# CONCIERGE UNLIMITED INTERNATIONAL **culturalupdate**



# 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
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
<b>at Lyric</b> 28-29	El Pasado Nunca se Termina	
through		
6 14	Tannhäuser, Wagner Tosca, Puccini	
15	The Passenger, Weinberg	
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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
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	
<b>Sneak</b>	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		
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

### **Sports**

<b>Bulls</b> 1 3 5 9 18 20 23 28	Clippers Wizards Thunder Grizzlies Pacers Raptors Hornets Knicks	<b>Fire</b> 14 29	Vancouver Philadelphia
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
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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!

# **G**et 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

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

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