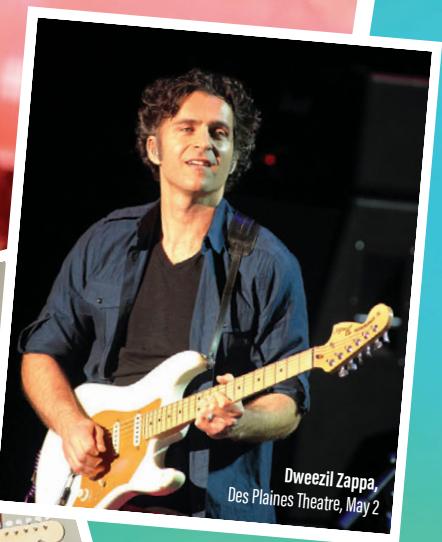


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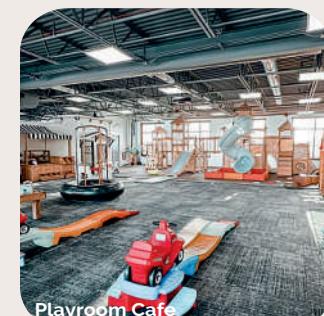
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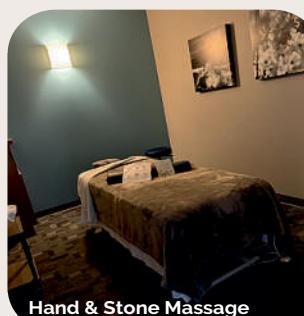
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# New, new-to-Chicago plays and musicals

BY BARBARA VITELLO

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Suburban and city theater fans looking for a new or a new-to-Chicago show have plenty to choose from this spring.

Besides the North American premiere of a jukebox tuner about British invasion stalwarts The Kinks, upcoming musicals include the Tony Award-winning "Titanic" by composer/lyricist Maury Yeston and writer Peter Stone and "Titanique," the hit off-Broadway parody of James Cameron's 1997 blockbuster.

The timely dramas "Prayer for the French Republic" addresses rising antisemitism in France during World War II and today and "Berlin" examines the rise of fascism in Weimar Germany.

And literary adaptations include regional premieres of the stage adaptation of the bestselling thriller "The Da Vinci Code" and Charles Dickens' literary classic about sacrifice and redemption, "A Tale of Two Cities."

With that in mind, here are a dozen (mostly new) shows for spring.

## 'Sunny Afternoon'

The story of The Kinks, a seminal band from the 1960s and the British invasion, inspired the jukebox tuner "Sunny Afternoon." Co-founder Ray Davies ("Lola," "You Really Got Me") came up with the story and Joe Penhall wrote the book. Chicago Shakespeare Theater artistic director Edward Hall directs CST's North American premiere of the award-winning musical. March 21-April 27 at Navy Pier, 800 E. Grand Ave., Chicago, (312) 595-5600 or [chicagoshakes.com](http://chicagoshakes.com).

## 'No Such Thing'

Rivendell Theatre Ensemble premieres "No Such Thing," a play about how society disregards middle-aged women, by ensemble member Lisa Dillman. Malkia Stampley directs the play, which centers on Ren, a former hotshot screenwriter who begins an affair after finding herself becoming invisible both socially and professionally. March 22-April 27 at 5779 N. Ridge Ave., Chicago, (773)



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Chicago Shakespeare Theater presents "Sunny Afternoon," the story of The Kinks' rise to rock 'n' roll fame, March 21-April 27. Portraying the original members are Michael Lepore (Peter Quaife), Oliver Hoare (Dave Davies), Danny Horn (Ray Davies) and Kieran McCabe (Mick Avory).

334-7728 or [rivendelltheatre.org](http://rivendelltheatre.org).

## 'Titanique'

Porchlight Music Theatre and Broadway in Chicago have assembled an all-Chicago cast for the local premiere of "Titanique," the off-Broadway hit send-up of James Cameron's Oscar-winning 1997 film paired

with Celine Dion hits. The cast includes: Claire Kennedy McLaughlin as Celine Dion, Adam Fane as Jack and Maya Rowe as Rose, along with Rob Lindley and Adrian Aguirre, among others. March 25-May 18 at Broadway Playhouse Water Tower Place, 175 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, [broadwayinchicago.com](http://broadwayinchicago.com).

## 'Translations'

In a fictional village in 1833 Western Ireland, members of the British army, there to map the country and replace the names of local places with the King's English, clash with the locals in "Translations," by the Irish dramatist Brian Friel. Writers Theatre's artistic director Braden Abraham directs



Clare Kennedy McLaughlin, left, plays Celine Dion, Adam Fane plays Jack and Maya Rose plays Rose in "Titanique," the hit off-Broadway send-up of the 1997 film in a co-production between Porchlight Music Theatre and Broadway in Chicago.

the theater's revival, which examines what happens when native language is erased. April 3-May 4 at 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe, (847) 242-6000 or writerstheatre.org.

#### 'Titanic the Musical'

The 1985 recovery of the wreckage of the RMS Titanic inspired composer/lyricist Maury Yeston and book writer Peter Stone's Tony Award-winning



"*Titanic the Musical*," which examines the tragedy through the eyes of the "ship of dreams" passengers. Making his debut in Marriott Theatre's revival of the infrequently produced show is director/choreographer Connor Gallagher (Broadway's "Beetlejuice"). April 9-June 1 at 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire,

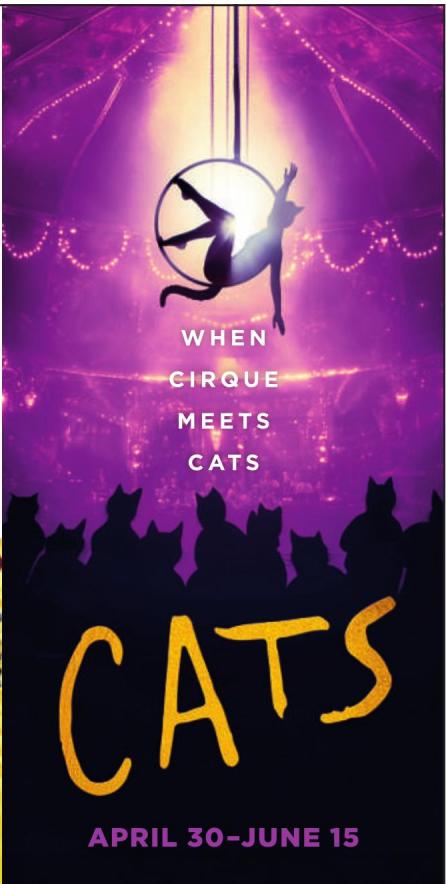
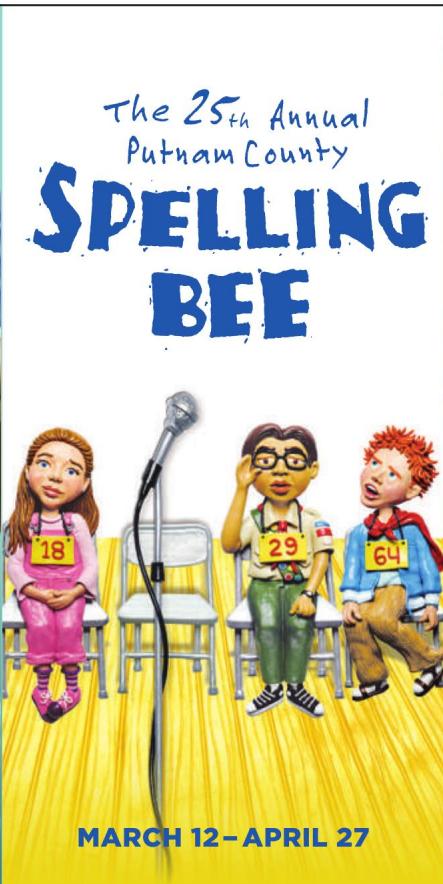
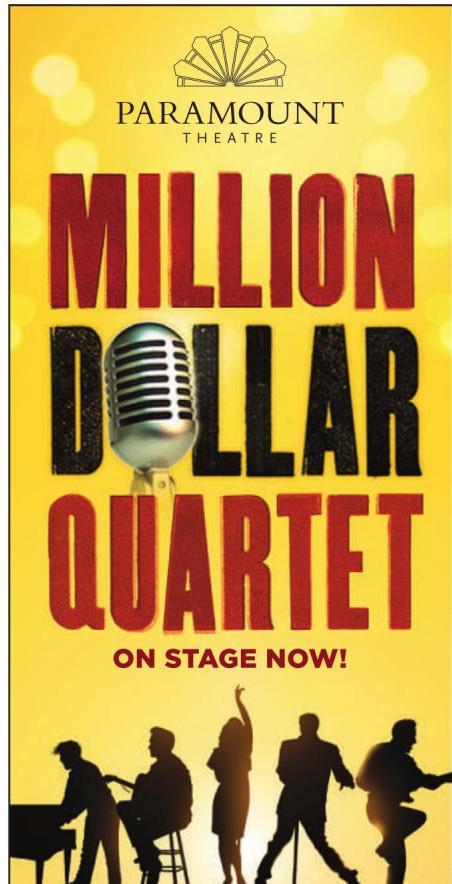


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#### 'The Da Vinci Code'

In Dan Brown's novel "*The Da Vinci Code*,"

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a Harvard University professor and a police cryptologist try to unlock clues hidden in the paintings of Leonardo da Vinci to centuries-old secrets. Rachel Wagstaff and Duncan Abel's stage adaptation of Brown's 2003 novel has its regional premiere at Drury Lane Theatre under the direction of Elizabeth Margolius. April 9-June 1 at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, (630) 530-0111 or drurylanetheatre.com.

#### 'Prayer for the French Republic'

Northlight Theatre stages "Prayer for the French Republic," Joshua Harmon's timely drama about a Jewish family living in France confronting antisemitism. One story unfolds in 2016 as a couple considers emigrating to Israel as antisemitism begins to infect mainstream French politics. The other unfolds during the Holocaust as a Jewish couple awaits news of their missing family members. April 10-May 11 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, (847) 673-6300 or northlight.org.

#### 'Art'

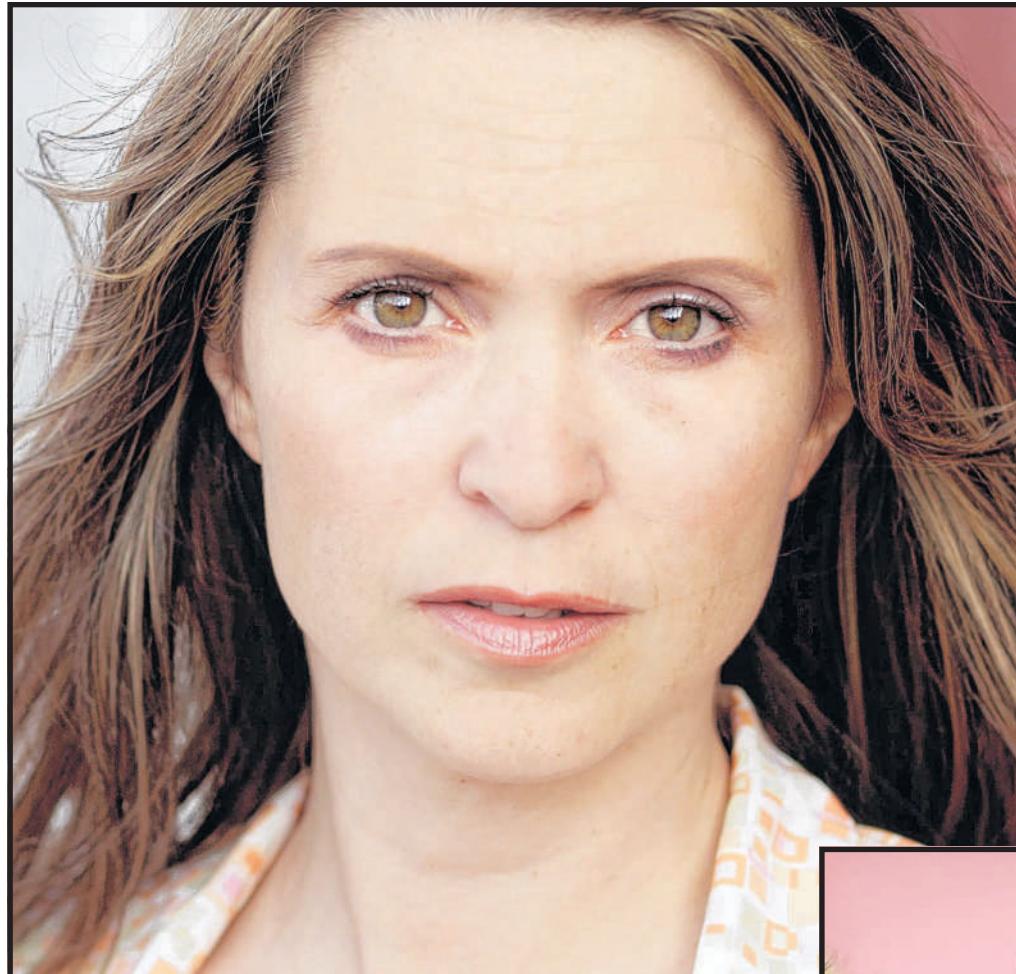
Remy Bumppo Theatre revives Yasmina Reza's Tony Award-winning play "Art," about the relationship between three longtime friends that is upended when one of them purchases an expensive piece of abstract art whose value the other two question. Artistic director Marti Lyons directs. May 1-June 1 at Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, (773) 975-8150 or remybumppo.org.

#### 'Berlin'

Inspired by Jason Lutes' graphic novel series "Berlin," this new commission by Court Theatre set during Weimar Germany consists of a series of narratives about everyday people trying to survive the onslaught of fascism and facing the decision whether to fight or abandon the city forever. Former Artistic Director Charles Newell directs playwright Mickle Maher's adaptation. April 11-May 4 at 5535 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago, (773) 753-4472 or courttheatre.org.

#### 'A Tale of Two Cities'

Shattered Globe Theatre presents the Midwest premiere of Brendan Pelsue's adaptation of "A Tale of Two Cities," Charles Dickens' ever-timely



A Red Orchid Theatre ensemble member Dado directs the theater's Chicago premiere of "Six Men Dressed Like Josef Stalin."



Mikael Burke directs Shattered Globe Theatre's Midwest premiere of "A Tale of Two Cities," adapted by Brendan Pelsue from Charles Dickens' novel.

tale about class, revolution, sacrifice and redemption. The story centers on dissolute lawyer Sydney Carton, who out of devotion to the lovely Lucy, on several occasions saves the life of her French aristocrat husband, Charles Darnay, who Sydney resembles. April 18-May 31 at Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, (773) 770-0333 or sgtheatre.org.

#### 'Gorgeous'

After her dog handler boyfriend Bill dies, Jenny decides to continue showing his champion bulldog Gorgeous. However, the arrival of Bill's ex-wife Bernie throws a monkey wrench into those plans in "Gorgeous," a new play about grief and forgiveness by Keiko Green in its world premiere at Raven Theatre. May 1-June 7 at 6157 N. Clark St., Chicago, (773) 338-2177 or raventheatre.com.

#### 'Six Men Dressed Like Josef Stalin'

A Russian actor named Koba is tasked with training Soso, a Russian who resembles a certain general secretary of the Community Party, so that he can serve as his body double during a 1943 conference in Tehran with Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill in "Six Men Dressed Like Josef Stalin," Dianne Nora's play about Felix Dadaev, one of Stalin's body doubles. A Red Orchid's Chicago premiere is directed by ensemble member Dado. May 8-June 22 at 1531 N. Wells St., Chicago, aredorchidtheatre.com.

# food & drink

## Dinner and a view

### 10 waterfront dining options in the suburbs

BY RICK WEST  
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Nothing improves dinner and drinks quite like a nice view. Especially a view of the water after a long winter.

While most of the suburbs aren't blessed with a vast coastline, we still have rivers and lakes that can provide a tranquil backdrop to a nice meal.

Here are 10 spots where you can enjoy waterfront dining in the suburbs.

#### Atwater's Restaurant

15 S. River Lane, Geneva, (630) 208-8920, herringtoninn.com/dining. Overlooking the banks of the Fox River, Atwater's Restaurant in The Herrington Inn offers farm-to-table American fine dining. Groups of up to eight can enjoy a private dining experience in their waterfront gazebo.

#### Bleuroot

98 W. Main St., #2015, West Dundee, (847) 844-0047, bleuroot.com. Bleuroot serves locally sourced farm-to-table new American fare and cocktails along the Fox River in downtown West Dundee.

#### Broken Oar

614 Rawson Bridge Road, Port Barrington, (847) 639-9468, brokenoar.com. When you're looking for a waterfront bar or restaurant, any place with a marina is practically guaranteed to have great views. Broken Oar's outdoor menu is loaded with salads, burgers, sandwiches and nightly specials, including the Friday night fish fry.

#### Captain's Quarters on Fox Lake

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**The rooftop deck at Empire Burgers + Brew offers great views of the DuPage River in Naperville.**

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empireburgerbar.com. Catch views of the DuPage River and the Naperville riverwalk from Empire's year-round retractable roof deck. Enjoy craft burgers, cocktails and beers in addition to more elevated comfort fare.

### The Foxtail on the Lake

1177 Howard Ave., Des Plaines, (224) 938-9479, thefoxtailonthelake.com. There's waterfront dining just north of I-90 and O'Hare International Airport at The Foxtail, which sits on Lake Opeka. The menu features Mediterranean cuisine and a raw bar with cocktails in a renovated church.



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**The Foxtail on the Lake sits on Lake Opeka in Des Plaines.**



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**Port Edward Restaurant in Algonquin offers a large outdoor patio on the Fox River.**

### The Graceful Ordinary

3 E. Main St., St. Charles, (331) 235-5803, thegracefulordinary.com. The Graceful Ordinary's screened-in terrace offers front-row views of the Fox River and downtown St. Charles without the bugs. Hit up their Oyster & Martini Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m. every Tuesday through Friday and 2-4

p.m. Saturday for \$2 oysters on the half shell and a specialty menu of \$10 martinis.

### Lindy's Landing

115 Park St., Wauconda, (847) 526-9789, lindyslanding.com. A Wauconda staple for nearly 60 years, Lindy's offers lakefront dining and event space on Bangs Lake. The restaurant offers indoor and outdoor venues, including a beach club, beach bar and two dining decks.

### Port Edward Restaurant

20 W. Algonquin Road, Algonquin, (847) 658-5441, portedward.com. Port Edward has served Algonquin on the Fox River for over 60 years. Well known for its Sunday Champagne brunch, the seafood restaurant also frequently offers surf-and-turf buffets.



RICK WEST/rwest@dailyherald.com, 2023

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# things to do

## Sunday, March 9

**"Waitress"**: 1 and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays, and 3 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, through March 30, at the Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora. The story of a waitress and expert pie maker trapped in a small town between the life she's living and the life she wants. \$28-\$85. [paramountaurora.com](http://paramountaurora.com).

**EYSO "Palette"**: 1:30, 4:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at Elgin Community College's Blizzard Theater, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestras continues its 49th season exploring the theme of "Soundscapes," featuring the five orchestras, brass choir, flute choir, percussion ensembles, Starter Strings program and Chamber Music Institute. \$16-\$27. [EYSO.org](http://EYSO.org).

**"Beautiful the Carole King Musical"**: 2 and 6 p.m. Sundays, 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1:30 and 7 p.m. Thursdays, 7 p.m. Fridays, 3 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, through March 23, at Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. Tickets start at \$69.75. [drurylanetheatre.com](http://drurylanetheatre.com).

**"Into The Woods Jr."**: 2 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at Steel Beam Theatre, 111 W. Main St., St. Charles. SBT Youth production of Stephen Sondheim's musical featuring favorite storybook characters. \$13-\$18. [steelbeamtheatre.com](http://steelbeamtheatre.com).

**Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater**: 3 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress Parkway, Chicago. Returning to their Chicago home, the 65-year-old dance company performs. Tickets start at \$39. [auditoriumtheatre.org](http://auditoriumtheatre.org).

**"I and You"**: 3 p.m. Sundays and 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, through March 23, plus 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, and 1 p.m. Wednesday, March

19, at Citadel Theatre Company, 300 S. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest. An ode to youth, life, love and the strange beauty of human connectedness by Lauren Gunderson. \$45. [citadeltheatre.org](http://citadeltheatre.org).

**Leonidas Kavakos with Daniil Trifonov**: 3 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at the Chicago Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago. Program spans from Beethoven and Brahms to the 20th-century fireworks of Poulenc and Bartók. \$49-\$199. [cso.org](http://cso.org).

**Swiftly Fest**: 3 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at the Batavia Fine Arts Centre, 1250 W. Wilson St., Batavia. Traci Marie and Mike Brucolieri of the national touring Taylor Swift Eras Tour tribute perform the hits and fan favorites from every Taylor Era. \$29-\$45. [bataviafineartscentre.org](http://bataviafineartscentre.org).

**Ari Shaffir in "The Farewell Tour"**: 6 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at the Chicago Improv, 5 Woodfield Road, Schaumburg. \$39-\$50. [improv.com/chicago](http://improv.com/chicago).

**Billy Elton**: 7 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at The Venue, 21 S. Broadway, Aurora. An eight-piece band led by Reid Spears celebrating the music of Billy Joel and Elton John. \$20-\$25; \$5 more at the door. [themusicvenue.org](http://themusicvenue.org).

**Minelli**: 7 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at Joe's Live Rosemont, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont. Pop, dance and house music with Minelli featuring a live band. \$60. [joesliverrosemont.com](http://joesliverrosemont.com).

**Drew & Ellie Holcomb**: 8 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at Cahn Auditorium, 600 Emerson St., Evanston. \$45-\$85. [evanstonspacemusic.com](http://evanstonspacemusic.com).

**"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"**: Times vary Wednesday through Sunday, through March 30, at the Marriott Theatre, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire. The beloved musical

about Joseph and the coat of many colors. Tickets start at \$68. [marriotttheatre.com](http://marriotttheatre.com).

## Monday, March 10

**Movie Night**: 7 p.m. Mondays through June 30 at Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora. March 10: "Breakfast at Tiffany's" (1961); March 17: "Far and Away" (1992); March 24: "The Lost Boys" (1987); March 31: "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" (1994); April 7: "A Goofy Movie" (1995); May 12: "Crazy Rich Asians" (2018); May 19: "Psycho" (1960). \$1 tickets at the door; cash only (\$20 bills or less). [paramountaurora.com/series/movie-mondays](http://paramountaurora.com/series/movie-mondays).

## Tuesday, March 11

**"Beetlejuice"**: 7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, March 11-13; 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 14; 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15; and 1 and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at the Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St., Chicago. \$47-\$117. [broadwayinchicago.com](http://broadwayinchicago.com).

**Classical Blast in Kilts**: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, at Hey Nonny, 10 S. Vail Ave., Arlington Heights. Traditional Irish and Scottish music, songs by contemporary Irish bands, movie themes and classic rock melded with Celtic and classical music. \$18-\$45. [heynonny.com](http://heynonny.com).

**Elvis Costello & Steve Nieve**: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, March 11, 12, 14 and 15, at Park West, 322 W. Armitage Ave., Chicago. Tickets start at \$129.50. [jamusa.com](http://jamusa.com).

## Wednesday, March 12

**"Women in History"**: 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Baker Community Center, 101 S. Second St., St. Charles. Educational entertainer Martina Mathisen portrays dynamic women who have

impacted our lives. Free. [norrisculturalarts.com](http://norrisculturalarts.com).

**"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"**: 1:30 and 7 p.m. Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 1 and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, March 12 through April 27, at the Copley Theatre, 8 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora. Six contestants vie for the spelling bee championship of a lifetime in this musical comedy. \$40-\$55. [paramountaurora.com](http://paramountaurora.com).

**Global Flicks film series**: 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Belushi Performance Hall, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. Screening of 2010 French film "Of Gods & Men." Moderated discussions follow. [atthemac.org/global-flicks](http://atthemac.org/global-flicks).

**"Letters From Home"**: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Guarneri Hall, 11 E. Adams St., Chicago. Featuring saxophone quartet ~Nois Quartet and string trio Black Oak Ensemble, with three world premieres by composers Errolyn Wallen, Conrad Tao and Stacy Garrop. Tickets are \$40 and include preconcert discussion from The Society of Disobedient Listeners at 5:30 p.m. and a catered postconcert reception with the artists. [novalineamusica.org](http://novalineamusica.org).

## Thursday, March 13

**Chicago Sinfonietta "Love Letters"**: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at Wentz Concert Hall, 171 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Ida B. Wells Drive, Chicago. Featuring Valerie Coleman's Opus Serena, Concertino for Bassoon and Orchestra with Monica Ellis on bassoon, and Michelle Isaac's "Moshe's Dream," Brahms' "Poco Allegretto" from

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**"The Play That Goes Wrong"**: 7:30 p.m. Fridays, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 21-April 12, at the Overshadowed Theatrical Productions, 900 Foster Ave., Medinah. It's the opening night of the Cornley Drama Society's newest production, "The Murder at Haversham Manor," and things have quickly gone from bad to utterly disastrous. \$21-\$32. overshadowed.org.

**"These Shining Lives"**: 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 21-April 12, with matinee at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at Village Guild Theatre, Park Boulevard and Butterfield Road, Glen Ellyn. Melanie Marnich's drama of the women who worked at the Radium Dial Co. in Ottawa, Illinois, in the 1920s and '30s. \$25. villagetheatreguild.com.

**Alejandra Guzmán**: 8 p.m. Friday, March 21, at Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. "Brilla Tour." \$57.99-\$217.99. rosemont.com/theatre.

**Anthem's Grand Illusion**: 8 p.m. Friday, March 21, at Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. Tribute to Styx. \$35-\$45. rauecenter.org.

**BoDeans**: 8 p.m. Friday, March 21, at the Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. Rock. \$59-\$119. desplainestheatre.com.

**Classic Albums Live**: 8 p.m. Friday, March 21, at Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles. Performing The Beatles' "Abbey Road" album in its entirety, including "Come Together," "Here Comes The Sun" and more. \$39-\$69. arcadalive.com.

**Hot Like Mars**: 8 p.m. Friday, March 21, at The Venue, 21 S. Broadway, Aurora. Tom Petty tribute. \$25; \$5 more at the door. themusicvenue.org.

**Jazz on the Square's Jazz Night**: 8-11 p.m. Friday, March 21, at Stage Left, 125 W. Van Buren St., Woodstock. Celebration of soulful melodies and improvisation. \$5-\$10. jazzonthesquare.com.

**Russell Dickerson**: 8 p.m. Friday, March 21, at Joe's Live Rosemont, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont. Country. \$29.50-\$154.50. joesliverosemont.com.

### Saturday, March 22

**DuPage Comic Con**: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at DuPage County Fairgrounds Building 1, 2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton. 150 comic book dealers; toy, collectible and TCG vendors. Cosplay Contest starts at 3:30 p.m. \$10 at the door; free for kids 12 and younger. dupagecountyfair.org/event.

**The 19th Annual Chi-Town Blues Festival**: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at Arie Crown Theater, 2301 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago. Features King George, Tucka, Pokey Bear, West Love, Theodis Ealey and Ronnie Bell. Tickets start at \$59. ariecrown.com.

**Comedy with Cathy Ladman**: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at ECC's Blizzard Theater, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. Focuses on family, growing up, relationships and real life. \$37. eccartscenter.org/events/centerstage/.

**An Evening with Emerson, Lake & Palmer**: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at the Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan. Carl Palmer's current trio will take the stage alongside two massive video screens featuring rare concert footage of the late Keith Emerson and Greg Lake. \$35-\$55. geneseteatre.com.

**Journeyman**: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. Eric Clapton tribute. \$49-\$59. rauecenter.org.

**Chicago Harmony Sweepstakes**: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at Wentz Concert Hall, 171 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville. The best all-vocal ensembles in the Midwest perform before a panel of celebrity judges to be crowned the 2025 Chicago Regional Champion. Winner moves on to face six other regional champions at the national finals in

California. \$35. northcentralcollege.edu.

**Bishop Briggs**: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at Metro, 3730 N. Clark St., Chicago. Singer/songwriter known for her powerful voice and genre-blending sound. \$35. metrochicago.com.

**Burton Cummings and His Band**: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at Rialto Square Theatre, 102 N. Chicago St., Joliet. Burton Cummings of original The Guess Who performs 60th anniversary hits. \$49.50-\$125. rialtosquare.com.

**"I Laugh At Myself — An Evening With Justin Furstenfeld"**: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at the Woodstock Opera House, 121 W. Van Buren St., Woodstock. Join the Blue October frontman on a journey through his life and music in this one-man show. \$44-\$84. woodstockoperahouse.com.

**Intocable**: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at the Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont. "30 Aniversario Tour 2025." \$49.50-\$149.50. rosemont.com.

**Sin Anestesia: A Spanish Rock Party and Revolución de Amor**: 9 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at Joe's Live Rosemont, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont. Spanish rock-pop. \$15-\$35. joesliverosemont.com.

### Sunday, March 23

**All Sports Car Swap Meet and Autojumble**: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 23, at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton. Chicagoland MG Club's 28th annual show. \$7; free for kids 12 and younger with a paid adult. chicagolandmgclub.com.

**The Northwest Symphony Orchestra**: 3 p.m. Sunday, March 23, at Forest View Educational Center, 2121 S. Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights. NSO and Music Director Tim Semanik present Dmitri Shostakovich's Violin Concerto No. 1 and Cesar Franck's Symphony in D minor, including a violin performance by Tinson Xu, the 2024 Paul Vermeil Young Artist Award Winner. \$20, \$15 ages 65 and older, \$10 for students with ID, free for kids younger than 14 with an adult ticket. northwestsymphony.org.

**Sinfonietta Bel Canto's Voice Finalists**: 4 p.m. Sunday, March 23, at St. Paul's UCC, 5739 Dunham Road, Downers Grove. \$8-\$25. sinfoniettabelcanto.org.

**The Fabulous Thunderbirds**: 7 p.m. Sunday, March 23, at The Venue, 21 S. Broadway, Aurora. \$40-\$50; \$5 more at the door. themusicvenue.org.

### Monday, March 24

**Iggy Pop**: 8 p.m. Monday, March 24, at The Salt Shed, 1357 N. Elston Ave., Chicago. Rock. \$59.50-\$159.50. saltshedchicago.com.

### Tuesday, March 25

**Buffalo Nichols**: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, at Hey Nonny, 10 S. Vail Ave., Arlington Heights. Blues. \$15-\$40. heynonny.com.

### Wednesday, March 26

**Indigenous Artist Pop-Up Market**: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, March 26, April 18 and May 7, at the Gichigamiin Indigenous Nations Museum, 3001 Central St., Evanston. A day of free admission at the museum including an Indigenous Artists Pop-Up Market. visitchicagonorthshore.com.

### Thursday, March 27

**"Assassins"**: 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 27-28; 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29; and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at the Theatre at Meiley-Swallow, 31 S. Ellsworth St., Naperville. North Central College production of Stephen Sondheim and John Weidman's musical about assassins and would-be assassins from different historical periods. \$12. northcentralcollege.edu/assassins.

**Crime Junkie Podcast Live: "Life Rule #10 Tour"**: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at the

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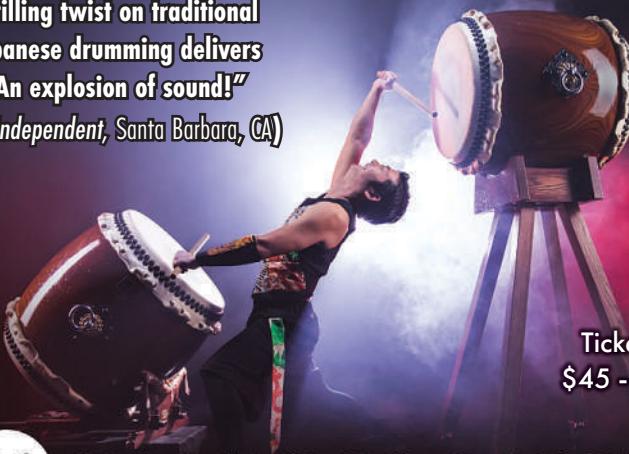
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Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Award-winning podcasters Ashley Flowers and Brit Prawat dive into a case packed with twists and turns. \$37.75-\$265.75. [rosemont.com](http://rosemont.com).

**Michael Blackson:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at the Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan. Comedy. \$30-\$45. [geneseetheatre.com](http://geneseetheatre.com).

**Steven Page:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Co-founder and former vocalist and songwriter of Barenaked Ladies with Dag Juhlin. \$29-\$44. [northshorecenter.org](http://northshorecenter.org).

**Ty Myers:** 8 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at Joe's Live Rosemont, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont. "The Select Tour." \$20. [joesliverosemont.com](http://joesliverosemont.com).

## Friday, March 28

**Chicago Tattoo Arts Convention:** 2-11 p.m. Friday, March 28; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, March 29; and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont. \$25 per day, \$50 for three days, free for kids younger than 12. [villainarts.com](http://villainarts.com).

**The Boy Band Project:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 28, at ECC's Blizzard Theater, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. They reimagine the sound and energy of NSYNC, Backstreet Boys, Hanson, One Direction, 98 Degrees, New Kids on the Block, Boyz II Men, Jonas Brothers and more. \$42. [eccartscenter.org](http://eccartscenter.org).

**Michael Cavanaugh — The Music of Billy Joel & Elton John:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 28, in the Mainstage Theatre at the College of Lake County, 19351 W. Washington St., Grayslake. Cavanaugh re-creates hit songs including "Piano Man," "Benjie and the Jets," "My Life," "Rocket Man" and more. \$20-\$40. [jlcenter.cllinois.edu](http://jlcenter.cllinois.edu).

**The Miracles featuring Sydney Justin:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 28, at the Hemmens, 45 Symphony Way, Elgin. Motown hitmakers founded by Motown legend Smokey Robinson. \$30-\$50. [hemmens.org](http://hemmens.org).

**Northern Illinois University Steelband:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 28, at Norris Cultural Arts Center, 1040 Dunham Road, St. Charles. \$5-\$20. [norrisculturalarts.com](http://norrisculturalarts.com).

**Ben Böhmer "Bloom Live North America Tour":** 8 p.m. Friday, March 28, at The Salt Shed Indoors, 1357 N. Elston Ave., Chicago. Dance/electronic. \$49.50-\$99.50. [saltshedchicago.com](http://saltshedchicago.com).

**Freddy Jones Band:** 8 p.m. Friday, March 28, at Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. Alternative rock. \$29-\$49. [desplainestheatre.com](http://desplainestheatre.com).

**John Grant:** 8 p.m. Friday, March 28, at Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Alternative folk. \$25-\$35. [evanstonspacemusic.com](http://evanstonspacemusic.com).

**Marc Maron "All In":** 8 p.m. Friday, March 28, at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Stand-up comedy. \$49.50-\$69.50. [northshorecenter.org](http://northshorecenter.org).

**Will Hoge:** 8 p.m. Friday, March 28, at The Venue, 21 S. Broadway, Aurora. American roots music. \$25-\$30; \$5 more at the door. [themusicvenue.org](http://themusicvenue.org).

**Nino, Evgenia, Dimas:** 9 p.m. Friday, March 28, at Joe's Live Rosemont, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont. World music. \$55. [joesliverosemont.com](http://joesliverosemont.com).

## Saturday, March 29

**Shipshewana on the Road:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 29, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at the Kane County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 525 S. Randall Road, St. Charles. Gifts, goods and craft show. \$5 or \$8 for a two-day pass; free for kids 12 and younger. [shipshewanaontheroad.com](http://shipshewanaontheroad.com).

**Drew Wiegman:** 7 p.m. Saturday, March 29, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 30, in the Mainstage Theatre at

College of Lake County, 19351 W. Washington St., Grayslake. Cellist and TikTok sensation. \$20-\$40. [jlcenter.cllinois.edu](http://jlcenter.cllinois.edu).

**The Chicago Experience, A Tribute to Rock with Horns:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, 111 W. Campbell St., Arlington Heights. Chicago tribute band. [metropolispresents.com](http://metropolispresents.com).

**Sons of the Never Wrong:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at Hey Nonny, 10 S. Vail Ave., Arlington Heights. Art folk combining influences of folk, jazz, pop and rock. \$12-\$30. [heynonny.com](http://heynonny.com).

**TAIKOPROJECT:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg. Blend of traditional taiko and innovative aesthetics with percussive power, dynamic music and graceful choreography. \$45-\$55. [prairiecenter.org](http://prairiecenter.org).

**Cooper Alan "To The Bar Tour":** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at Joe's Live Rosemont, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont. Country. \$25. [joesliverosemont.com](http://joesliverosemont.com).

**Kraftwerk:** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress Parkway, Chicago. Bringing together electronic-music, computer animations and performance art. Tickets start at \$59.50. [auditoriumtheatre.org](http://auditoriumtheatre.org).

**Los Rieleros Del Norte, Bryndis Por Siempre:** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. World music. \$49.50-\$193.50. [rosemont.com/theatre](http://rosemont.com/theatre).

## Sunday, March 30

**Senior Follies:** 2 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg. Popular talent show featuring local senior citizens. \$7. [prairiecenter.org](http://prairiecenter.org).

**Orrin Evans: A 50th Birthday Jazz Piano Celebration:** 3 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at Barrington's White House, 145 W. Main St., Barrington. Celebrate Grammy-nominated jazz pianist Orrin Evans' 50th birthday with a solo piano concert, followed by cake and champagne. \$45, free for students 18 and younger with a paid adult ticket. [barringtonswhitehouse.com](http://barringtonswhitehouse.com).

**Great Elgin Pipe Organ Tour:** 4 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at First Presbyterian Church, 240 Standish St., Elgin. A freewill offering. [fcc-elgin.org/organ-tour](http://fcc-elgin.org/organ-tour).

**Illinois Rock & Roll Museum Hall Of Fame Induction Ceremony:** 6 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at Rialto Square Theatre, 102 N. Chicago St., Joliet. Inductions to artist/performer category include Richard Marx, Smashing Pumpkins, Howlin' Wolf, Little Walter and Bo Diddley. \$49-\$69. [rialtosquare.com](http://rialtosquare.com).

**Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons:** 7 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at the Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan. "The Last Encores" celebrates the artist's career and the timeless music he helped create. \$69-\$125. [geneseetheatre.com](http://geneseetheatre.com).

**Shemekia Copeland:** 8 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Blues. \$28.50. [evanstonspacemusic.com](http://evanstonspacemusic.com).

## Monday, March 31

**Deftones "North American Tour 2025":** 7 p.m. Monday, March 31, at United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., Chicago. Tickets start at \$74.50. [unitedcenter.com](http://unitedcenter.com).

**Joe Lovano's Paramount Quartet:** 7 and 9:30 p.m. Monday, March 31, at Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Grammy Award-winning jazz saxophone titan. \$35. [evanstonspacemusic.com](http://evanstonspacemusic.com).

## Tuesday, April 1

**Snow Patrol "North American Tour":** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, at The Salt Shed, 1357 N. Elston Ave., Chicago. \$55-\$150. [saltshedchicago.com](http://saltshedchicago.com).

## Wednesday, April 2

**Kylie Minogue's "Tension Tour":** 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 2, at the Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Pop. Tickets start at \$59.50. [rosemont.com/allstate](http://rosemont.com/allstate).

**Patterson Hood with Lydia Loveless:** 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, at Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Rock. \$30. [evanstonspacemusic.com](http://evanstonspacemusic.com).

**"Moulin Rouge the Musical":** Various times Tuesday through Sunday, April 2-20, at Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St., Chicago. Remixed in a new musical mashup. \$40-\$120. [broadwayinchicago.com](http://broadwayinchicago.com).

## Thursday, April 3

**Hey There: The Music of Rosemary Clooney:** 1 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, 111 W. Campbell St., Arlington Heights. Actress Kaity Paschetto portrays Rosemary Clooney with a backing trio. \$35-\$39. [metropolispresents.com](http://metropolispresents.com).

**Nick Swardson:** 7 p.m. Thursday, April 3, and 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 4-5, at the Chicago Improv, 5 Woodfield Road, Schaumburg. Stand-up comedy. \$35-\$50. [improv.com/chicago](http://improv.com/chicago).

**Daryl Hall:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan. Daryl Hall with special guest Glenn Tilbrook of Squeeze. \$80-\$149. [geneseetheatre.com](http://geneseetheatre.com).

**HWASA:** 8 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress Parkway, Chicago. Tickets start at \$59.50. [auditoriumtheatre.org](http://auditoriumtheatre.org).

## Friday, April 4

**Jay Mohr Standup Comedy:** 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 4-5, at the Comedy Vault, 18 E. Wilson St., Batavia. Known for "Saturday Night Live" and "Jerry Maguire." \$30. [comedyvaultbatavia.com](http://comedyvaultbatavia.com).

**Chanticleer:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 4, at Armerding Center for Music and the Arts Concert Hall, 520 E. Kenilworth Ave., Wheaton. The Grammy Award-winning vocal ensemble performs music from multiple eras and styles. Preconcert talk is at 6:30 p.m. \$11.80-\$54.28. [tickets.wheaton.edu](http://tickets.wheaton.edu).

**MJ Live:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 4, at the Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan. Michael Jackson tribute. VIP package includes postshow meet-and-greet. \$39-\$79. [geneseetheatre.com](http://geneseetheatre.com).

**Piano Battle:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 4, at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg. Two rival pianists with different styles, techniques and artistic personalities vie for audience votes. \$45-\$55. [prairiecenter.org](http://prairiecenter.org).

## Second Hand News: A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac

**Mac:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 4, at the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, 111 W. Campbell St., Arlington Heights. Re-creates experience of seeing Fleetwood Mac in their heyday. \$35-\$40. [metropolispresents.com](http://metropolispresents.com).

**"The Three Musketeers":** 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, April 4-13, at Woodstock Opera House, 121 W. Van Buren St., Woodstock. Ken Ludwig's play inspired by Alexandre Dumas' classic tale. \$15-\$33. [theatre121.org](http://theatre121.org).

**38 Special:** 8 p.m. Friday, April 4, at the Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. Southern rock. \$69-\$119. [desplainestheatre.com](http://desplainestheatre.com).

**GreenRoom's First Fridays Improv:** 8 p.m. Fridays, April 4 and May 2, at Hemmens Theatre in the Round, 45 Symphony Way, Elgin. \$15-\$20. [hemmens.org](http://hemmens.org).

**Jefferson Starship:** 8 p.m. Friday, April 4, at The Event Center at Rivers Casino Des Plaines, 3000 S. River Road, Des Plaines. One of the top arena rock bands of '70s and '80s. \$45-\$62. [riverscasino.com](http://riverscasino.com).

**Maddox Batson "Road to Indio":** 8 p.m. Friday, April 4, at Joe's Live Rosemont, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont. Combining modern neo-traditional country music with a touch of Southern rock and pop. \$25-\$150. [joesliverosemont.com](http://joesliverosemont.com).

## Saturday, April 5

**DuPage Collector's Expo:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, Buildings 2 and 3, 2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton. Free appraisals. [dupagecountyfair.org/event](http://dupagecountyfair.org/event).

**"Are You Ready For It? A Taylor Experience":** 7 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at Rookies Rochaus, 96 W. Main St., West Dundee. Featuring a live band tribute to Taylor Swift. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets start at \$25. [rochaus.com](http://rochaus.com).

**Brooks & Dunn "Neon Moon Tour 2025":** 7 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at the Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Country, with special guest David Lee Murphy. \$39.75-\$229.50. [rosemont.com/allstate](http://rosemont.com/allstate).

**"Classical Jazz":** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at the Baker Community Center, 101 S. Second St., St. Charles. Jazzy, big band versions of symphonic movements from Beethoven, Brahms, Mahler and Copland as arranged and performed by John Dorhauer and his Heisenberg Uncertainty Players. \$30. [norrisculturalarts.com](http://norrisculturalarts.com).

**Elgin Symphony's Sibelius & Tchaikovsky:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at the Hemmens, 45 Symphony Way, Elgin. Elgin Symphony Orchestra, led by Music Director Chad Goodman, presents Sibelius' Symphony No. 5 and Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto, featuring Sphinx Competition winner violinist Samuel Vargas. "Fiesta!" by Jimmy Lopez is also on the program. \$20-\$65; \$10 students. [ElginSymphony.org](http://ElginSymphony.org).

**Foghat:** 8 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at the Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. Special guest Pat Travers band. \$49-\$99. [desplainestheatre.com](http://desplainestheatre.com).

**Love The 80s & 90s Tour:** 8 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. The Jets, Naughty by Nature and more. \$49-\$250. [rosemont.com/theatre](http://rosemont.com/theatre).

## Sunday, April 6

**Great Midwest Train Show:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, April 6, May 4 and June 1, at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 W. Manchester Road, Over 300 tables of new and used model trains, accessories, parts and more for sale. \$8, free for kids 11 and younger with a paid adult. [trainshow.com](http://trainshow.com).

**"Stefanie & Friends in An Afternoon of Music":** 3 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at the Theatre at Meiley-Swallow Hall, 31 S. Ellsworth St., Naperville. Stefanie Brinegar will perform pop, rock and country. \$25. [northcentralcollege.edu](http://northcentralcollege.edu).

**Tina Fey and Amy Poehler's "Restless Leg Tour":** 3 and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Comedy. Tickets start at \$97.50. [rosemont.com/theatre](http://rosemont.com/theatre).

## Tuesday, April 8

**Engelbert Humperdinck:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, at Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. "The Last Waltz Farewell Tour" with special guest Tony Ocean. \$59-\$109. [desplainestheatre.com](http://desplainestheatre.com).

## Wednesday, April 9

**"The Lewis and Clark Expedition":** 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, at Baker Community Center, 101 S. Second St., St. Charles. Terry Lynch's portrayal of legendary explorer Meriwether Lewis. Free. [norrisculturalarts.com](http://norrisculturalarts.com).

## Thursday, April 10

**Critical Role Live:** 7 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at Wintrust Arena, 200 E. Cermak Road, Chicago. Audience will vote to decide which of original main campaign characters the founding members of Critical Role will play for the evening. Tickets start at \$250. [wintrustarena.com](http://wintrustarena.com).

**The Brit Pack:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at the

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Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan. Performing songs by celebrated British rock bands, including The Beatles, Queen, The Who, Oasis, The Cure, Tears for Fears and more. \$34. [genesetheatre.com](http://genesetheatre.com).

**CSO and The Joffrey Ballet:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 10-11, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 13, at the Chicago Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago. Joffrey Ballet dancers perform two new dances in a program that features Haydn, Bologne and Milhaud. \$55-\$399. [cso.org](http://cso.org).

**Ani DiFranco with special guest Wrynn:** 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 10-11, at Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St., Chicago. Folk, punk, hip-hop, soul and electronic. \$45. [thaliahallchicago.com](http://thaliahallchicago.com).

**COD Theatre's "Our Town":** 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays, April 10-19, and additional matinee at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at Playhouse Theatre, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. College of DuPage Theatre production of Thornton Wilder classic, directed by Amelia Barrett. \$14-\$16. [atthemac.org](http://atthemac.org).

**Jack White "No Name Tour":** 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 10-11, The Salt Shed, 1357 N. Elston Ave., Chicago. \$79.50-\$150. [saltshedchicago.com](http://saltshedchicago.com).

**Friday, April 11**

**Chicago Comic & Entertainment Expo (C2E2):** 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 11-12, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 13, in the South Building at McCormick Place, 2301 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago. Pop culture convention featuring comics, cosplay, gaming, wrestling and anime, with celebrity guests, vendors, special events and more. \$124 for a three-day ticket; \$59 for Friday; \$69 a day for Saturday or Sunday; discounts for kids with a paid adult. [c2e2.com](http://c2e2.com).

**Axiom Brass Quintet:** 7 p.m. Friday, April 11, at the Gorton Center, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest. "Love, Mystery and Despair" highlights Piazzolla's mastery of tangos, Cacilda Borges Barbosa's harmonies and a new bossa-nova-inspired composition from Lillian Lee. \$15-\$35. [gortoncenter.org](http://gortoncenter.org).

**"99th & Nowhere":** 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, April 11-27, at Steel Beam Theatre, 111 W. Main St., St. Charles. A world premiere work by local playwright Gary McGowan's dark comedy. \$22-\$28. [steelbeamtheatre.com](http://steelbeamtheatre.com).

**"Diary of a Wimpy Kid":** 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 11-12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 13, at the Hemmens, 45 Symphony Way, Elgin. Children's Theatre of Elgin presents Jeff Kinney's popular character taking center stage. The Saturday night performance will feature ASL interpretation. \$14-\$16. [cteelingin.com/shows](http://cteelingin.com/shows).

**Saturday, April 12**

**Collect-A-Con:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 12, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 13, at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont. Trading card, anime and pop culture convention. Tickets start at \$55 for both days, \$40 for Saturday, \$35 for Sunday; free for kids 7 and younger. [collectaconusa.com](http://collectaconusa.com).

**Myles Smith's "We Were Never Strangers Tour":** 7 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at The Salt Shed, 1357 N. Elston Ave., Chicago. \$124.50. [saltshedchicago.com](http://saltshedchicago.com).

**"The Mystical Arts of Tibet":** 7 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at ECC's Blizzard Theatre, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. The monks of Drepung Loseling Monastery present authentic, sacred Tibetan arts. \$32. [eccartscenter.org](http://eccartscenter.org).

**New Philharmonic:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 12, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 13, at Belushi Performance Hall, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. Violinist Yang Liu performs Butterfly Lovers Concerto, an orchestral adaptation of a Chinese story of two lovers, sepa-

rated by fate and transformed into two magnificent butterflies. Also: Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony. \$55-\$57. [atthemac.org/new-philharmonic](http://atthemac.org/new-philharmonic).

**St. Charles Singers' "The Passing of the Year":** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 12, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 13, at Baker Memorial United Methodist Church, 307 Cedar Ave., St. Charles. \$12-\$45. [stcharlessingers.com](http://stcharlessingers.com).

**Parsons Dance:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress Parkway, Chicago. Contemporary American dance. Tickets start at \$30. [auditoriumtheatre.org](http://auditoriumtheatre.org).

**"An Evening With David Sedaris":** 8 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora. The author, humorist, playwright and memoirist reads excerpts from his essays and books. \$57-\$67. [paramountaurora.com](http://paramountaurora.com).

**Los Tucanes De Tijuana:** 8 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at the Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont. World music. \$69-\$239. [rosemont.com](http://rosemont.com).

**Sunday, April 13**

**"The Spy Who Serenaded Me":** 3 p.m. Sunday, April 13, at Forest View Educational Center, 2121 S. Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights. Arlington Heights Community Concert Band will perform music with spy-related themes. Reserve a free ticket at [arlingtonheightsband.org](http://arlingtonheightsband.org).

**Elgin Master Chorale's "St. John Passion":** 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 13, at ECC Blizzard Theatre, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. Featured guest Bella Voce Sinfonia joins the Chorale to present J.S. Bach's masterpiece, a dramatic telling of the events of Christ's crucifixion. \$28-\$48. [eccartscenter.org](http://eccartscenter.org).

**J Balvin's "Back To The Rayo Tour":** 8 p.m. Sunday, April 13, at United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., Chicago. Tickets start at \$20.50. [unitedcenter.com](http://unitedcenter.com).

**Monday, April 14**

**"Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit" in Concert:** 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, April 14-15, at Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph Drive, Chicago. Experience the musical world of J.R.R. Tolkien with a film orchestra, choir and guests. Tickets start at \$79.99. [harristheaterchicago.org](http://harristheaterchicago.org).

**Tuesday, April 15**

**"Avatar: The Last Airbender" in Concert:** 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, at the Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph Drive, Chicago. Experience the music from the movie live in concert. Tickets start at \$79.99. [harristheaterchicago.org](http://harristheaterchicago.org).

**The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, at Chicago Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago. The 12-member ensemble offer their quicksilver arrangements and dry British humor. \$29-\$99. [cso.org](http://cso.org).

**Wednesday, April 16**

**The Magical Music of Harry Potter:** 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, at the Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph Drive, Chicago. Experience the music of "Harry Potter" featuring iconic soundtracks by John Williams and more. Tickets start at \$79.99. [harristheaterchicago.org](http://harristheaterchicago.org).

**The Jazz Ambassadors of the United States Army Field Band:**

7 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, at the Rave Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. The official touring big band of the United States Army. Free. [rauecenter.org](http://rauecenter.org).

**The Music of Hans Zimmer and Others:** 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, at the Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph Drive, Chicago. A celebration of film music, including "Top Gun," "Dune," the James Bond films, "The Lion King" and more. Tickets start at \$79.99. [harristheaterchicago.org](http://harristheaterchicago.org).

**Thursday, April 17**

**Ha\*Ash "Haashville Tour":** 8 p.m. Thursday, April 17, at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. \$37-\$235. [rosemont.com/theatre](http://rosemont.com/theatre).

**Friday, April 18**

**The Millennium Tour:** 8 p.m. Friday, April 18, at the Wintrust Arena, 200 E. Cermak Road, Chicago. Lineup includes Trey Songz, Omarion, Bow Wow, Plies, Boosie, Ying Yang Twins, RSVP, Nivea and a special guest appearance by Rick Ross. Tickets start at \$69.75. [wintrustarena.com](http://wintrustarena.com).

**San Fermin:** 8 p.m. Friday, April 18, at Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St., Chicago. 10th anniversary of their album "Jackrabbit." \$25-\$35. [thaliahallchicago.com](http://thaliahallchicago.com).

**Saturday, April 19**

**"The Addams Family":** 3 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at the Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan. Musical comedy in which Wednesday invites her new boyfriend and his parents over to meet Gomez, Morticia and the rest of the family. \$35-\$89. [genesetheatre.com](http://genesetheatre.com).

**The Doo Wop Project:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at Belushi Performance Hall, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. Starring five leading men from "Jersey Boys," "Motown: The Musical," "Beautiful" and "A Bronx Tale," this new show features fresh renditions of classic doo wop hits as well as "doowopified" versions of contemporary songs like Adele's "Rolling in the Deep" and Garth Brooks' "Friends in Low Places." \$46-\$64. [atthemac.org](http://atthemac.org).

**Kishi Bashi:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress Parkway, Chicago. Emmy-winning recording artist performs with the Chicago Philharmonic. Tickets start at \$59. [auditoriumtheatre.org](http://auditoriumtheatre.org).

**We Them One's Comedy Tour:** 8 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at the Wintrust Arena, 200 E. Cermak Road, Chicago. Tickets start at \$65.50. [wintrustarena.com](http://wintrustarena.com).

**Wednesday, April 23**

**Ellis Paul:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Folk music, with Sadie Gustafson-Zook. \$20-\$35. [evanstonspacemusic.com](http://evanstonspacemusic.com).

**Jim Henson's "Labyrinth" In Concert:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, at the Riviera Theatre, 4746 N. Racine Ave., Chicago. Full movie as a live band performs in sync with David Bowie's original vocals. Tickets start at \$34.50. [jamusa.com](http://jamusa.com).

**Thursday, April 24**

**Shen Yun:** 2 p.m. Thursday, April 24; 7 p.m. Friday, April 25; 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 26; and 1 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Classical Chinese dance, live orchestral music and authentic costumes. Tickets start at \$80. [rosemont.com/theatre](http://rosemont.com/theatre).

**BoyWithUke:** 7 p.m. Thursday, April 24, at the Aragon Ballroom, 1106 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. "Burnout World Tour" with Ethan Bortnick. Tickets start at \$48.25. [bylinebankaragonballroom.com](http://bylinebankaragonballroom.com).

**"The Serpent Lady":** 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 24-25; 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26; and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at the Theatre at Meiley-Swallow, 31 S. Ellsworth St., Naperville. North Central College theater production of a commedia dell'arte fairy tale about Cherestani, the Fairy Queen, and her mortal husband overcoming numerous magical obstacles to be together. \$12. [northcentralcollege.edu/show/serpent-lady](http://northcentralcollege.edu/show/serpent-lady).

**Friday, April 25**

**Expo Chicago:** 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 25-26, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at Navy Pier's Festival Hall, 600 E. Grand Ave., Chicago. Contemporary art fair featuring more than 170 leading galleries from 36 countries and 93 cities. Tickets start at \$30 for one day, \$55 for three days. [expochicago.com](http://expochicago.com).

**Spiritbox:** 6 p.m. Friday, April 25, at the Aragon Ballroom, 1106 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. "Tsunami Sea North American Tour." \$63.75. [bylinebankaragonballroom.com](http://bylinebankaragonballroom.com).

**Denzel Curry "Mischiefous South Tour":** 7 p.m. Friday, April 25, at The Salt Shed, 1357 N. Elston Ave., Chicago. \$42.50-\$95. [saltshedchicago.com](http://saltshedchicago.com).

**512 The Selena Experience:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 25, at the Hemmens, 45 Symphony Way, Elgin. Performing all of Selena's hits, including "Como La Flor," "Amor Prohibido," "Si Una Vez," "Bidi Bidi Bom Bom" and more. \$35-\$54. [hemmens.org](http://hemmens.org).

**Brightside Theatre's "A Midsummer Night's Dream":** 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, April 25 through May 11, at North Central College's Theatre at Meiley-Swallow Hall, 31 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville. Shakespeare's magical journey where love potions, mischievous fairies, and star-crossed lovers collide in a whirlwind of comedy and romance. \$32-\$37. [brightsidedtheatre.com/dream](http://brightsidedtheatre.com/dream).

**ECC Theatre's "That Day in Tucson":** 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays, April 25 through May 4, at Elgin Community College's SecondSpace, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. ECC Theatre's production of the drama centering around Congresswoman Gabrielle Gifford, who becomes a victim in a shooting rampage, and young intern Daniel Hernandez Jr., who rushes to her rescue and helps save her life. \$12-\$14. [eccartscenter.org/events/theatre](http://eccartscenter.org/events/theatre).

**OK Go:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 25, at the Riviera Theatre, 4746 N. Racine Ave., Chicago. "The Adjacent Possible Tour." Tickets start at \$39.75. [jamusa.com](http://jamusa.com).

**Katt Williams' "Heaven on Earth Tour":** 8 p.m. Friday, April 25, at the United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., Chicago. Comedy. Tickets start at \$65. [unitedcenter.com](http://unitedcenter.com).

**Maddie & Tae:** 8 p.m. Friday, April 25, at Joe's Live Rosemont, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont. "The Love & Light Tour." \$11-\$22. [joesliveroosemont.com](http://joesliveroosemont.com).

**The Smithereens:** 8 p.m. Friday, April 25, at the Center Theater at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. With guest vocalist John Cowsill. Tickets start at \$45. [northshorecenter.org](http://northshorecenter.org).

**Theo Von "Return of the Rat":** 8 p.m. Friday, April 25, at the Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Comedy. Tickets start at \$35. [rosemont.com/allstate](http://rosemont.com/allstate).

**Saturday, April 26**

**Chicago Civil War Show and Sale:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, Building 1, 2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton. Civil War artifacts, collector arms, cavalry swords, historical autographs, pictures, coins, currency and more. Early buyer admission at 8 a.m. for \$25. \$20; free for kids 12 and younger with a paid adult. [zurkoprromotions.com](http://zurkoprromotions.com).

**Naperville Chorus:** 3 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Wentz Concert Hall, 171 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville. Performance of "Ein Deutsches Requiem" by Johannes Brahms. \$25-\$30. [northcentralcollege.edu](http://northcentralcollege.edu).

**Bullet for My Valentine & Trivium:** 6 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at the Aragon Ballroom, 1106 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. The Poisoned Ascendancy Tour. Tickets start at \$72.25. [bylinebankaragonballroom.com](http://bylinebankaragonballroom.com).

**"The Goonies" in Concert:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Ida B. Wells Drive, Chicago. The Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra plays the entire Dave Grusin score live along with a screening of the film. \$69.50-\$99.50. [chicagophilharmonic.org](http://chicagophilharmonic.org).

**The Greatest Piano Men:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at the Belushi Performance Hall, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. Celebrates world's greatest piano icons and showmen in music history — from Little Richard, Jerry Lee Lewis and Ray Charles to Stevie Wonder, Elton John and Billy Joel. \$48-\$66. [atthemac.org](http://atthemac.org).

## things to do

**Varietopia with Paul F. Tompkins:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at the Riviera Theatre, 4746 N. Racine Ave., Chicago. Contemporary comedy, music and other live entertainment hosted by comedian Paul F. Tompkins. \$35-\$50. [lh-st.com](http://lh-st.com).

**Larry Fleet:** 8 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Joe's Live Rosemont, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont. \$25. [joesliverosemont.com](http://joesliverosemont.com).

### Sunday, April 27

**Masterpieces of Chamber Music:** 3 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at Barrington's White House, 145 W. Main St., Barrington. Elgin Symphony string quartet. \$30; free for kids 18 and younger with a paid adult. [barringtonwhitehouse.com/event](http://barringtonwhitehouse.com/event).

**Black Violin:** 4 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at the Belushi Performance Hall, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. The two-time Grammy-nominated duo Kev Marcus and Wil Baptiste fuse classical and hip-hop. \$65-\$75. [athemac.org](http://athemac.org).

**Great Elgin Pipe Organ Tour:** 4 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 357 Division St., Elgin. Free will offering. [fcc-elgin.org/organ-tour](http://fcc-elgin.org/organ-tour).

### Monday, April 28

**Charli XCX:** 8 p.m. Monday, April 28, at the Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont. "Brat 2025 Arena Tour." Tickets start at \$140. [rosemont.com/allstate](http://rosemont.com/allstate).

### Tuesday, April 29

**Wouldn't It Be Loverly, The Music of Julie Andrews:** 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, at ECC Arts Center's Blizzard Theatre, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. All-star cast performs songs from Julie Andrews' repertoire. \$32. [eccartscenter.org/events/midday-matinees](http://eccartscenter.org/events/midday-matinees).

### Wednesday, April 30

**"Cats":** 1:30 and 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays; 3 and 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 1 and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, April 30 through June 15, at the Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora. No matinee on April 30. Paramount's creative team has reenvisioned the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical with a circus tent full of notable cats in a spectacle of contortion, juggling and aerialists. \$28-\$85. [paramountaurora.com](http://paramountaurora.com).

### Thursday, May 1

**"Rock of Ages":** 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, May 1-25, plus 2 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays starting May 10, at the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, 111 W. Campbell St., Arlington Heights. Jukebox musical featuring rock anthems and power ballads. Tickets start at \$24. [metropolisarts.com](http://metropolisarts.com).

**Voyage, Celebrating The Music of Journey:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 1, at the Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan. Journey tribute band. \$39-\$55. [geneseeatre.com](http://geneseeatre.com).

**Reggie Watts Live:** 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 1, at Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St., Chicago. \$39.50. [thaliahallchicago.com](http://thaliahallchicago.com).

### Friday, May 2

**Emergence Dance Concert:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 2, at McAninch Arts Center's Belushi Performance Hall, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. Featuring choreography and performances by College of DuPage students and faculty and guest artists from the Chicago area. \$5-\$10. [athemac.org](http://athemac.org).

**Dweezil Zappa:** 8 p.m. Friday, May 2, at the Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. The son of iconic musician Frank Zappa in his "Rox(pos-trophy) Tour." \$69-\$129. [desplainestheatre.com](http://desplainestheatre.com).

### Saturday, May 3

**The Lennon Project:** 7 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. Retrospective with Jay Goepner and Soundtracks of A Generation band showcasing the

Beatles in the studio and Lennon's later solo career. \$49-\$69. [rauecenter.org](http://rauecenter.org).

**Elmhurst Symphony's "Brass Brilliance":** 7 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 49 W. Brush Hill Road, Elmhurst. Pianist Sylvia Wang performing Gershwin's "I Got Rhythm Variations." Preconcert talk at 5:45 p.m. \$12-\$45. [elmhurstsymphony.org/brass-brilliance](http://elmhurstsymphony.org/brass-brilliance).

**Elgin Symphony's "The Planets":** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at the Hemmens Cultural Center, 45 Symphony Way, Elgin. The women of the Elgin Master Chorale join the ESO for Holst's "The Planets." \$20-\$65; student tickets \$10. [elginsymphony.org](http://elginsymphony.org).

**iLuminate:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at the McAninch Arts Center's Belushi Performance Hall, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. Multisensory fusion of technology and dance is performed in electrified, glow-in-the-dark suits. \$59-\$75. [athemac.org/events/iluminate](http://athemac.org/events/iluminate).

**Sons of Serendip:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at the Batavia Fine Arts Centre, 1250 W. Wilson St., Batavia. The classical-crossover quartet performs ethereal interpretations of pop music. \$43-\$56. [bataviafineartscentre.org](http://bataviafineartscentre.org).

### Sunday, May 4

**Spyro Gyra:** 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at the Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. Jazz super group. \$49-\$79. [desplainestheatre.com](http://desplainestheatre.com).

### Monday, May 5

**ECC Concert Choir:** 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 5, at Elgin Community College's Blizzard Theater, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. An evening of choral music from many eras under the direction of Chris Cherry. \$12; \$10 for seniors and youth. [eccartscenter.org](http://eccartscenter.org).

### Tuesday, May 6

**"Hadestown":** 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays; 7:30 p.m. Fridays; 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays; and 1 p.m. Sundays, May 6-18, at CIBC Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St., Chicago. The Tony Award-winning musical. [broadwayinchicago.com/shows/hadestown](http://broadwayinchicago.com/shows/hadestown).

**Ichiko Aoba's "Luminescent Creatures World Tour":** 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, May 6-7, at Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St., Chicago. Japanese singer, songwriter, composer and multi-instrumentalist. \$35-\$390. [thaliahallchicago.com](http://thaliahallchicago.com).

### Wednesday, May 7

**"The Creation of Carousel":** 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, at the Baker Community Center, 101 S. Second St., St. Charles. Theater historian Charles Troy on 80th anniversary of Rodgers & Hammerstein's musical "Carousel." Free. [norrisculturalarts.com](http://norrisculturalarts.com).

**ECC Concert Band:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, at Elgin Community College's Blizzard Theater, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. \$12; \$10 for seniors and youth. [eccartscenter.org](http://eccartscenter.org).

### Thursday, May 8

**Trifecta Dance Festival:** 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, May 8-10, at Ruth Page Center for the Arts, 1016 N. Dearborn St., Chicago. Ticket prices vary by event. [trifectadance.org](http://trifectadance.org).

**Allison Russell's "All Returners Tour":** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at The Vic Theatre, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave., Chicago. \$25. \$25. [thaliahallchicago.com](http://thaliahallchicago.com).

**"Attack on Titan":** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress Parkway, Chicago. Tickets start at \$53. [auditoriumtheatre.org](http://auditoriumtheatre.org).

**ECC Steel Bands:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at Elgin Community College's Blizzard Theater, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. Calypso, reggae, rock and more. \$12; \$10 seniors, youth. [eccartscenter.org](http://eccartscenter.org).

### Friday, May 9

**International Gem & Jewelry Show:** Noon to 6 p.m. Friday, May 9; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 10;

and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 11, at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont. \$6 online, \$8 at door. [intergem.com](http://intergem.com).

**Chicago Sinfonietta's "Tonal Transformation":** 7 p.m. Friday, May 9, at Wentz Concert Hall, 171 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville. \$55-\$65. [northcentralcollege.edu](http://northcentralcollege.edu).

**DuPage Community Jazz Ensemble:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 9, at Belushi Performance Hall, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. \$7. [athemac.org](http://athemac.org).

**"Miss Holmes Returns":** 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, May 9-18, in Elmhurst. Staged reading based on Arthur Conan Doyle characters. [greenmantheatre.org](http://greenmantheatre.org).

**"Twelfth Night":** 7:30 p.m. Fridays, May 9 and 23; 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, May 10-24; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at Batavia City Hall, 100 N. Island Ave., 3rd floor, Batavia. \$18-\$23. [albrighttheatre.com](http://albrighttheatre.com).

**"The Value of Moscow":** 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, May 9-18, at the Elgin Art Showcase, 164 Division St., 8th floor, Elgin. Elgin Theatre Company's Chicago-area premiere of Amy Dellagiarino's dark comedy about three sisters. \$23-\$25. [elgin-theatre.org](http://elgin-theatre.org).

**Rauw Alejandro:** 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 9-10, at the United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., Chicago. Tickets start at \$122. [unitedcenter.com](http://unitedcenter.com).

### Saturday, May 10

**Maifest:** Noon to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 10-11, at Buffalo Creek Brewing, 360 Historical Lane, Long Grove. Usher in new season around the maypole. Free admission. [buffalocreekbrewing.com](http://buffalocreekbrewing.com).

**Lynyrd Skynyrd performed by Classic Albums Live:** 7 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at the Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan. Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute. \$35. [geneseeatre.com](http://geneseeatre.com).

### Sunday, May 11

**EYSO "Image":** 1:30, 4:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 11, at Elgin Community College's Blizzard Theater, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestras closes its 49th season continuing the theme of "Soundscapes." \$16-\$27. [EYSO.org](http://EYSO.org).

**DuPage Chorale:** 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 11, at Belushi Performance Hall, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. Patrick O'Shea directs this community chorus featuring adult singers of all voice types and ages. \$7-\$17. [athemac.org](http://athemac.org).

### Monday, May 12

**Katy Perry:** 7 p.m. Monday, May 12, at United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., Chicago. "The Lifetimes Tour." Tickets start at \$74.50. [unitedcenter.com](http://unitedcenter.com).

**DuPage Community Band:** 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 12, at Belushi Performance Hall, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. \$7. [athemac.org](http://athemac.org).

**ECC Hip-Hop Ensemble:** 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 12, at Elgin Community College's SecondSpace, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. \$12; \$10 for seniors and youth. [eccartscenter.org](http://eccartscenter.org).

### Tuesday, May 13

**COD Percussion Ensemble:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at Belushi Performance Hall, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. An eclectic mix of world drumming, pop arrangements, original compositions for percussion ensemble, and classics from the minimalist schools. \$7. [athemac.org](http://athemac.org).

**"The Crowd You're in With":** 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, May 13 through June 14, with an additional matinee at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 7, at Village Guild Theatre, Park Boulevard and Butterfield Road, Glen Ellyn. \$25. [villageheatreguild.com](http://villageheatreguild.com).

**ECC Jazz Ensemble:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at Elgin Community College's Blizzard Theater, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. \$12; \$10 for seniors and youth. [eccartscenter.org](http://eccartscenter.org).

### Wednesday, May 14

**COD Chamber Orchestra:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, at Belushi Performance Hall, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. \$7. [athemac.org](http://athemac.org).

**ECC American Roots Ensemble:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, at Elgin Community College's SecondSpace, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. \$12; \$10 for seniors and youth. [eccartscenter.org](http://eccartscenter.org).

### Thursday, May 15

**COD Guitar Ensemble:** 11 a.m. Thursday, May 15, at McAninch Arts Center Room 140, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. Free. [athemac.org](http://athemac.org).

**COD Chamber Singers and Concert Choir:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 15, at Belushi Performance Hall, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. \$7. [athemac.org](http://athemac.org).

### Friday, May 16

**"Sesame Street Live! Say Hello!":** 6 p.m. Friday, May 16, at the Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan. \$35-\$55. [geneseeatre.com](http://geneseeatre.com).

**Bill Bellamy:** 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 16-17, and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at the Chicago Improv, 5 Woodland Road, Schaumburg. Comedy. \$35-\$50. [improv.com/chicago](http://improv.com/chicago).

**COD Jazz/Pop Ensemble:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 16, at Belushi Performance Hall, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. \$7. [athemac.org](http://athemac.org).

### Saturday, May 17

**32nd annual Chicago Drum Show:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18, at the Prairie Events Center at the Kane County Fairgrounds, 525 S. Randall Road, St. Charles. \$20; \$10 for kids 5-12; two-day pass: \$40; \$20 for kids 5-12; \$100 VIP pass with early access from noon to 6 p.m. [chicagodrumshow2025.com](http://chicagodrumshow2025.com)

**Laura Wright and Finola Hughes:** 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at Comedy Vault, 18 E. Wilson St., Batavia. Laura Wright and Finola Hughes, two superstars of daytime television, take the stage to talk all things "General Hospital" and answer your questions. VIP tickets for \$99 include a meet-and-greet after the show with limited autographs and photo ops. \$45. [comedyvaultbatavia.com](http://comedyvaultbatavia.com).

**DuPage Symphony's "Mexican Montage":** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at Wentz Concert Hall, 171 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville. \$5-\$48. [dupagesymphony.org](http://dupagesymphony.org).

**Hiplet Ballerinas:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress Parkway, Chicago. Fiery fusion of classical pointe technique, hip-hop and other dance styles. Tickets start at \$39. [auditoriumtheatre.org](http://auditoriumtheatre.org).

**Simply Wally! The Man of Many Voices:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 17, Baker Community Center, 101 S. Second St., St. Charles. Wally Swiatty brings a talented quartet of sidemen for a performance that covers a wide range of musical eras, styles and influences. \$30. [norrisculturalarts.com](http://norrisculturalarts.com).

### Sunday, May 18

**Moonshine Sonata:** 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at The Venue, 21 S. Broadway Ave., Aurora, and 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 19, at The Haight, 166 Symphony Way, Elgin. \$25-\$45. [chambermusiconthefox.org](http://chambermusiconthefox.org).

**360 Allstars:** 4 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at the Hemmens, 45 Symphony Way, Elgin. A reinvention of the circus combining BMX, basketball, breakdancing, acrobatics, drumming and more with live soundtrack and video projections. \$35-\$54. [hemmens.org](http://hemmens.org).

**Elmhurst Choral Union's Music to Light the Darkness, A Candlelight Experience:** Sunday, May 18, at the Hammerschmidt Chapel, 190 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. Featuring Faure's "Requiem." [elmhurstchoralunion.org/concerts](http://elmhurstchoralunion.org/concerts).

# Randhurst Village: Shopping, dining, entertainment and more

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Submitted by Randhurst Village

Experience the lively, open-air shopping destination of Randhurst Village in Mount Prospect. With over 50 diverse retailers, from popular national brands to beloved local businesses, this dynamic destination has something for everyone — from shopping and dining to entertainment and wellness. But it's not just about retail; Randhurst Village is a true community hub, hosting exciting annual events like Street Fest, where fun, music, and food come together. Plus, with a 120-room Hampton Inn & Suites located right on-site, it's the perfect spot for visitors or staycations, putting you just steps away from all the action.

## Coffee, cocktails & food

In 2024, Randhurst Village welcomed two exciting new restaurants: Altea Viet Coffee & Boba and Hong Dae Korean Bar & Grill, expanding the area's diverse food options. Altea offers a unique blend of traditional and Vietnamese-inspired coffee, boba drinks, and desserts, all made with premium, healthier ingredients. Meanwhile, Hong Dae Korean Bar & Grill brings the bold flavors of Korea to life in a lively atmosphere, with dishes like seafood, bibimbap, short ribs, and pork belly, plus an extensive and creative drink menu. This summer, enjoy alfresco dining at Hong Dae, alongside other favorites like Blackfinn Randhurst Grill, Grade A Café, and Buffalo Wild Wings.

If fast, casual dining is what you need, there is a little something for everyone. From seafood to cold cut sandwiches to tacos to Nashville hot chicken to pizza; you can feed even the pickiest of eaters. From healthy to indulgent treats, the options are endless. For a quick bite in the open air, enjoy outdoor seating at fast, casual spots like Surf's Up, MOD, Panera, Chipotle and more.

## Shop 'til you drop

With coffee in hand and new wardrobe, home



décor, and beauty items on your mind, Randhurst Village is the place to shop. In 2024, Macy's joined the lineup of retailers, adding a unique shopping experience with its small-format store. Offering a carefully curated selection of merchandise, Macy's features both its exclusive private brands and popular market brands. From shoes and beauty products to clothing and accessories, you'll find exactly what you need. Macy's is now part of an impressive roster of national retailers at Randhurst, including HomeGoods, Bath & Body Works, DSW, and Old Navy, making it the perfect destination for your Spring/Summer refresh for yourself, your family and your home.

## Your best self

Show up as your best self this year with the support of our health and wellness businesses. Planet Fitness, Waxing the City, and Hand & Stone Massage and Facials have all recently joined our community, offering a range of services to help you look and feel great. Planet Fitness provides a welcoming gym environment for both first-time gym-goers and seasoned fitness enthusiasts, with a variety of machines and

plenty of space to get your workout in. Waxing the City offers top-notch waxing and beauty services delivered by licensed professionals with comprehensive training, focusing on outstanding service. For ultimate relaxation, Hand & Stone Massage and Facials features skilled massage therapists and estheticians who provide personalized care tailored to your needs. Whether you're seeking a manicure, haircut, massage, waxing, workout, or supplements, Randhurst Village has everything you need to be your best self.

## Entertainment

Randhurst Village is your destination for entertainment. The Golf Factory features indoor golf simulators, perfect for a fun day or evening out with friends, family, or coworkers. Whether you're aiming for a casual game or a friendly competition, you can play in your choice of state or even country. The Golf Factory also boasts a bar and a small food menu to keep you refreshed. If movies are more your style, AMC Theatres offers twelve screening rooms, showcasing the latest blockbusters. Playroom Café is your destination if keeping the little ones entertained while sipping on your favorite caffeinated beverage is your goal. Additionally, Randhurst Village hosts community events that bring even more excitement to the center. Don't miss Street Fest on Saturday, June 21, a day filled with live music, delicious food, kids' activities, and much more. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Get ready for even more exciting additions to Randhurst Village, as we prepare to welcome Meat Moot, Milano Nails, and Time Mission this year! Stay tuned for grand opening updates, new store announcements, and upcoming events in 2025. For a full directory, tenant details, and event info, visit our website at [www.randhurstvillage.com](http://www.randhurstvillage.com). Don't forget to follow us on Facebook (Randhurst Village) and Instagram (@shoprandhurst) for the latest news. We can't wait to see you at Randhurst Village!

# Come to be entertained at Gorton Center

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Submitted by Gorton Center

Looking for an unforgettable night out? Gorton Center is bringing top-tier entertainment to Lake Forest this spring, and you won't want to miss it! From legendary rock anthems to jaw-dropping live art and sidesplitting comedy, there's something for everyone.

## The Ultimate Queen Celebration Saturday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.

Step into the world of Queen with this dynamic tribute led by the incredible Yvan Pedneault that captures the energy and brilliance of Freddie

Mercury and his iconic band. This spectacular show delivers stunning vocals, electrifying performances, and Queen's biggest hits.

## Oil & Water — A Unique Live Painting Event Friday, April 25, 7:30 p.m.

Art comes to life in this extraordinary performance that blends visual art, storytelling, and live music. Witness creativity unfold before your eyes as artists Joe Bednarski and Phil Gayter transform blank canvases into breathtaking works of art in real time. Perfect for art lovers and anyone who enjoys improv and immersive entertainment!



## The Ultimate Queen Celebration

## Comedian Andy Woodhull Saturday, April 26, 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of smart, sharp, and effortlessly funny comedy with Andy Woodhull. Known for his appearances on "The Tonight Show"



## Oil & Water — A Unique Live Painting Event

and "Comedy Central," Woodhull's relatable humor and clever storytelling make for an evening of nonstop laughter.

Gorton Center is your destination for performing arts on the North Shore. Reserve your seats now at [gortoncenter.org](http://gortoncenter.org) and enjoy a spectacular season of entertainment.

# Hands-on Animal Care Adventures offer taste of farm life

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Submitted by St. Charles Park District

Collecting eggs from the chickens and putting out hay for the horses offers a taste of farm life with five different Animal Adventures at Primrose Farm, a facility of the St. Charles Park District.

The historic working farm is inviting guests to help feed, groom and care for its animals. Alison Jones, manager of farm programs and interpretive services, said these classes allow guests of all ages to enjoy animal experiences. Programs range from the simple task feeding chickens to learning farm skills.

A great introduction to the farm life is the Feed the Chickens and Feed the Goats programs. Jones explained that these two programs are popular for preschool-age children, and an adult can easily assist a child.

"Kids will marvel as the chickens flock to them for a treat," said Jones.

For the next level of adventure, try the Chicken and Egg activity where



visitors enter the coop to see, hear and touch the Columbian Wyandotte chickens and help gather farm fresh eggs.

All pickers are welcome to take

home a share of the eggs collected for their own kitchen.

The Animal Adventure: Hold Your Horses gives visitors the opportunity to help groom the farm's Belgian draft horse, Bob, who loves the attention and spending time with people. If you're crazy about horses, this program gives you the opportunity to try basic grooming techniques and learn about equine care practices. If a horse is too large an animal for a child, staff will accommodate by grooming the donkeys or goats.

Or, learn how milk a cow with the Hands On Milking experience where visitors can hand-milk a Jersey cow. There's several lovely ladies to get acquainted with and learn what goes into dairying including breeding, raising and milking the cows.

Advance registration is required. These educational opportunities offer a personal feel and give participants a chance to engage with staff and learn more about the animal care.

Fees range from \$2-\$10 per person. It's best to dress for the weather and



the job, Jones said, adding that closed-toed shoes and long pants are best when working up close with the animals. Ages 15 & under must be accompanied by an adult.

Please note that all activities include interaction with live animals and are subject to the availability and cooperation of said animals.

To register and for more information, visit [primrosefarm.org](http://primrosefarm.org).

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Thursdays

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## Hands-on Milking

Resident \$8 • Nonresident \$10/person

Wednesdays & Saturdays

9am • 9:15am • 9:30am • 9:45am

## Chicken & Egg

Resident \$8 • Nonresident \$10/person

Wednesdays & Saturdays

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## Hold Your Horses

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Activities include interaction with live animals and are subject to the availability and cooperation of said animals. Ages 15 & under must be accompanied by an adult. Advance ticket purchase required.

For more info & to purchase tickets:



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# ECC Arts Center presents 'The Mikado,' celebrating 140 years

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Submitted by ECC Arts Center

Be a part of history on Friday, March 14, when the ECC Arts Center and the New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players celebrate the 140th anniversary of one of the most famous operettas of all time, "The Mikado."

On March 14, 1885, Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Mikado" opened a run of 672 performances of this first production at the Savoy Theatre in London, for an audience that included, among other notables, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh.

"It's an incredible honor for the ECC Arts Center to be part of history with the New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players for the 140th anniversary of the premiere of 'The Mikado,'" said Tommy Hensel, Senior Director, Performing Arts, Elgin Community College. "To present this beloved operetta exactly 140 years after its world premiere at London's Savoy Theatre is a rare and exciting opportunity. This performance not only celebrates the enduring legacy of Gilbert and Sullivan, it reaffirms the ECC Arts Center's commitment to bringing world-class performances to our community."

"The Mikado" is revered as one of the most popular pieces of musical theater of all time, blending sharp satire, witty lyrics, delightful music, and



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humorous social commentary that still resonates today.

The history and inspiration for the New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players production of "The Mikado" is center stage as the real-life characters of London's D'Oyly Carte Opera Company are paired with the imagined setting of the fictional Japanese town of Titipu. At the start, audiences embark on a fantastic voyage where timeless libretto, memorable music and classic characters await. There are the three little maids from school, a wandering minstrel, a hilariously corrupt

public official and a Lord High Executioner with a list of offenders deserving of his services, including himself — for flirting!

At the heart of this story is a love story: a beautiful schoolgirl loves the romantic wandering minstrel, but she is engaged to the executioner. The romantic triangle takes a course of thwarted love, until the arrival of a fearsome noble woman claiming the minstrel as her "perjured lover," and later of The Mikado himself, with his list of punishments to fit the crime. A series of humorous misunderstandings

and satirical twists and turns lead to a happy resolution for all.

More extraordinary experiences await this spring at the ECC Arts Center:

**Comedy with Cathy Ladman, Saturday, March 22, 7 p.m.**

Cathy Ladman's relatable stand-up comedy presents her as the self-probing, anxiety-venting person that she is. She has appeared on "The Tonight Show," "The Late Late Show" with Craig Ferguson, and in HBO comedy specials.

**The Boy Band Project, Friday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.**

Transport back in time when your favorite boy bands dominated pop culture as The Boy Band Project reimagines the iconic sounds of \*NSYNC, Backstreet Boys, New Kids on the Block, and Boys II Men.

**"The Mystical Arts of Tibet: Sacred Music, Sacred Chants for Peace & Healing," April 8-12, Elgin Community College**

The Mystical Arts of Tibet Tour will hold a five-day residency at ECC, featuring the creation of a sand mandala and a series of lectures and performances. Reserve your seats at [eccartscenter.org](http://eccartscenter.org) or call the ECC Box Office at (847) 622-0300.

## Discover the magic of spring with Hoffman Estates Park District

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Submitted by Hoffman Estates Park District

Experience the magic of spring at Hoffman Estates Park District! We are thrilled to offer a lineup of community-focused and family-friendly events from St. Patrick's Day through summer.

Start the season off with a chill at our St. Patrick's Day Skate on March 16 at 11:30 a.m. at the Triphahn Center and Ice Arena. Celebrate with festive music, delicious treats, and fun on the ice. Skaters of all skill levels are invited to join and maybe even find the luck of the Irish!

The excitement continues on March 15 with auditions for "Shrek The Musical Jr." at HOIT Hands-On Theater Training. We encourage aspiring actors of all experience levels to audition, as every participant will be cast in



this beloved musical.

Don't miss our Easter Egg Hunt Extravaganza on April 19 across three parks, where kids can hunt for colorful



eggs filled with treats and surprises. Keep an eye out for the special golden eggs for an added thrill!

On May 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., join us at Fabbrini Park for Family Kite Day. This free event is perfect for families to enjoy a breezy afternoon together. Bring your kites and let your spirits soar!

Find treasures at our Community Garage Sale on May 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Seascape. It's a fantastic opportunity to discover unique items and connect with your neighbors.

Cap off the season at the Dolphin Derby on June 21 at 10 a.m. at Seascape. Support the Friends of HEParks Foundation by entering this thrilling race, helping to keep our programs accessible and enjoyable.

Visit [heparks.org](http://heparks.org) for more details and to register. Come and enjoy the vibrant spring season at Hoffman Estates Park District!

# Step into a dream: 'Joseph's Dream Grill' brings theatrical dining to Three Embers

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Submitted by Lincolnshire Marriott Resort

Experience an immersive, themed dining adventure inspired by "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" — only at the Lincolnshire Marriott Resort!

If you've ever wanted to dine inside a story, now's your chance! The Lincolnshire Marriott Resort is celebrating its 50th anniversary with an exciting new rotating pop-up dining experience at Three Embers Restaurant. Each pop-up will coincide with one of the five main stage productions at Marriott Theatre, creating an immersive, themed culinary event that changes with the season's performances.

Kicking off this innovative series, Joseph's Dream Grill transforms Three Embers into an ancient Egyptian-inspired oasis, mirroring the world of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

With theatrical décor, a themed

menu and a fully immersive atmosphere, this limited-time experience is the perfect way to start your night at the theater — or enjoy a magical dining escape, no tickets required!

## A dining experience like no other

Marriott Theatre's design team, working alongside Ravenswood, Milo Bue Scenic Designs, and Anthony Churchill, has crafted a stunning setting featuring dreamy lanterns, starlit projections, richly colored fabrics and lush palm trees.

A special photo-op station invites guests to capture the moment, making this an experience that extends beyond the plate. Whether you're coming for dinner before the show or just looking for a one-of-a-kind night out, this pop-up takes you to a world of magic.

## A menu fit for a pharaoh

Under the direction of Chef de

Cuisine Jonathon Silver, Three Embers presents a specialty pre-fixe menu inspired by the flavors of Egypt and the Middle East.

Begin with the Nile Red Lentil Soup, rich with herb oil and micro cilantro, before indulging in Joseph's Beef Schwarma, featuring Roz Bel Sharaya, tomatoes, cucumbers, onions and tahini. For dessert, the "Fit for a King" raisin cake offers a perfectly sweet finale.

Guests can also enjoy additional Joseph-themed selections from the main menu, such as Pharaoh's Memphis Style BBQ Pizza and Wood-Fired Shrimp Creole, cooked over Three Embers' signature wood-burning grill.

## A limited-time engagement — book your table today!

Joseph's Dream Grill will be open Tuesday through Saturday, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., throughout the run of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor



Dreamcoat," which closes March 30.

This is just the first of five unique pop-up experiences, each set to match the theme of the next Marriott Theatre main stage production.

Don't miss this unforgettable culinary event! Reservations are strongly encouraged — secure your table today at [www.threeembersrestaurant.com](http://www.threeembersrestaurant.com) or call (847) 634-0100.

Follow@lshiremarriott on Instagram and @MarriottLincolnshireResort on Facebook for exclusive behind-the-scenes content and updates.

Experience Joseph's Dream Grill — where fine dining and Broadway magic collide for a one-of-a-kind night out!

**St. Patrick's Day Ice Skating**  
**March 16**

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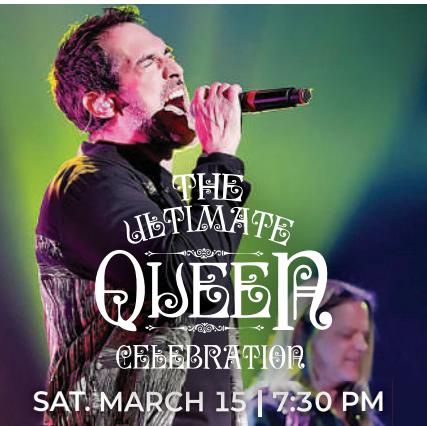
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# Paramount Theatre delivers top performances on 3 stages

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Submitted by Paramount Theatre

Aurora may be the second largest city in the state, but it's home to the largest subscription-based theater in the country: Paramount Theatre. That means, each year, more than 35,000 people sign up to see all four shows in Paramount's award-winning Broadway Series — which draws a total of more than 300,000 patrons per year.

Do these people love live theater? Of course. Do they appreciate the amazing value of buying two shows, getting two shows for free when they subscribe? Absolutely.

Most importantly, they trust Paramount to deliver on each performance of every show, year in and year out. They also know they're a part of the Paramount family and a team of dedicated professionals are ready to help them with everything from ticket exchanges to restaurant recommendations to accessibility needs.

So, if you've yet to experience Paramount, why should you make the trip?

Well ... go for the lavish costumes and grand sets. Go for the magnificent choreography and astonishing acting. Go for the unforgettable stories. Because when that curtain goes up, the thunderous overture begins and the towering set comes to life, it's all about the journey the artists and audience take together.



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**Emily Kristen Morris and Beth Stafford Laird in Paramount's production of Disney's "Frozen the Broadway Musical."**

And this spring, Paramount has got some amazing stories to tell on its three stages.

## At Paramount Theatre

The Broadway smash hit "Waitress" makes its Chicago area premiere at Paramount — on stage now through March 30. Jenna is a waitress with a dream and the ingredients for success:

sugar, butter, flour. Stuck in a small town and a loveless marriage, she hopes to bake her way out of her troubles, putting her heart and soul into her unique pies, winning over anyone who tastes them.

Think you've seen "Cats?" Think again! Paramount is reinventing this seven-time Tony Award winner: It's cirque meets "Cats" for a whole new

era of feline fans. You've never seen this iconic musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber quite like this. On stage April 30-June 15.

## At Stolp Island Theatre

Paramount opened the brand new, immersive Stolp Island Theatre last year with "Million Dollar Quartet" and the show continues to play to rave reviews and sold-out audiences. You'll sit in a replica of Sun Studio and be a fly on the wall as Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins and Jerry Lee Lewis perform a rockin' show with hits like "Hound Dog," "Walk the Line" and "Great Balls of Fire." With only 98 seats in the place, you're sitting close enough to be stepped on by some Blue Suede Shoes. On stage now through June 29.

## At Copley Theatre

If you're ready for a hilarious musical that's pure F-U-N, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is on stage at Paramount's intimate Copley Theatre March 12-April 27. It's a battle of wits as six underdogs compete for the ultimate spelling bee prize.

This spring, when you think live entertainment, think about one of the country's leading theaters located right in your backyard. Think Paramount Theatre. Visit [ParamountAurora.com](http://ParamountAurora.com) today.

# Spring shows dazzle at Prairie Center for the Arts

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Submitted by Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts

Three thrilling concerts cap off the 2024-25 Season of Arts and Entertainment at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts!

## The Filharmonic – Friday, March 21

The Filipino American a cappella group known for their appearance on NBC's "The Sing-Off" and featured in Universal Pictures' "Pitch Perfect 2" has delighted audiences worldwide with their captivating performance style. They set off a viral sensation with their "Late Late Show" appearances, and their music videos have garnered millions of views. Don't miss their distinctive sound that "mixes hip-hop sound with '90s nostalgia" (Hollywood Reporter) live in concert! Tickets: \$38-\$45.

## TAIKOPROJECT – Saturday, March 29

Experience the powerful fusion of ancient Japanese drumming and modern American innovation with TAIKOPROJECT. The first American ensemble



**TAIKOPROJECT will perform at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts on Saturday, March 29.**

to win the prestigious Tokyo International Taiko Contest, TAIKOPROJECT has wowed audiences at the Academy Awards and the Grammys, appeared on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" and "Conan," and performed and recorded with Stevie Wonder, Peter Gabriel, Hans

Zimmer, Alicia Keys and many others. Their percussive power, dynamic music, and graceful choreography work together to weave a gorgeous narrative you'll have to see (and hear!) to believe! Tickets: \$45-\$55.

## Piano Battle – Friday, April 4

Back by popular demand! Andreas Kern and Paul Cibis, two rival pianists with distinctly different styles, techniques, and artistic personalities, face off in their latest wildly entertaining twist on a traditional piano recital, "Time Is Limited." Blending virtuosic performances with plenty of laughs, this unique concert experience upends conventional perceptions of classical music through speed rounds, audience memory games and a concerto challenge like no other. A guaranteed sellout! Tickets: \$45-\$55.

Presented by the Village of Schaumburg, the Prairie Center's Season of Arts and Entertainment offers diverse and dynamic performances. Tickets available at [prairiecenter.org](http://prairiecenter.org) or by calling (847) 895-3600. The Prairie Center is located at 201 Schaumburg Court in Schaumburg.



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007 Aston Martin DB5 in the 007 Science, Inventing the World of James Bond Exhibit at The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago.

## Griffin MSI: Real science behind world of James Bond

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Submitted by Griffin Museum of Science and Industry

Time is running out to explore the iconic cars, gadgets and props of the James Bond film series. "007 Science: Inventing the World of James Bond," now on exhibit at the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry, is the first-ever official exhibition to focus on the science and technology behind the world's longest-running movie franchise.

Exhibit guests of all ages go behind the scenes to learn how the Bond production teams harness real-world science to craft 007's on-screen adventures. See fantastical gadgets created for the Bond films alongside the

real-life inventions they prefigured — such as a prototype jetpack from "Thunderball" and the modern Gravity Industries Jet Suit.

Visitors can test their abilities to design the perfect spy vehicle, dangle from a steel beam, and devise amazing stunts.

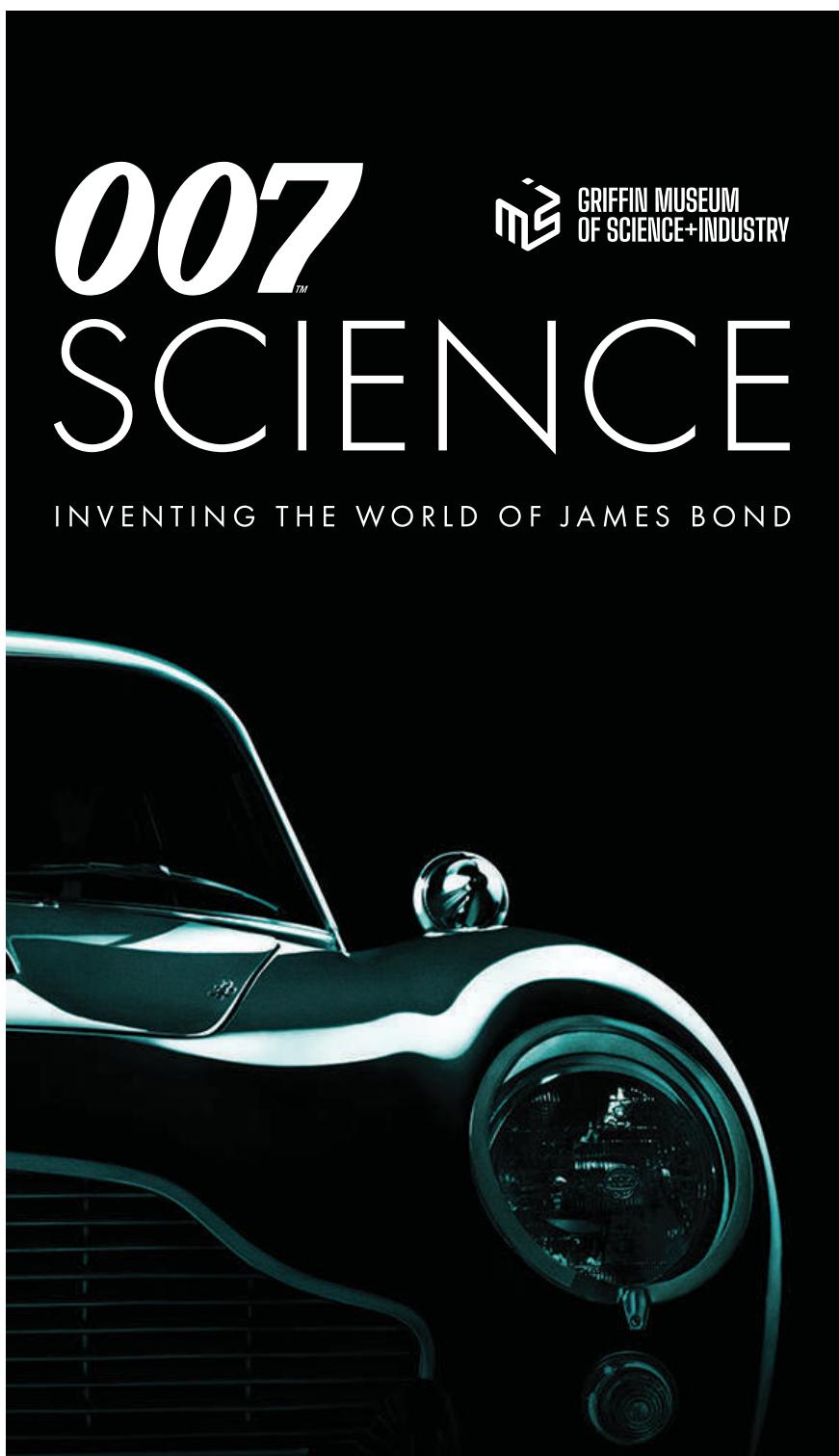
Don't miss this opportunity to explore the science behind the tech and technique of the world's most famous spy.

Access the adventure where science and imagination meet. "007 Science: Inventing the World of James Bond" is open through April 6 and requires a timed-entry ticket in addition to museum general admission. Advance online reservations are encouraged. For tickets, visit [MSIChicago.org](http://MSIChicago.org).



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# This spring in Rosemont: It's all here!

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Submitted by Rosemont

Rosemont's Parkway Bank Park is set to host an exciting lineup of events this spring, offering something for everyone — from meaningful tributes to family-friendly fun. Mark your calendars and get ready to join the community in these special gatherings.

## 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit, May 8-10

The 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit is a tribute to all who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, including the 343 members of the Fire Department of New York City (FDNY) who made the ultimate sacrifice, and all who continue to lose their lives to 9/11-related illnesses. This high-tech, 83-foot tractor-trailer, which transforms into an 1,100-square-foot exhibit, is a tool to further educate people across the country about the events of that tragic day.

Welcomed around the nation, from the Black Hills of South Dakota to the Tennessee State Fairgrounds, the memorial provides interactive education; including artifacts such as steel beams from the towers, documentary videos, and recordings of first responder radio transmissions. Interactive guided tours are carried out by FDNY firefighters who provide firsthand accounts of the day and its aftermath.



packed with activities that kids and parents alike will enjoy!

### Activities Include:

- Bounce houses
- Balloon Sculptors & Face Painting
- Petting Zoo
- Live Children's Entertainment by Jeanie B & The Jelly Beans

This event is the perfect way to enjoy the outdoors, celebrate the arrival of spring, and make lasting memories with your family and friends. Don't miss out on these incredible events! Whether you're looking for a festive night out, a heartfelt tribute, or a fun-filled day with family, Parkway Bank Park has something for everyone this spring!

# Must-see entertainment is returning to Elgin!

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Submitted by The Hemmens Cultural Center

After more than a decade, The Hemmens Cultural Center is making a return with a diverse new presenting season. This beloved 1,200-seat venue, known for hosting music icons like Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Cheap Trick and BB King, is stepping back into the spotlight — and you won't want to miss a moment of the action.

The Hemmens has echoed with the laughter of comedy greats like Bob Newhart, George Lopez and Victor Borge. It has dazzled audiences with Broadway tours, thrilling circuses, and ice ballets. Since 2012, The Hemmens has focused on supporting local talent such as the Elgin Summer Theater, monthly comedy shows featuring Greenroom Improv, cultural events and dance recitals, while remaining the home of the world-class Elgin Symphony Orchestra.

"The Hemmens has been the jewel of the Elgin arts community since it opened in 1969. Being able to program a season again with newly renovated spaces and amenities just helps to remind people that The Hemmens Cultural Center is still here," said Hemmens Cultural Center director, Butch Wilhelm.

With the completion of a \$14.4 million, 15,000-square-foot expansion — including a new box office, modern reception space, and enhanced ADA accessibility on all levels — The Hemmens is set to shine brighter than ever, featuring acts from



across the country!

The curtain rises on this exciting new chapter with a star-studded lineup that promises something for everyone:

• **Magic Rocks with Illusionist Leon Etienne**, March 21. Prepare to be amazed! As seen on "America's Got Talent" and "Penn & Teller: Fool Us," Leon Etienne will bring mind-blowing magic and jaw-dropping illusions to The Hemmens stage.

• **The Miracles: Legendary Motown Hit-Makers**, March 28. Relive the golden age of Motown with hits like "Shop Around," "The Tracks of My Tears," and "Tears of a Clown." Led by Sydney Justin, The Miracles will have you dancing in your seat!

• **512: The Selena Experience**, April 25. Celebrate

the Queen of Tejano Music with an electrifying tribute show that captures the spirit and energy of a live Selena concert. You'll swear you're seeing the legend herself!

• **360 ALLSTARS**, May 18. This urban circus will leave you breathless! Featuring world-class break-dancers, BMX riders, and acrobats, 360 ALL-STARS is a high-octane celebration of street culture and athletic artistry.

• **Comedian Michael Palascak**, May 24. End the season with laughter as Michael Palascak, a rising star with appearances on "Comedy Central" and "The Tonight Show," takes the stage. His relatable humor and sharp wit are the perfect close to an unforgettable season.

"This is just the beginning," said programming manager Anthony Lentino. "The 2024-25 season is just a small taste of some of the amazing things we have planned into 2025-26. We are just really excited for folks to visit the space and make themselves at home again."

The Hemmens Cultural Center is gearing up for even more incredible performances. Stay in the loop by following @hemmens on Facebook or visiting [www.hemmens.org](http://www.hemmens.org) to join the email list.

Get your tickets today! Don't wait — these shows are sure to sell out! Visit [www.hemmens.org](http://www.hemmens.org) or call the box office at (847) 931-5900 to secure your seats. Come be part of The Hemmens' next great chapter — where unforgettable memories are made!

# Unforgettable Forgottonia welcomes visitors to MACOMBOPOLY and beyond!

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Submitted by Macomb

Last spring, Macomb, Illinois — affectionately known as “Unforgettable Forgottonia” — introduced a one-of-a-kind attraction: MACOMBOPOLY.

This immersive experience transforms the city’s historic downtown Courthouse Square into the World’s Largest Monopoly-style Game, paying homage to the classic board game and its inspiration, The Landlord’s Game, invented in 1903 by Macomb’s own Elizabeth “Lizzie” Magie. Perfect for families and game enthusiasts, Macombopoly offers a unique and interactive way to explore history while having some fun.

Using an immersive Macombopoly app, players navigate the massive board — spanning 170,000 square feet — with oversized Monopoly-inspired game pieces. The game is packed with trivia, history, videos, and animation, where Lizzie and other iconic historical figures come to life through the magic of A.I. Lucky players can win free hidden coupons and prizes, while the unlucky ones may end up in “jail” where posting a “selfie” is the only way out! Best of all, this permanent attraction is open 24/7 and is completely free, drawing visitors from far and wide for an *Unforgettable* adventure.

Macomb’s rich history extends even further — it’s the birthplace of famed jazz artist and progenitor of



rock ‘n’ roll “Big” Al Sears and hometown to the civil rights pioneer and hero the Rev. Dr. C.T. Vivian. Additionally, Macomb was recently recognized by the National Park Service as both a National Underground Railroad

Network to Freedom Area and also as an Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area. The city boasts a unique Looking For Lincoln Tour, which includes the world’s only Living Lincoln Topiary Monument — a 16-foot-tall

3D-printed bust of Lincoln, complete with real flowering whiskers.

Beyond Macombopoly and other historical attractions, visitors to Macomb will also enjoy a variety of local gems, outdoor features, and indulgences. Foodies will enjoy the region’s mouthwatering culinary delights along the Tenderloin Trail, which showcases Macomb’s signature crispy Breaded Pork Tenderloin and open-faced Horseshoe sandwiches.

Music and art aficionados can sip wine and local brews at “The Wine Sellers” while soaking in live music, or explore the “Macomb Mural Project,” an emblem of the city’s vibrant art scene.

For outdoor enthusiasts, Unforgettable Forgottonia offers endless recreation opportunities, from hiking, kayaking, and biking at Argyle Lake State Park and Spring Lake Park to exploring the nation’s only seven-circuit Prairie Labyrinth. Exciting annual events like the Art, Wind & Fire Festival, Macomb Heritage Days, and Unforgettable Lincoln Days also ensure there’s always something going on.

With its mix of history, adventure, small-town charm, culture, and gastronomic delights, Macomb guarantees an *Unforgettable* experience in Forgottonia!

Plus, with Amtrak service providing two daily departures from Chicago’s Union Station, getting to Macomb is now a breeze.

## Springfield: ‘Where History Meets the Road’

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Submitted by Visit Springfield

Located on historic Route 66, Springfield is the history-filled capital of Illinois.

Step into the past and the life of the Lincoln family when you visit the only home the Lincolns ever owned at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site.

Enjoy our 16th season of History Comes Alive, a

10-week summer program taking you on a trip back in time, June 6-Aug. 10.

In addition this year, there will be a special sneak peek Spring Break History Comes Alive from March 15-29.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is the official library and museum of the 16th U.S. president.

Experience pivotal

moments in Lincoln’s life and enjoy immersive displays and amazing shows that explore the human costs of slavery and war.

The Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site, designed by famed sculptor, Larkin Mead, is nestled in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

At the entrance to the Tomb itself, there is a bronze bust of Mr. Lincoln where

visitors from around the world have stopped to rub the nose of the statue for good luck.

Make a stop at the Lincoln Memorial Garden for a truly Zen experience. A woodland and prairie garden with over 5 miles of trails lead you on a journey through the Illinois landscape Lincoln would have known. It’s located on the shores of Lake Springfield

and designed by landscape architect Jens Jensen. Be sure to visit the Garden’s Nature Center and Split Rail Gift Shop.

Historic Route 66 runs through Springfield and provides many unique stops, including Route 66 Motoheads Bar, Grill, Museum & Entertainment complex.

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# Visit Racine County for a memorable getaway

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Submitted by Visit Racine County

While it may not feel like spring right this minute, all Midwesterners know it will arrive ... and hopefully, soon! For many of our Illinois friends, planning your next trip to Wisconsin is a vital part of this upcoming season. The time is now! If you need a starting point in those plans, let our countywide Convention and Visitor Bureau, Visit Racine County, help!

Did you know Racine County is full of different communities, each with a unique personality?

The City of Racine lines the shore of Lake Michigan and provides everything you need for a fun spring day. Check out North Beach and its 50 acres of nearly-white sand. Walk the Lake Michigan Pathway and end up at one of our most beloved attractions- the Racine Zoo! Head in the other direction and you'll end up in Downtown Racine. It's filled with shops and boutiques, live music on



the weekends and special events happening all the time. There are restaurants offering delicious and diverse cuisine (Reefpoint Brewhouse! Joey's Yardarm! Red Onion!) and a stop for

dessert is absolutely required (try Divino Gelato Café or Sugar Shack Sweet Shoppe!).

Spring is the perfect time to get your bike out of storage and hit the trails in

Racine County. The Pike River Pathway in Mount Pleasant is perfectly paved for bikers (and walkers) who want to get out and experience a trail bursting with nature. You can hop off the trail and check out Campus Park. The park includes pickleball courts, a big playground, a splash pad and a huge band shell!

Keep an eye out for the Mount Pleasant Sounds at Sunset this summer, a live music series on select Tuesday nights. Another good stop along your bike route is O&H Bakery. This is an institution in Racine County ... I mean, in the world! Kringle is Wisconsin's State Pastry and it all started right here in our county. Kringle is the handmade Danish pastry that defies description — you just have to try it for yourself! O&H Bakery does not just offer Kringle but also cakes, doughnuts, sandwiches, coffee and so much more. It's a MUST for any spring trip to Racine County!

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Spring can't come soon enough in Racine County! Whether it's a day at the beach, at the beer garden, on your bike, or at an event, you will find all the opportunities you need to make your spring dreams come true in Racine County. Located just 25 minutes from the Illinois/Wisconsin border, start planning your day trip, or your weekend, with us today. What's YOUR scene?

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# Springfield: 'Where History Meets the Road'

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This classic car restaurant offers a themed menu and delicious drinks among the backdrop of the Route 66 & Motor Museum.

While there, snap a pic with the World's Largest Outdoor Route 66 Shield!

Visitors can soar down Route 66 on the four-story, iconic giant slide at the IL State Fairgrounds on Saturdays, May-August. Just around the corner from the slide is the Route 66 Gate 2 Experience. Walk the entire Illinois Route 66 corridor in microform. Marvel at the Neon Sign Park with new and restored neon signs, a paved brick road, a 25-foot tall fiberglass Route 66 muffler man, a drive-in theater replica and interpretive signs highlighting each Route 66 community from Chicago to the Chain of Rocks Bridge.

Reminisce at the restored Shea's Gas Station and take time for a photo opportunity at one of the original stations on Route 66!

Enjoy a fun-filled journey on the new Route 66 Mural and Wayside Exhibit trails throughout the area.

Experience the journey, local tragedy and resilience of the Black traveler along Route 66 through the Route History Metaverse Virtual Reality experience.

The Cozy Dog Drive In is a traditional Route 66 diner that became a part of the history of The Mother Road, and the history of Springfield, when, in 1946, inventor Ed Waldmire introduced the "Cozy Dog" — the famous "hot dog on a stick." The Waldmire family still makes this delicacy today. Inside the diner, located on Old Route 66 since 1949.

Maldaner's Restaurant is a creative American establishment with a focus on farm to table food. Established in 1884, Maldaner's is the oldest continually operated restaurant in Springfield on Route 66.

If food is your jam, be sure to check out the Springfield Horseshoe Trail. This trail is packed with

30 local restaurants serving Springfield's legendary Horseshoe Sandwich, originating in 1928. Be sure to pack your comfy pants!

Plan to relax at one of more than a dozen wineries and breweries in the area. Many have outdoor seating, food and regular music performances.

Regardless of your interests, Springfield has you covered with a variety of sites, attractions, culinary delights and a variety of affordable accommodations to meet your travel needs.

Make your first stop the Springfield Visitors Center, located inside the historic Lincoln-Herndon Law Office building. Let our travel ambassadors get you ready for an experience like no other.

While there, grab our Explorer Passport with 26 sites, attractions and culinary delights so you don't miss a thing!

To learn more and start planning your Abe-mazing trip, visit [www.visitspringfieldillinois.com](http://www.visitspringfieldillinois.com).



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# Racine: Activities on tap for everyone

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The Franksville Craft Beer Garden makes its home at Franksville Memorial Park and is a staple in our spring Racine County fun. The FCBG is open mid-May until late October. Run by a local family who has grown this adventure into something incredible, the FCBG is full of food, events, music ... and of course, beer! The atmosphere is one of the best around and I promise that you will feel the true Wisconsin Welcome immediately. This is a place for family and friends and you will make some new ones on your very first trip! They host events all season long, have 50+ Live Music nights, and the FCBG is THE place to be all summer long.

We cannot leave out Burlington when talking about places to visit this spring in Racine County! This community is on

the west side of I-94 and is so charming you will never want to leave. Their Farmers Market takes place on Thursdays from 3-7 p.m., running from May-September. It is full of incredible local products and homegrown vendors and nothing beats the atmosphere in Downtown Burlington on a spring day. The Summer Kick-Off Street Party on Pine is Friday May 16 and just the following day ... is the Foam Party in Wehmhoff Square! How much fun is Burlington?! The Burlington Jamboree runs Memorial Day weekend, May 23-26, and includes carnival rides, pig and duck races, a 5K run, bumper boats, a Fun Sale (crafts and wares show) and live music all the time. The best part of the Burlington Jamboree is that it's always FREE!

Lastly, Racine County has a thriving arts scene and we are celebrating it ALL YEAR LONG

in 2025! So start this spring with a performance at the Racine Theatre Guild — "Always a Bridesmaid" debuts in March and "Legally Blonde" starts its run in May! Stop in at the Racine Art Museum downtown and be amazed by the ever-changing and incredibly brilliant exhibitions on display. You can walk over to OS Projects to see what artists are showing in the gallery. If making art is your scene, Hot Shop Glass is just waiting for you to sign up for a class and create something extraordinary!

These are just a few of the opportunities waiting for you this spring in Racine County. Come for a day, an evening or a weekend. No matter what time you have, we have time for YOU. Welcome to Racine County!

For more information, stop by the Visit Racine County Visitor Center (14015 Washington Ave., Sturtevant) or visit [www.visitracinecounty.com](http://www.visitracinecounty.com).



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# Make your travel dreams a reality with Cruises International

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Submitted by Cruises International

Ever find yourself asking, "Where has the time gone?"

Too often, we put off travel plans, thinking we'll "get to it someday." The truth is, that life is unpredictable, and we never know what the future may hold. Now is the time to prioritize your travel dreams and make them a reality. Don't wait until it's too late — the world is waiting to be discovered, and the memories you create will be cherished for a lifetime. The allure of exploring the wonders of Europe and the untamed beauty of Alaska is undeniable. However, as we get older, the physical demands of travel can become more challenging.

The time is now to seize the opportunity to visit these destinations while you are still able to fully enjoy the experience. The cobblestone streets of Europe and the rugged terrain of Alaska are best experienced when you have the energy and mobility to truly immerse yourself in the journey.

Traveling with loved ones, whether it's your family or close friends, adds an extra layer of joy and meaning to your adventures. Consider bringing your family or close friends along on your next journey. The moments you spend together, exploring new destinations and creating unforgettable memories, will be the ones you treasure the most.

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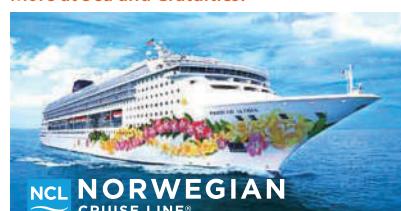
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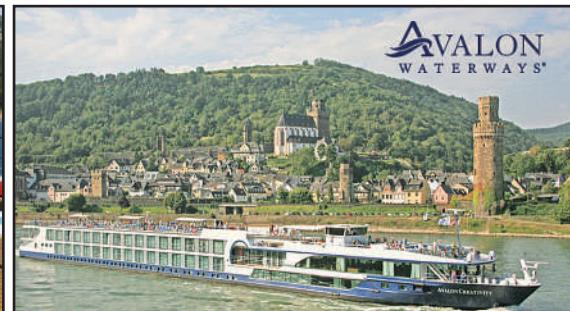
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