanita Singh | Art Institute |
| 6/15 | Andy Warhol | MCA |

ongoing

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| Chicago: Crossroads of America | Chicago History Museum |
| Great Cities, Great Lakes, Great Basin | Chicago Architecture Foundation |

Ballet/Dance

opens

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| 3-5 | Reggie Wilson/Fist & Heel | Dance Center:Columbia |
| 4 | Hromovytsia Ukrainian Dance Ensemble | Harris Theater |
| 4-15 | Caprice Maelstrom: The Rite of Spring | San Francisco, CA |
| 11 | Carnival of the Animals | Auditorium Theatre |
| 12 | Balance of Desire | Ruth Page |
| 12 | River Dance North Chicago | Auditorium Theatre |
| 12 & 13 | Visceral Dance Chicago Spring Series | Harris Theater |
| 25&26 | Inaside Choreography Event | Antheneum Theatre |
| 30 | The Joffrey Ballet: Romeo & Juliet | Auditorium Theatre |
| 5/2-4 | Ballet Preljocaj: Snow White | Harris Theater |

Children/Family

opens

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| 3-6 | 5th Annual Comedy in Dance Festival | Brooklyn, NY |
| 5,6,12,13 | Children's Carnival | Floral Park, NY |
| 8 | Jackie and Me | Merle Reskin Theatre |
| 13 | Neighborhoods of the World | Navy Pier Crystal Gardens |

through

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| 27 | Lyle Finds His Mother | Lifeline Theatre |
| 27 | Magic Up Close | Theatre Wit |
| 5/4 | Schoolhouse Rock Live | Marriott Lincolnshire |
| 5/17 | The Three Little Pigs | Apollo Theatre |
| 5/18 | Romona Quimby | Apollo Theatre |

Classical/Symphony

opens

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| 6 | Itzak Perlman in Recital | Lyric Opera |
| 12 | Yuja Wang with The Cleveland Orchestra | Cleveland, OH |
| 14 | Ian Maksin | City Winery |
| 27 | Chicago Composers Orchestra | Constellation |

at Symphony Center

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| 4 | Zakir Hussain and the Masters of Percussion |
| 10-13 | Tetzlaff Plays Dvorák |
| 18 | Mavis Staples/Regina Carter's Southern Comfort |
| 17-19, 22 | Gershwin An American in Paris |

Lyric Opera House

- opens
- 6 **Itzhak Perlman in Recital**
- 25 **The Sound of Music,**
Rodgers and Hammerstein



Theatre

- opens
- 2-5 **Shen Yun** Civic Opera House
- 2-13 **Peter and the Starcatcher** Bank of America Theatre
- 3-5 **Hell Hath No Fury Like a Woman Scorned** McCormick Place
- 3 **The Way West** Steppenwolf Theatre
- 16 **In the Garden: A Dawinian Love Story** Lookingglass Theatre
- 16-26 **Mary Stuart** Columbia College Main Stage
- 22 **Motown the Musical** Oriental Theatre
- 22 **Hedwig and the Angry Inch** New York, NY
- 23 **Hamlet** Shakespeare's Globe Theatre
- 29 **Henry V** Chicago Shakespeare Theatre
- 30 **The Wizard of Oz** Cadillac Palace Theatre
- 5/13-18 **Mamma Mia!** Cadillac Palace Theatre
- 6/10 **The Last Ship** Bank of America Theatre
- through
- 13 **Venus in Fur** Goodman Theatre
- 5/3 **A Midsummer Night's Dream** Piccolo Theatre
- 5/11 **Russian Transport** Steppenwolf Theatre
- open run
- Blue Man Group** Briar Street Theatre
- Million Dollar Quartet** Apollo Theatre

Let your CUI Concierge arrange the perfect seat for your favorite performance and ask about preferred pricing.

Sneak Previews

- 6/19 **Queen & Adam Lambert** United Center
- 6/20 **Bruno Mars** First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre
- 6/25 **Summerfest** Milwaukee, WI
- 7/4-7/5 **Dave Matthews Band** Northerly Island
- 7/9-13 **Taste of Chicago** Grant/Millennium Park
- 7/11 **Lady Gaga** United Center
- 7/12 **Willie Nelson & Alison Krauss** Ravinia
- 7/12 **Journey and Steve Miller Band** First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre
- 7/13 **A Walk Through Space & Time** Adler Planetarium
- 7/18 **Billy Joel** Wrigley Field
- 7/25 & 26 **Hamlet** Folger Shakespeare's Library
- 8/1-3 **Lollapalooza** Grant Park
- 8/7 **Katy Perry** United Center
- 8/16-17 **Air and Water Show** North Avenue Beach
- 8/26-27 **Arcade Fire** United Center
- 8/29-30 **One Direction** Soldier Field
- 8/31 **Luke Bryan** Soldier Field
- 9/11-21 **World Music Festival** Various
- 10/15 **Swan Lake** Auditorium Theatre

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

Concert/Rock/Blues/Jazz

- 9 **John Legend** Cadillac Palace Theatre
- 11 **Lotus** Riviera Theatre
- 17 **Chevelle** House of Blues
- 17 **Armin Van Buren** United Center
- 18 **Twenty One Pilots** Riviera Theatre
- 15-18 **The National** Chicago Theatre
- 19 **Howie Day** City Winery
- 19 **Mike Epps** Arie Crown Theatre
- 20 **The Knife** Aragon Ballroom
- 22 **Goo Goo Dolls** City Winery
- 26 **Boy George** House of Blues
- 27 **Iggy Azalea** House of Blues
- 29 **Diana Ross** Chicago Theatre
- 30 **Bomby Bicycle Club** House of Blues
- 30 **Studio Sessions: DJ Fergie** Studio Paris
- 5/5 **Queens of the Stone Age** Aragon Ballroom
- 5/15 **AVICII** Allstate Arena
- 6/6 **Foreigner** Northerly Island
- 6/7 **Cher** Allstate Arena
- 6/11 **Dolly Parton** Dublin, Ireland
- 6/15 **Lionel Richie & CeeLo Green** First Midwest Bank
- 6/18-19 **One Republic** Ravinia

Sports

| Blackhawks | | Bulls | |
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| 3 | Wild | 4 | Milwaukee |
| 6 | Blues | 11 | Detroit |
| 9 | Canadiens | 14 | Orlando |
| White Sox | | Cubs | |
| 2-3 | Twins | 4-6 | Phillies |
| 10-13 | Indians | 8-10 | Pirates |
| 15-17 | Red Sox | 18-20 | Reds |
| 25-28 | Rays | 21-24 | D-backs |
| 29-30 | Tigers | | |

Contact your CUI Concierge today for special rates!

- also...
- 2 **All American High School Basketball** United Center
- 5 **March Madness: Final Four** Arlington, TX
- 7 **March Madness: Championship Game** Arlington, TX
- 7-13 **The Masters** Augusta, GA
- 16 **NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs Begin** All Cities
- 21 **Boston Marathon** Boston, MA
- 28-5/5 **World Team Table Tennis Championships** Tokyo, Japan
- 5/2&3 **Kentucky Derby** Louisville, KY

Special/Seasonal

- 3/31-4/6 **Improv Festival** Various Chicago Theatres
- 1-6 **The Secret Garden** Macy's State Street
- 2-6 **Chicago Underground Film Fest** The Logan Theatre
- 9 **West of West Wine Festival** City Winery
- 11-13 **Coachella** Indio, CA
- 5-12 **Money Smart Week** All Over Illinois
- 25-26 **Baconfest** UIC Forum
- 5/31 **Chicago Sinfonietta Ball** Fairmont Hotel



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Foodie News

Congratulations go out to our renowned culinary community!

James Beard Nominees



Outstanding Chef

Carrie Nahabedian of Naha

Outstanding Pastry Chef

Dana Cree of Blackbird

Outstanding Restaurateur

Donna Madia, One Off Hospitality

Outstanding Service

L20, Topolobampo

Outstanding Wine Program

Sepia

Outstanding Restaurant

Spiaggia

Best New Restaurant

Brindille, Nico Osteria

Outstanding Bar Program

The Violet Hour

Rising Star Chef of the Year

Jimmy Bannos Jr. - The Purple Pig

Matthew Kirkley - L20

David Posey - Blackbird

Best Chef: Great Lakes

Dave Beran - Next

Curtis Duffy - Grace

Paul Fehribach - Big Jones

Phillip Foss - EL Ideas

Ryan McCaskey - Acadia

Iliana Regan - Elizabeth

Jason Vincent - Nightwood

Erling Wu-Bower - Nico Osteria

Andrew Zimmerman - Sepia

Paul Virant - Vie

Abraham Conlon & Andrienne Lo - Fat Rice

Food & Wine “Best New Chef”



Abraham Conlon

Fat Rice

Curtis Duffy

Grace

Johnny Anderes

Telegraph

Thai Dang

Embeya

Dave Beran

Next

Nicole Pederson

Found

Matthew Kirkley

L20

Improv Festival

Laughter to fill your heart, and food to fill your belly. Check out these great show and restaurant pairings for an extra special Improv Week!

4/1 Deep Schwa, Trainwrest @ Second City 8:00p.m.
Restaurant: Balena

4/2 3 Peat, Jet Eveleth & Paul Brittain @ Second City 8:00p.m.
Restaurant: Perennial Virant

4/3 ComedySportz (with Improv Bandits) @ ComedySportz Theatre 8:00p.m.
Restaurant: Revolucion Steakhouse

4/4 Jimmy Jet Johnnie, Sheldon @ Stage 773 8:00p.m.
Restaurant: Senza

4/5 BASSPROV, Maribeth Monroe & Andy Cobb @ Stage 773 7:00p.m.
Restaurant: Mia Francesca

4/6 ASSSSCAT @ UP Comedy Theater 7:00p.m.
Restaurant: Pump Room

Travel Abroad: The Finer Things

If you're looking to find warm beaches, luxury resorts, and get your Spring started, then look no further! We have some of the best hotel and resort suggestions from around the world. Whether you are in need of some personal rest and relaxation, or you mix business with pleasure and make it a working vacation; we've got the place for you!

Destination: Spring Awakening

Sandy Lanes Resort

St. James, Barbados, West Indies BB2402

This is the resort of your dreams! Sandy Lanes is known as the premier address in the Caribbean, a place that provides serenity and opulence.

Whether you are spending the day on one of the resort's many golf courses, taking advantage of the water sports lessons, or just relaxing at the spa; this resort has something for you. It includes upscale amenities such as chauffeured luxury car service, penthouse suites, and four dining spaces with worldly cuisine.

The Athenæum Hotel

116 Piccadilly, Mayfair, London W1J 7BJ

A luxury hotel providing upscale accommodations that every guest can enjoy in a vacation. The hotel offers a spa, gym, park life, a whiskey bar, tea room, a plethora of room options, and many other amenities.

What makes this hotel different from all the others in London is its family-friendly take on a vacation. They consider children to bask in the benefits of staying at a high-end hotel, providing cookies and milk at turn down service. Many other special touches are added to make the kids' stay just as luxurious as the adults accompanying them. The hotel also provides apartments and longer-stay options.

Daios Cove Luxury Resort & Villas

Vathi, 72100 Crete, Greece

Truly heaven on earth! Daios Cove is where one seeks out relaxation, while submersing themselves in a paradise of beauty and luxury.

The hotel is just steps away from the crystal clear waters Greece is famous for, and has views to match! Experience total food innovation with gastronomic dining, or the thrill of sailing on a sailing excursion. Begin your day with a yoga or pilates session, and end it with a tour of the island!

La Maison Arabe

1, Derb Assehbé Bab Doukkala Marrakech Médina Maroc

La Maison Arabe is the epitome of Moroccan elegance! The accommodations are drenched in deep, rich colors and decor that will take your breath away. This hotel will give you the full Moroccan experience with tours available daily, a spa, and cooking classes taught by a Dada (traditional Moroccan cook). Best of all, they provide a translator to ensure you get the most of your stay and this luxurious destination in Morocco!

Contact your CUI concierge for more information on these hotels and other new accommodations around the globe! Let us help make your excursion, simple and satisfying.

Key In: Easter Festivities



Doggie Easter Egg Hunt

April 12th, 2014 at Horner Park



City of Chicago Easter Egg Hunt

April 12th, 2014 at Soldier Field



Easter Extravaganza

April 12th, 2014 at Sheridan Park



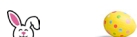
Lincoln Park Egg-Stravaganza

April 18th, 2004 at Lincoln Park Zoo



Mr. Hippity Hop at Top Spot

April 19th, 2014 at Berger Park



Easter Egg Brunch

April 20th, 2014 at Nichols Hall



Key In: Easter Brunch

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- ♦North Pond♦
- ♦Drake♦
- ♦Publican♦
- ♦Deca♦
- ♦Sepia♦
- ♦Lockwood♦
- ♦Signature Room♦
- ♦Morton's Steakhouse♦
- ♦Sixteen♦
- ♦NoMI♦
- ♦Travelle♦

Contact your CUI Concierge for more Easter festivities! Hang out with the rabbit himself, or go on the hunt for eggs and grab brunch!

Museum Free Days

Illinois residents enjoy free admission to museums on the following dates:

- Art Institute:** 3, 10, 17, 24 (Thursdays 5pm-8pm)
- Chicago Children's Museum:** 4, 6, 11, 18, 25 (Thursdays 5pm-8pm)
- DuSable Museum:** 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Sundays)
- Museum of Contemporary Art:** 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Tuesdays)

Key Reasons Clients Rely on CUI!

CUI provides our clients with top tickets for every season! A client contacted their CUI Concierge during the early afternoon requesting Blackhawks tickets for that evening. The client didn't want just any ticket, he wanted premiere seats, "on the glass"! The Concierge sprang in to action and had the tickets secured within the hour! They were hand delivered to the client's desk, ready for that evening's match-up!

We provide luxury for our clients anywhere in the nation! A client needed to arrange an extremely important private dinner for twelve in Louisville. After being presented with several options including menus, prices, and availability, the client was happy to have the Concierge secure his choice. He was especially pleased when the Concierge offered to have his company name and logo displayed at the top of the menu! Needless to say, even when not in Chicago, the client can always rely on CUI's Concierge in order to provide service above and beyond expectations!



Save your valuable time and let us be *At Your Service.*

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- ♦ Entertainment ♦
- ♦ Favorable Hotel Rates ♦
- ♦ Flowers & Unique Gifts ♦
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- ♦ Private & Corporate Events ♦
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- ♦ Travel & Transportation ♦

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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 cucommunications@conciergeunlimited.com or by phone at (312) 220-0500.