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March: The Sunshines Hot & The Wind Blows Cold

We're booked solid! With everything there is to do Winter is sure to fly by and Spring will slide in as the holiday season ends!

March Madness + Easter + St, Patrick's Day

Purim + Passover + Restaurant Openings + and more! +

New/News



Dolce Italian (127 West Huron) opening in late Spring 2015 on the ground floor of the chic Godfrey Hotel. The Italian eatery comes to Chicago from the New York-based LDV Hospitality. Dolce Italian will offer housemade pastas, Neopolitan pizzas and other Italian favorites.

Just Opened



Virgin Hotel (203 North Wabash) is the first-ever Virgin brand hotel. Within the hotel is The Commons Club, Miss Ricky's, Two Zero Three, a coffee/wine bar (if you didn't have enough, during the daily free cocktail hour) and Rooftop, the ever important space with a view, drinks and Izakaya-type dishes.



Polo Bar (1 East 55th Street) this Chicago favorite, with another location in Paris, can now be found in New York! The Polo Bar serves casual cusine in a refined atmosphere. Saddle leather, equestrian art and a Henry Koehler polo match-inspired mural create the classic Ralph Lauren feel

while family and friends gather around the table as Ralph himself imagines!



Rural Society (455 North Park Drive) the Argentinian Steakhouse at the new Loews Hotel houses Chef Garces. Chef Garces is the 2009 winner of the James Beard Founda-tion's prestigious "Best Chef, Mid-Atlantic" award and holds the coveted title of Iron Chef.

Just Re-opened



Pane Caldo (111 East Chestnut) this Chicago gem has re-opened in River North. Though it has new decor, it still houses Italian cuisine with options like rich Rabbit Ragu and a signature tomato sauce served with meatballs.

Contact your CUI Concierge to arrange a VIP dinner for business or pleasure! Let us be At Your Service for all of your dining needs!

We Recommend

R29 (227 West Monroe)



Modern. Sleek. Sophisticated.

R29 located on the 29 floor of The Franklin @ 227 W. Monroe. Rich woods and lush colors blend to create a swanky atmosphere perfect for any special event.

Corporate or social, business or pleasure, R29 is a versatile and inviting venue for any gathering.

R29 can accommodate up to 200 quests for a cocktail reception.

Wine Insight

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

Arts/Museums

| opens 10 17 19 25 28 | Chicago Works: Faheem Majeed Ireland: Crossroads of Art and Design, 1690–1840 In Vino Cosmica Lecture: New Light on Renoir Keren Cytter | MCA Art Institute Adler Planetarium Art Institute MCA |
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| through 8 8 23 29 31 4/26 | Jesus Rafael Soto: Penetrable de Chicago Bridget Riley Anne Collier The Bindings of Mary Louise Reynolds Toshusai Sharaku Colleen Moore's Fairy Castle Vodou: Sacred Powers of Haiti | Art Institute MCA |
| ongoing | The Machine Inside | Field Museum |

Of Gods and Glamour

Museum Free Dates

Art Institute: (Thursdays) Chicago Children's Museum: (15 years & Under) DuSable Museum: (Sundays) Museum of Contemporary Art: (Tuesdays) Museum of Science & Industry:

27-29

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| opens | |
| 6 | Alvin Ailey American Dance Theat |
| 7 | Chicago Inspired |
| 12-15 | Hubbard Street Dance Chicago |
| 21-22 | Spring Two |

Giordano Dance Chicago

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Art Institute

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| opens | | |
| 1-22 | The Addams Family: The Musical | Mercury Theater |
| 13 | A Live Presentation of 2001: A Space Odyseey | Symphony Center |
| 21 | Carnival of the Animals | Symphony Center |
| 21 | Stars on Ice | Allstate Arena |
| ongoing | | |

The Elizabeth Morse Touch Gallery Art Institute

Classical/Symphony

at Symphony Center

- 1 **Shaham Plays Bach Six Solos**
- Muti Conducts Tchaikovsky 6
- Silk Road Ensemble with Yo-Yo Ma
- Sir Andras Schiff
- 12-17 **Dutoit Conducts Ravel and D'Indy**
- Kodo One Earth Tour: Mystery 16
- 21 **Charles Dutoit and Yo-Yo Ma**
- 22 Murray Perahia
- 24 Choir of King's College, Cambridge
- **Mozart and Brahms 3** 26-28
- 27-29 **Brahms Symphony**

Opera

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| 4-5 | The Property | North Shore Center for the Performing Arts |
| at Lyric 28-29 | El Pasado Nunca se Termina | |
| through | | |
| 6 14 | Tannhäuser, Wagner Tosca, Puccini | |
| 15 | The Passenger, Weinberg | |
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| opens r | | Due estuary Discolory |
| 5 6-8 | For the Record Presents: Dear John Hughes Shen Yun | Cadillac Palace |
| | The Illusionists | Shakespeare Theater |
| 18 | Sense and Sensibility | Shakespeare Theater |
| 18 | Title and Deed | Looking Glass |
| 25-29 | Beauty and the Beast | Cadillac Palace |
| 28 | The Upstairs Concierge | Goodman Theatre |
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| through | Dunningung | Charles and The atom |
| 22 29 | Dunsinane First Wives Club | Shakespeare Theater Oriental Theatre |
| 29 | West Side Story | Drury Lane Theatre |
| 5/17 | The Book of Mormon | Bank of America |
| 5/11 | | Bank of America |
| open run | | |
| | Blue Man Group | Briar Street Theatre |
| | Million Dollar Quartet | Apollo Theatre |
| | Apes of Wrath | Second City |
| | Panic on Cloud 9 | Second City |
| I | Let your CUI Concierge arrange the favorite performance at pref | |
| Sneak | Previews | |
| | Carousel | Lyric Opera House |
| | Joe Bonamassa | Chicago Theatre |
| 4/18 | Steve Winwood | Chicago Theatre |
| 4/22 | | Cadillac Palace |
| 4/26 | Worlds of Chesley Bonestell | Adler Planetarium |
| 4/26 | WWE Extreme Rules | Allstate Arena |
| 5/1 | Iggy Azalea | Allstate Arena |
| 5/2 | Black Light Run Kentucky Derby | Joliet, IL |
| 5/2 5/5 | Crosby, Stills & Nash | Louisville, KY Chicago Theatre |
| 5/6 | Lila Downs | Auditorium Theatre |
| 5/12 | Jersey Boys | Cadillac Palace |
| 5/13 | The Who! | Allstate Arena |
| 5/15 | Jerry Seinfield | Coronado Performcing Arts Center |
| | The Art and Artists of Cuba | Art Institute |
| 6/2 | Once | Cadillac Palace |
| 6/2 | On Your Feet! | Oriental Theatre |
| 6/18 | Bette Midler | United Center |
| 6/24-29 | | United Center |
| 7/3-5 8/8 | Grateful Dead 50th Anniversary Reunion Motley Crue | |
| XIX | | Allstate Arena |
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| 8/27 | Billy Joel | Wrigley Field |
| 8/27 9/17-20 | Billy Joel EXPO CHGO | Wrigley Field Navy Pier |
| 8/27 9/17-20 10/15 | Billy Joel EXPO CHGO | Wrigley Field Navy Pier United Center |

| Concert/Rock/Blues/Jazz | | |
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| 3 | Ariana Grande with Rixton | Allstate Arena |
| 3 | Singing for your Supper | Act One Pub |
| 4 | Meghan Trainor | House of Blues |
| 5-7 | An Evening with STS9 | House of Blues |
| 6 | Ricardo Arjona | Allstate Arena |
| 6 | Taking Back Sunday | Riviera Theatre |
| 7 | Banda MS | Aragon Ballrom |
| 8-9 | Pentatonix | Chicago Theatre |
| 13 | Amy Schumer Live | Chicago Theatre |
| 13 | Gaelic Storm | House of Blues |
| 13 | Gabriel Iglesias | Rialto Square |
| 14 | ShamROCK 2015 | House of Blues |
| 19 | Maroon 5/Magic! | United Center |
| 20 | Eric Church | Allstate Arena |
| 21 | Mat Kearney | Riviera Theatre |
| 21 | Brit Floyd | Chicago Theatre |
| 22 | The Sing Off Live Tour | House of Blues |
| 27 | The Decemberists | Chicago Theatre |
| 4/11-12 | Dr. Dog | House of Blues |
| 4/11 | Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons | Chicago Theatre |
| 4/14 | Neil Diamond | United Center |
| 4/16 | The Devil Wears Prada | House of Blues |
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Sports

| Bulls 1 3 5 9 18 20 23 28 | Clippers Wizards Thunder Grizzlies Pacers Raptors Hornets Knicks | Fire 14 29 | Vancouver Philadelphia |
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| also 11-15 4/6-12 4/30-5/ | 2015 Big Ten Tournament Masters 2 NFL Draft | Augus | d Center ta, GA vrium Theatre |

Special/Seasonal

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| 1 | Polar Plunge | North Avenue Beach |
| 1 | Cheesecake with an Irish Twist | O'Briens Restaurant |
| 4 | Taste of the Gold Coast | FFC Gold Coast |
| 5 | Purim | Nationwide |
| 7 | Chiditarod | Wicker Park |
| 8 | Daylight Saving (Start) | Nationwide |
| 14-22 | Chicago Flower & Garden Show | Navy Pier |
| 17 | St. Patrick's Day | Worldwide |
| 22-4/4 | Macy's Flower Show | Macy's State Street |
| 29 | Palm Sunday | Worldwide |
| 4/3 | Good Friday | Worldwide |
| 4/3 | Passover (At Sundown) | Worldwide |
| 4/5 | Easter | Worldwide |
| 4/15 | Tax Day | Nationwide |
| thursush | | |
| through | | |
| 1 | Ice Rink at Lincoln Park Zoo | Lincoln Park Zoo |
| 8 | McCormick Tribune Ice Rink: CLOSED | Millennium Park |
| 15 | Orchid Show | Botanic Gardens |



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The four things you should do to celebrate Purim!

- ◆ Exchange **gifts** of food and drink ◆
 - ◆ Donate **charity** to the poor ◆
 - ◆ Eat a celebratory **meal** ◆
- Order your Hamantaschen in advance

Secure all of your gifts, celebratory meal catering and reservations, and Hamantaschen for the office with your CUI Concierge!



Concord Grape

The distinct aroma and flavor of fresh Concord grapes.

Blackberry

100% Blackberry wine with the aromas and flavors of blackberry jam.

Cherry

A full-bodied sweet but balanced wine. Aroma and taste is reminiscent of fresh baked cherry pie.

Extra Heavy Malaga

A specially sweetened fruity wine. The distinct aroma and flavor of fresh Concord grapes.

Elderberry

A hearty red wine bursting with the aroma and flavor of Elderberry pie.

Medium Dry Concord

A semi-sweet wine with a generous mouth feel. A bold concord wine, exploding with grape flavor.

Be prepared with your favorite bottle of Kosher wine or choose from a variety of Manischewitz flavors



The hunt, chocolate and the popular bunny are all symbols of Easter. Yet, the most important part of the day is the perfect brunch

Cafe des Architectes Sofitel Chicago Water Tower 20 East Chestnut

> **Davanti Enoteca** 1359 West Taylor

GT Fish and Oyster 531 North Wells

North Pond 2610 North Cannon Perennial Virant Hotel Lincoln 1800 West Lincoln

Palmer House Hilton 17 East Monroe

Park Hyatt Chicago 800 North Michigan

Botanic Gardens 1000 Lake Cook Road

Travel Abroad: Staycation!

Spring is in sight! Whether you are looking for somewhere to lodge family for Easter, a toasty winter stay-away, or planning for an excursion this summer; you'll surely feel home-and-away!

Stay & Play

Frank Lloyd Wright Emil Bach House

Where: 7415 North Sheridan, Chicago IL For: Family

About: Chicago's impressive "one of a kind" vacation rental home. They can also accommodate small groups for private receptions or outdoor catered events for up to 50 people in the restored Frank Lloyd Wright home and gardens. The Emil Bach House was built in 1915, located one block from the lake in East Rogers Park, one of Chicago's most interesting and diverse neighborhoods.

The Langham

Where: 330 North Wabash, Chicago IL For: Luxury

About: Timeless British style in an iconic Chicago landmark. Majestic views of the cityscape, the Chicago River, and Lake Michigan. Legendary hotel hospitality established in 1865. All housed in a skyscraper designed by renowned architect Mies van der Rohe.

Stone Porch

Where: 300 Church Street, Evanston IL For: Lake Views

About: Stone Porch by the Lake offers a unique B&B experience. You will enjoy the luxury of a meticulously restored Tudor house updated with impressive modern amenities. Just a stone throw away from vibrant Downtown Evanston, Stone Porch provides you with a magnificent stay in a home-away-from home.

Lang House

Where: 7421 North Sheridan, Chicago IL For: History

About: The Lang House was built in 1919 as a country residence far removed from the hustle and bustle of downtown Chicago. At the time the area was known as Birchwood Beach Estates in Rogers Park. The Touhy and Rogers families who developed the area on large land holdings, advertised the lots as a "country club beach style getaway." The Lang family moved into the home originally designed by architect, Edgar M. Newman.

Park Hyatt

Where: 800 North Michigan, Chicago IL For: Downtown Life

About: Experience a luxurious urban vibe and passionate hotel service in the heart of Chicago's Gold Coast on the prestigious Magnificent Mile. Surrounded by the energy of downtown Chicago, the intimate luxury hotel is the perfect place for enjoying the most exciting attractions in downtown Chicago - from live entertainment to acclaimed art museums to glamorous boutiques and trendy restaurants.

Contact your CUI concierge to book your Staycation for you, your family, or a client today!

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



DOWNTOWN Saturday, March 14 Begins at Noon Balbo, to Monroe on Columbus

SOUTHSIDE Sunday, March 15 Begins at Noon 103rd Street to 115th Street on Western

St. Patrick's Events

RIVER DYING Saturday, March 14 Begins 9:30am FYI: Best viewed East side of the bridge at Columbus Drive or Wacker Drive between Columbus and Lake Shore Drive due to construction!

EMERALD ISLE MILE Sunday, March 15 Begins at 11:00am 103rd Street to 115th Street on Western

For all the green and gold action contact your Concierge! Reserve a view from a hotel room on the river, or a spectacular view from an eatery



Selection Sunday March 15

First Round March 17-18 UD Arena (Dayton)

Second-Third Rounds

March 19. 21 Veterans Memorial Arena (Jacksonville) KFC Yum! Center (Louisville) Consol Energy Center (Pittsburgh) Rose Garden (Portland)

March 20. 22 Time Warner Cable Arena (Charlotte) Nationwide Arena (Columbus) CenturyLink Center (Omaha) KeyArena (Seattle)

Regionals

MIDWEST March 26, 28 Quicken Loans Arena (Cleveland)

> SOUTH REGIONAL March 27. 29 NRG Stadium (Houston)

> > Finals

NATIONAL SEMIFINALS April 4 Lucas Oil Stadium (Indianapolis)

WEST March 26, 28 Staples Center (Los Angeles)

EAST REGIONAL March 27. 29 Carrier Dome (Syracuse)

SOUTH REGIONAL April 6 Lucas Oil Stadium (Indianapolis)

Don't miss a moment of the action! Get the office involved and throw a March Madness bash! Or see the action upclose and secure tickets to the game! Contact your CUI Concierge for assistnace with the Madness!

Key Reasons Clients Rely on CUI!

VI will make your impossibles

possible! A client contacted concierge in need of tickets to a special Disney performance for his granddaughter. The show was completely sold out, but with their great connections concierge was able to secure two seats right away! The client's grand-daughter was so overjoyed it brought the client to tears!

Get out of the cold and into a vacation with CUI concierge!

With the temperatures dropping fast a client wanted to get out of the cold and in to the ocean. They turned to their CUI concierge for assistance. Concierge was able to book the perfect resort in Jamaica for their getaway! Not only did the concierge secure a stay, but secured it at a CUI preferred price!



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Suggestions to the

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