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Birthday Dinner party for 14 people at a sold out top restaurant? No problem, leave it to CUI! Not only was the reservation secured but the Top chef, herself, welcomed the guests and presented her autographed cookbook to the Birthday celebrant at the VIP private wine cellar, which was their own for the entire evening to enjoy. **Make your next celebration truly memorable! Contact your CUI expert!**

We Recommend

The Gage Tavern & Restaurant's new outdoor patio! Why not catch a dinner or lunch al fresco? The Owner Billy Lawless and his team continue to offer a solid menu of American favorites with bit of Irish flare. Enjoy a comfortable dining while catching the great sounds of the Millennium Park and Grant Park Music Festival.

Bloomingdale's Home Store: Need a perfect suitable décor item for your office or a personal gift? Let your CUI concierge take the task and present the many options. From a picnic basket filled with great treats for a summer evening at Ravinia or a fine bottle of wine engraved with your company logo, the choices are truly unlimited.

We stand At Your Service and ready to assist to make your day worry free!

New/News

Travelle, a contemporary Mediterranean restaurant, soon to be opened at the new Langham Hotel, will offer incredible views of the Chicago River and Mag Mile. Taste buds will be delighted by a plethora of flavors whose origins include Northern Italy, Southern France, and the exotic spice markets of Turkey. The restaurant is to feature a glass show kitchen in the dining room as well as a front-row view at the chef's table. More great views abound at the hotel lounge, which offers fine breakfast, light fair and perfect cocktails with local entertainment.

Your CUI concierge is ready to make your VIP reservation.

Lao 18 is a swanky modern Chinese restaurant with traditional Chinese favorites in an upscale, urban environment. Chef Tony Hu brings his expertise of home-style regional Chinese cuisine to this authentic Chinese restaurant, which offers full dinner, lunch, and brunch service and also features a dim sum menu.

Nico, a "rustic elegant" restaurant in the forthcoming Thompson Chicago Hotel in the Gold Coast, is the newest project of the 2013 James Beard Foundation Outstanding Chef Award winner Chef Paul Kahan. The 125-seat restaurant will be a seafood-focused Italian restaurant. The head chef will be Erling Wu-Bower, formerly of Green Zebra and Custom House. Nico will serve breakfast, lunch, dinner and also provide the Thompson Chicago with hotel room and banquet services.

For the newest restaurants insight, information and VIP reservations, contact your CUI experts.

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Wine Insight

For Summer Wine Insight, visit www.conciergeunlimited.com

Arts/Museums

through

8/11	David Bowie is	V&A Museum, London
8/11	Amalia Pica	MCA Chicago
8/11	History of Magic	History Museum
8/11	Roy Lichtenstein: A Retrospective	Art Institute
8/12	Glamour Vérité	MoMA, NY
8/14	Punk: Chaos to Couture	The Met, NY
8/16	Yes Naturally: How Art Saves the World	Fotomuseum Den Hague
8/18	Manet: Ritorno a Venezia	Musée d'Orsay, Paris
8/25	Chicago 78/79	Alibi Fine Art
9/2	Abelardo Morell: Universe Next Door	Art Institute
9/2	Michelangelo Pistoletto	The Louvre, Paris
9/22	Impressionism, Fashion, and Modernity	Art Institute
10/6	Theater Gates: 13th Ballad	MCA Chicago
10/10	Think First, Shoot Later	MCA Chicago
12/8	Janet Cardiff: The Forty Part Motet	The Met, NY

ongoing

Ebony Fashion Flair	Chicago History Museum
Van Gogh at Work	Van Gogh, Amsterdam

Ballet/Dance

2-3	La Bayadere, Bolshoi Ballet	ROH, London
6-8	Paradis	Sensory Garden
6-10	Swan Lake Reloaded	London Coliseum
17-18	Joffrey on Tour	Blossom Festival
20	The Harris at 10! Anniversary Special	Harris Theater
21,23	Solitaire - A Game of Dance	MoCA
22	Dancing in Chicago	Auditorium Theatre
24	Celebration of Dance	Jay Pritzker Pavilion

through

11	Blood Wedding	Studio BE
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Children/Family

through

28	Rain Room	MoMa, NY
9/2	Creatures of Light	Field Museum
9/8	Food: The Nature of Eating	Nature Museum
10/1	Family Explorer Backpack	Morton Arboretum
10/24	Dinosaurs Alive!	Brookfield Zoo

August Family Movies in the Park

8/1	Ice Age: Continental Drift	Pasteur Park
8/5	How to Train Your Dragon	Chippewa Park
8/7	Despicable Me	Riis Park
8/19	Young Frankenstein	Grant Park
8/21	Life of Pi	Ellis Park
8/24	Little Big League	Donovan Playground

Classical/Symphony

at Ravinia

8/4	Tchaikovsky Spectacular: CSO, J. Conlon, cond.
8/7	Itzhak Perlman: CSO, C. Miguel Prieto, cond.
15,16	LOTR: The Two Towers: CSO, L. Wicki, cond.

Opera: Sneak Peak of 2013-2014 Season

Tickets go on sale August 1st, please see your CUI Concierge for pricing. at the Lyric Opera of Chicago

10/5	Otello , Giuseppe Verdi
10/15	Madama Butterfly , Giacomo Puccini
11/9	Parsifal , Richard Wagner
11/20	La Traviata , Giuseppe Verdi
12/10	Die Fledermaus , Johann Strauss II

Theatre

through

4	The Australian Bee Gees Show	Broadway Playhouse
11	Big Lake Big City	Lookingglass
11	Mojada	Victory Gardens
11	The Nance (with Nathan Lane)	Lyceum, New York
18	The Jungle Book	Goodman
25	Belleville	Steppenwolf
25	Buyer & Cellar	Barrow Street, New York
25	The Comedy of Errors	Shakespeare in the Parks
9/1	Dr. Seuss's The Cat in the Hat	Broadway Playhouse
9/1	Shrek the Musical	Chicago Shakespeare

opens

1	The Last Five Years	Theater Wit
6	Flashdance	Cadillac Palace
20	A Raisin in the Sun	TimeLine
25	Buena Vista	Steppenwolf

open run

Blue Man Group	Briar Street Theatre
101st Review: Let Them Eat Chaos	Second City
A Clown Car Named Desire	Second City

Sneak Previews

9/7	Festive Opening/Gala	Het Nationale Ballet, Amsterdam
9/7	Michael Bubl�	United Center
9/20	La scala di seta: Premiere	Teatro alla Scala, Italy
9/20	Eagles	United Center
9/20-21	Earth, Wind, and Fire	Chicago Theatre
9/21	Giovanna d'Arco	Chicago Opera Theatre
10/1	Kurt Vonnegut's Make Up Your Mind	Speakeasy Stage Co., Boston
10/5	Otello	Lyric Opera Chicago
10/6	L'altra met� del cielo	Teatro alla Scala, Italy
10/9	Once	Oriental Theatre
10/12	The Wheel	Steppenwolf Theatre
10/17-20	NYC Wine & Food Festival	Midtown Manhattan, NY
10/22	Mozart's Requiem	Theatre des Champs-Elysees, Paris
10/24	Snow Geese	Manhattan Theater Club, NY
10/24	Rod Stewart	United Center
10/25	Wonders of the 1893 World's Fair	Field Museum
10/30	Wicked	Oriental Theatre
11/14	Benjamin Britten War Requiem	Symphony Center
11/20	Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey	United Center
11/21	The Commons of Pensacola	Manhattan Theater Club, NY
11/22	Selena Gomez	Allstate Arena
12/13	Sister Hazel	House of Blues
12/13	Beyonce	United Center
12/14	Welcome Yule!	Symphony Center

Concert/Rock/Blues/Jazz

1	Lana Del Rey	House of Blues
1-2	Steely Dan	Ravinia
2	Backstreet Boys	FirstMerit Pavilion
2-4	Lollapalooza	Grant Park
9	John Mayer	Tinley Park
10	Taylor Swift	Soldier Field
10	Josh Groban	Ravinia
12	American Idol Live	Allstate Arena
16	Black Sabbath	FirstMerit Pavilion
17-18	Rachel Barton Pine	Ravinia
18-19	Joan Osborne	City Winery
20-21	Journey	Ravinia
22	Tony Bennett	Ravinia
23	Sammy Hagar	FirstMerit Pavilion
24	Depeche Mode	Tinley Park
25	Maroon 5, Kelly Clarkson	Tinley Park
28	Natalie Cole	Ravinia
29-9/1	Chicago Jazz Festival	Pritzker Pavillion
30	Kid Rock, ZZ Top	Tinley Park
31	Cheap Trick	Ravinia

Sports

◆ Cubs

1-4	Los Angeles
12-14	Cincinnati
16-18	St. Louis
19-22	Nationals
30-9/1	Philadelphia

◆ White Sox

5-7	New York
9-11	Minnesota
12-14	Detroit
23-25	Texas
26-28	Astros

also...

8-11	95th PGA Championship	Rochester, NY
10-18	2013 World Championships in Athletics	Moscow, Russia
16-18	Red Bull Indianapolis Moto Grand Prix	Indianapolis, IN
17	Arlington Million	Arlington Park
23-25	Life Time TRI Chicago	Chicago's Lakefront
26-9/9	US Open 2013	Flushing, NY
29-1/6	NCAA Division I Football Season	US

Special/Seasonal

7-11	Parade of Tall Ships	Navy Pier
8-11	Chicago Comic Con	Donald E. Stephens
9	Macy's Glamorama	Harris Theatre
10	Big Dig North Avenue Beach Party	North Avenue Beach
10	Bud Billiken Parade	King/Oakwood
12	Street Food Artistry	Zhou B Art Center
14	Taste of the Nation Chicago	Navy Pier Ballroom
15	Elvis is Alive 5K Run/Walk	Grant Park
17-18	Chicago Air & Water Show	North Ave. Beach
20-22	Independent Garden Center Show	Navy Pier Fest. Hall
23	Brew Cruise	Shoreline Sightseeing

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



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2013 Restaurant Wine Spectator Award

Winners of the 2013 Wine Spectator Award

Awards given to restaurants that show an uncompromising passionate devotion to the quality of their wine program.

2013 is the first year that the Grand Award has ever been given. This is the highest award given to restaurants that typically offer 1,500 selections or more.

United States

Grand Award Winners

◆ **Per Se**, American/French
10 Columbus Circle, New York, NY
Wine selections: 2,300

◆ **Picasso**, French/Mediterranean
3600 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas, NV
Wine selections: 1,625

◆ **Tru**, Contemporary French
676 N. St Clair St., Chicago, IL
Wine selections: 1,500

Best of Award of Excellence Winners

◆ **Bar Masa**, Japanese
3730 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas, NV
Wine selections: 2,750

◆ **Benny's Chop House**, Steak House
444 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago, IL
Wine selections: 1,200

◆ **Gordon Ramsay at The London**,
French
151 W. 54th St., New York, NY
Wine selections: 450

◆ **Italian Village**, Italian
71 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL
Wine selections: 1,300

◆ **L20**, Seafood
2300 N. Lincoln Park W., Chicago, IL
Wine selections: 1,050

◆ **Mastro's Steak House**, Steak/Seafood
520 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, IL
Wine selections: 620

◆ **Nomi**, Italian
800 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL
Wine selections: 575

International

Grand Award Winners

◆ **Atrio**, Spanish
Plaza de San Mateo 1, Caceres, Spain
Wine selections: 2,800

◆ **Le Cinq**, French
Four Season's Hotel George V, Paris France
Wine selections: 2,500

◆ **The Greenhouse**, French
27A Hay's Mews, Mayfair, London, England
Wine selections: 3,150

Best of Award of Excellence Winners

◆ **Bistro de l'Hotel**, French
5 Rue Samuel Legay, Beaufort, France
Wine selections: 1,200

◆ **El Olivo Restaurant**, Mediterranean
Finca Son Canals, Deia, Mallorca, Spain
Wine selections: 400

◆ **La Pergola**, Mediterranean
Rome Cavalieri, Via Cadlolo 101, Rome, Italy
Wine selections: 3,200

◆ **La Pont Da La Tour**, European
Stockcross, Newbury, Berkshire, England
Wine selections: 3,000

◆ **Ristorante Arquade**, Italian
Via Quar 12, Pedemonte, Verona, Italy
Wine selections: 1,000

◆ **Romano**, Italian, Mediterranean
Via G. Mazzini 120, Viareggio, Italy
Wine selections: 1,450

◆ **The Vineyard**, Contemporary
Stockcross, Newbury, Berkshire, England
Wine selections: 3,000

International Michelin Rated Restaurants

in Paris

◆ L'Astrance, Modern French

Located in Trocadero, a three Michelin-starred restaurant is a small but charming location that is a true culinary force. With no menu, guests advise Chef Pascal Barbot what their likes and dislikes are and he then prepares a bespoke succession of wildly creative dishes to suit, using what's available in the kitchen.

◆ Le Meurice, French Gastronomic

Located inside Hotel Le Meurice, a three Michelin-starred restaurant serves Haute French cuisine in an elegant dining room with magnificent decor that transports diners to the mid-eighteenth century France. Le Meurice offers a modern menu that is faithful to the true flavors and art of exquisite presentation.

◆ Ledoyen, Classic French

Located near Champs-Elysees a three Michelin-starred restaurant is one of the oldest in the city, dating back to 1798. Chef Christian Le Squer, a gifted culinary expert shares his love of the sea with scintillating flavors of fish and seafood.

◆ Pierre Gagnaire, Haute French

Located in Paris' famous neighborhoods Champs-Elysees, this three Michelin-starred restaurant was named one of the world's best! Chef Pierre Gagnaire a living legend of French cuisine and a hero of gastronomy takes risks in preparing his generous and lively cuisine.

in Brussels

◆ L'Alban Chambon, Classic French

Located at the Hotel Metropole, a two Michelin-starred restaurant showcases classic French cuisine in an elegant style atmosphere. Savour a diverse menu of fish, meat, game and more as well as take a guided tour of an extensive wine cellar with their expert sommelier.

in London

◆ Restaurant Gordon Ramsey, Modern French

Located in Chelsea is the longest held three Michelin-starred restaurant which combines an intimate ambience and an exquisite cuisine. Head Chef Clare Smyth has held the position since 2007 and remains the only female chef in the UK to hold this accolade.

◆ Alain Ducasse, Classic French

Located at the heart of one of the best hotels in the world, The Dorchester, lies a three Michelin-starred restaurant which pushes beyond its boundaries of excellence in cooking, decor and creativity. This bespoke dining experience allows guests not only create their own menu, but also create the decor of their dinner party. It is indeed a unique experience.

◆ Rhodes 24, British

Located on the 24th floor of the City of London's tallest building, Tower 42 lays this one Michelin-starred restaurant. Chef Gary Rhodes and Head Chef Omar Romero serve a seasonal traditional British cuisine in a sophisticated setting with unparalleled views.

◆ Arbutus, Modern European

Bistro dining at its best just off London's Soho Square and close to the Theatres of Shaftesbury Avenue lays this one Michelin-starred restaurant. This pre-theatre dinner spot boasts an intimate dining area with decor that does not compromise on style or elegance. Chef Anthony Demetre's skills really shine in his ability to turn seasonal and inexpensive food into affordable and interesting dishes.

Travel Abroad: Make the Summer Heat Last

TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA

Head to the land of down under and visit Tasmania, one of the world's most mountainous islands! When you get there, be sure to visit "The Taste of Tasmania" which runs from December 28-January 3, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery and the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens.

Where to stay: Woodbridge on the Derwent

Where to dine: The Point Revolving Restaurant, Sandy Bay

Contact your CUI Concierge for details.

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.

Fairs & Festivals in August

- ◆ **1-11 Wisconsin State Fair**
WI State Fair Park, West Allis, WI
- ◆ **22-25 Taylor Street Festa Italiana**
Taylor St. between Ashland & Racine
- ◆ **3, 4 Wrigleyville Summerfest**
Clark St. and Addison
- ◆ **23-25 Brazil Fest Chicago**
Logan Square
- ◆ **8-18 Illinois State Fair**
801 Sangamon, Springfield, IL
- ◆ **24-25 Bucktown Arts Fest**
2300 N. Oakley Ave.
- ◆ **10-11 Northalsted Market Days**
Halsted St. Between Belmont & Addison
- ◆ **24-25 Taste of Greece**
Greektown, 100-400 S. Halsted
- ◆ **10-11 Retro on Roscoe**
2000-2300 W. Roscoe
- ◆ **29-9/1 Chicago Jazz Festival**
Millennium Park, Randolph & Michigan
- ◆ **16-18 North Side Summerfest**
4000 N. Lincoln Ave.
- ◆ **30-9/1 North Coast Music Festival**
Union Park, Ashland & Lake
- ◆ **16-18 Glenwood Ave Arts Fest**
6900 N. Glenwood Ave.
- ◆ **30-9/2 African Festival of the Arts**
Washington Park, 51st & Cottage Grove

Theatre in the Park

- ◆ *thru August 25*, **Chicago Shakespeare Theatre** presents *The Comedy of Errors*, free for all, in neighborhoods across the Chicago land area. **Contact your time-saving concierge for schedule and locations.**
- ◆ *thru August 24*, **Oak Park Festival Theatre** presents *Twelfth Night*, one of Shakespeare's greatest comedies involving jealousy, mistaken identities, duels, and a shipwreck! Presented at Austin Gardens, 167 Forest Ave. **Contact your time-saving concierge service for pricing and availability.**

2013 Museum Free Days

- Art Institute of Chicago:** Every Thursday from 5p-8p for Chicago residents. Kids 13 and under are always free.
- Chicago Children's Museum:** Every Thursday from 5p-8p and the first Sunday every month.
- Museum of Contemporary Art:** Every Tuesday for Illinois residents.
- Museum of Science and Industry:** Sept. 9-13, 16-20, 23-27, 30 - for Illinois residents with ID.
- John G. Shedd Aquarium:** Aug 3-4 (Saturday and Sunday), then every Monday starting in September until December.

Key Reasons Clients Rely on CUI

Reliability from thousands of miles away!

At 8:30am on Good Friday, your CUI Concierge received an email from a desperate client stranded in London in need of a hotel. CUI did not book this trip for him, and because his lodging accommodations had fallen through and it was a holiday weekend, he was having a difficult time finding accommodations to fit his needs and budget. Thanks to CUI's International reach of experts, a room was secured within an hour and the client was able to check-in moments later - as if this little London hiccup hadn't even occurred! **Contact your concierge for your "impossibles!"**

CUI in the nick of time!

A key client came to your CUI Concierge right before the weekend for his friend's birthday. He wanted to do something special, and knew his friend loved comedy, but was unsure where to start. Because of CUI's expert knowledge and connections, your Concierge was able to secure two last-minute tickets to the sold out show *A Clown Car Named Desire* from Chicago's famed Second City. Needless to say, the client was thrilled for the exceptional accommodations and his friend had the time of his life! **Contact your time-saving concierge today to work magic for you!**



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Suggestions to the Editor

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