



Key In

Sold-out tickets and celebrity meet and greet! A client called your CUI concierge seeking tickets to a sold-out performance of *Simpatico* at the Red Orchid Theatre starring Michael Shannon after unsuccessfully trying to secure tickets on her own. Your concierge, thanks to Concierge Unlimited's extensive contact reach, was able to secure tickets within the hour! The client even had the opportunity to meet and take a picture with the star of the show. **The Client described the event as a "once in a lifetime experience!"**

We Recommend

Benny's Chop House at 444 North Wabash is a rare chef-driven dining experience. From 100% USDA Prime steaks, fresh fish flown in daily, local produce, and a Wine Spectator's award-winning wine list, Benny's is a place where business and personal celebrations are coordinated with careful consideration to every detail. Wine selections and tastings, personalized menu inscriptions, invitations, floral & décor, table and room set up from table for two to party of eighty all create a successful and memorable experience.

The Langham Chicago is River North's newest hotel, blending urban sophistication with refined luxury. Having opened on July 10th at 330 N. Wabash, The Langham plays up the architectural style of its building's architect, Miles van der Rohe. Enjoy the floor-to-ceiling windows featuring views of the Chicago River from one of their 316 luxury guest rooms, a holistic spa treatment in the Chuan Spa, or a contemporary Mediterranean dinner at Travelle. **Contact your CUI Concierge today for preferred rates and a new experience!**

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

New/News

BlackFinn Ameripub, slated to open this month in River North, will feature an extensive menu and a relaxed sportsbar-esque atmosphere. Come sample the 100 different tap handles filled with craft beers while enjoying an extensive menu featuring dishes from fish tacos and ten types of burgers to traditional favorites like lasagna, baby back ribs, and filet mignon. Vegetarian and gluten-free menu items are available as well!

Tanta, the newest venture of Gastón Acurio, is an upscale Peruvian restaurant which features a daring approach to his native cuisine with Asian influence, notably in Peruvian spring rolls and sashimi, and many other menu items! The restaurant will also feature a ceviche bar, and its beverage menu will heavily feature pisco, a Peruvian grape brandy.

435 Digital is the brand-new online marketing agency for the Chicago Tribune. If you are looking to expand your organization's online presence, or become one of the top searches on Google, 435 Digital offers everything from building and developing websites, SEO & SEM, social media enhancement, and much more.

Wine Insight

For Wine Insight, visit www.conciergeunlimited.com

Arts/Museums

opens

9/1

9/10

Shi Liru Solo Exhibition
Radical Transformation: Magnum
Photos Into the Digital Age

MAU Shanghai
The Harry Ransom Center, UT Austin

through

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23

Abelardo Morell: Universe Next Door
Michelangelo Pistoletto
Impressionism, Fashion, and Modernity
Le Corbusier: An Atlas of Modern Landscapes

Art Institute
The Louvre, Paris
Art Institute
NYC MoMA

10/6

10/10

10/19

11/3

12/8

Theaster Gates: 13th Ballad
Think First, Shoot Later
Ron Arad: In Reverse
The Artistic Pensionato Paulista
Janet Cardiff: The Forty Part Motet

MCA Chicago
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Design Museum Holon
Pinacoteca, SP
The Met, NY

ongoing

Karen Blixen's Home Museum
Royal Palace Display
Ebony Fashion Flair
Van Gogh at Work

Langata, Nairobi
Royal Palace, Nepal
Chicago History Museum
Van Gogh, Amsterdam

Ballet/Dance

7-8

7

15

15-25

17-28

19-22

20-22

21

XVIII International Ballet Festival
Ruth Page Civic Ballet
Pilobolus
Othello
NYC Ballet: Swan Lake
Joffrey Ballet: Russian Masters
Susan Marshall & Company
Night of Stars

Miami
Ravinia
Ravinia
Hamburg State Opera
David H. Koch Auditorium Theatre
Columbia College
Boston Common

Children/Family

11

21

22

Disney on Ice
Annual Autumn Fair
Sunday Family Fundays

United Center
Peck Farm
Lincoln Park Zoo

through

2

8

8

10/1

10/24

Creatures of Light
David Rogers's Big Bugs
Food: The Nature of Eating
Family Explorer Backpack
Dinosaurs Alive!

Field Museum
Morton Arboretum
Nature Museum
Morton Arboretum
Brookfield Zoo

ongoing

Ready, Pet, Go!

Children's Museum

Classical/Symphony

18

CSO Community Concert

Morton East HS

at Symphony Center

14

19

21

eMotion Chicago Sinfonietta, M. Chen, cond.
Verdi and Brahms CSO, R. Muti, cond.
Symphony Ball CSO R. Muti, cond.

Opera: Sneak Peak of 2013-2014 Season

Tickets on sale now, 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

1	Shrek the Musical	Chicago Shakespeare
1	Dr. Seuss's Cat in the Hat	Broadway Playhouse
10/6	Book of Mormon	Bank of America Theatre

opens

10	To Master the Art	Broadway Playhouse
12	The Wheel	Steppenwolf Theatre
14	Pullman Porter Blues	Goodman Theatre
17	Evita	Oriental Theatre
24	Cyrano de Bergerac	Chicago Shakespeare
25	The North China Lover	Lookingglass Theatre

open run

Late Nite Catechism	Royal George Theatre
Blue Man Group	Briar Street Theatre
101st Review: Let Them Eat Chaos	Second City
A Clown Car Named Desire	Second City
The Best of Second City	Second City
We're All in This Room Together	Second City

Sneak Previews

10/1	Kurt Vonnegut's Make Up Your Mind	Speakeasy Stage Co., Boston
10/5	Otello	Lyric Opera Chicago
10/6	L'altra metà del cielo	Teatro alla Scala, Italy
10/9	Once	Oriental Theatre
10/12	The Wheel	Steppenwolf Theatre
10/13	Chicago Marathon	Grant Park
10/14	Columbus Day Parade	Columbus Avenue
10/17	Animal Collective	Riviera Theatre
10/17-20	NYC Wine & Food Festival	Midtown Manhattan, NY
10/18-20	Chicago Fine Chocolate and Dessert Show	Navy Pier
10/24	Snow Geese	Manhattan Theater Club, NY
10/24	Rod Stewart	United Center
10/25-11/3	Chicago International Children's Film Festival	Facets Cinema et al.
10/25	Wonders of the 1893 World's Fair	Field Museum
10/30	Wicked	Oriental Theatre
10/31-11/3	SOFA Functional Art + Design Fair	Navy Pier
11/14	Benjamin Britten War Requiem	Symphony Center
11/16	Fauré Requiem	Théâtre des Champs-Élysées, Paris
11/20	Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey	United Center
11/21	The Commons of Pensacola	Manhattan Theater Club, NY
11/22	Selena Gomez	Allstate Arena
11/29-1/5	ZooLights	Lincoln Park Zoo
12/13	Sister Hazel	House of Blues
12/13	Beyoncé	United Center
12/14	Welcome Yule!	Symphony Center

Concert/Rock/Blues/Jazz

4	Indigenous	Mayne Stage
5-6	Brian Auger's Oblivion Express	Reggies
6-7	The Hideout Block Party	The Hideout
7	Marc Anthony	Allstate Arena
7	Michael Bublé	United Center
13-15	Riot Fest	Humboldt Park
18	Joe Satriani	Chicago Theatre
20	The Eagles	United Center
20-21	Earth, Wind & Fire	Chicago Theatre
24	The XX	Radio City Music Hall, NY
26	Neko Case	Radio City Music Hall, NY
27	Il Volvo	Radio City Music Hall, NY
28	Sarah Brightman	Rosemont Theatre
29	Lionel Richie	United Center
29	Nat Baldwin	Hideout
30	Sigur Rós	Auditorium Theatre
30-10/8	Steely Dan	Beacon Theatre, NY
10/20	Josh Groban	United Center
2/16	Justin Timberlake	United Center

Sports

◆ Cubs		◆ White Sox	
1	Philadelphia	9-11	Detroit
2-4	Miami	12-15	Cleveland
6-8	Milwaukee	16-18	Minnesota
20-22	Atlanta	26-29	Kansas City
23-25	Pittsburgh		

◆ Bears		◆ Fire	
8	Cincinnati	1	Houston
15	Minnesota	14	New England
		28	Montreal

also...

7-15	ATP Roller Open	Petange, Luxembourg
12-15	PGA BMW Championship	Lake Forest, IL
14-22	Moselle Open	Metz, France
15-23	St. Petersburg Open	Russian Federation

Special/Seasonal

8/29-1	Chicago Jazz Festival	Millenium Park
8/30-2	Taste of Polonia	Copernicus Center
1	American Flower Show	Botanic Garden
6-7	Windy City Wine Festival	Buckingham Fountain
7-8	Renegade Craft Fair	Division Street
9	Binny's Taste at the Track	Arlington Park
14-15	Lakeview East Festival of the Arts	Broadway Avenue
27-29	Chicago Gourmet	Millenium Park
28-29	Randolph Street Market Fest	Plumber's Union Hall
28-29	Hyde Park Jazz Festival	Hyde Park

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



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Oktoberfest 2013

◆ **11-13 The Berghoff:** In its 27th year, this is the largest and longest-running Oktoberfest in Chicago and this year will host an entire month-long celebration inside the restaurant. Don't miss the tapping of the keg on Sept. 6 or raffles and door prizes throughout the day with proceeds benefiting **Mercy Home for Boys & Girls**. Also, enjoy performances by Johnny Wagner band and other festivities through out the month.

◆ **27-29 Oktoberfest Chicago:** In its 12th year, St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church celebrates the forthcoming change of season. It's all about the beer, brats and tons of fun. With two stages of music and activities for the kids, you won't want to miss this event!

Looking for great food to include great beer in a fun all German atmosphere? Visit the North Central/Lincoln Square area for German restaurants and bars, including favorites such as **Chicago Brauhaus, Resi's Bierstub** or **Laschet's Inn**. **Contact your CUI Concierge for reservations at a restaurant of your choice.**

2013 National Wine Festivals & Tastings

Special events, wine tasting destinations for wine enthusiasts:

◆ **6-7 Windy City Wine Festival:** Buckingham Fountain, Chicago, IL
Sample from more than 270 wines from around the world. Explore wine seminars, cooking demonstrations, and sample some of the area's finest signature dishes with live music.

◆ **7 Village West WineFest:** Schlitterbahn Waterpark, Kansas City, KS
Showcasing over 200 wines and 100 beers from around the world, this wine festival features Kansas City's best restaurants, bars and caterers.

◆ **21-22 Valenzano WineFest 2013:** Valenzano Winery & Vineyard, Shamong, NJ
Sample Award-winning wines from 7 of New Jersey's finest wineries. Enjoy crafters, children's activities, music and more.

◆ **19-22 Colorado Mountain Winefest:** Riverbend Park, Palisade, CO
A celebration of food and wine featuring the opportunity to taste wines from 50 Colorado wineries. Enjoy live music, winery tours, chef demonstrations, interactive seminars, a grape stop, ice carvings and delicious food.

◆ **20-22 Newport Mansions Wine & Food Festival:** Newport, RI
Rosecliff, The Elms and Marble House host more than 100 of the world's finest vintners and more than two dozen of New England's finest restaurants and caterers for a remarkable three-day event.

◆ **21-22 Stratford Hall Wine and Oyster Festival:** Stratford Hall, Stratford, VA
The Stratford Hall Wine and Oyster Festival features wine tastings from 11 wineries, a classic car show, along with speciality foods, live music, arts and crafts, wine seminars, grape stop, Great House tours and more.

◆ **The Tasting Room:** 1415 West Randolph Street, Chicago, IL
A neighborhood wine lounge and restaurant with a comfortable atmosphere. Work with expert sommeliers and wine consultants to educate you on the perfect wine-food pairing.

◆ **The House of Glunz:** 1206 North Wells Street, Chicago, IL
Every Friday and Saturday The House of Glunz hosts an in-store open house tasting featuring new arrivals, seasonal specials and more. Wine pairing classes are also available.

◆ **Square One:** 1400 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago
This South Loop lounge puts a focus on classic craft cocktails. Pull up a seat at the 23-foot cement bar and sample craft beers or vino via wine dispensers that allow you to purchase amounts ranging from an ounce to a glass.

Contact your CUI Concierge for more information.

OktoberFest 2013 in Munich Germany

Now in its 179th year & celebrating its 202nd birthday, Oktoberfest is the largest music and beer festival in the world.

When: September 21 through October 6

Where: Theresierwiese

Oktoberfest begins with a parade led by the Mayor of Munich and the Munchner Kindl and ceremonies begin at noon when the first keg is tapped by the Mayor of Munich.

14 beer tents to choose from each one more awesome than the other.

◆ **Schottenhamel - Pure Tradition:** The largest and most important tent of the Wiesn, everything starts inside this tent. Opening day, at 12 noon, the Mayor of Munich, Christian Ude will tap the first keg and call out "O'zapft is!" confirming that the tapping was successful. It is only after this that all other tents may begin to serve beer.

◆ **Hippodrom - Truly "hip":** A stylish sekt (sparkling wine) bar lends a special flair by the younger crowd.

◆ **Armbrustschutzen - Bull's Eye!** One of the great Wiesn highlights is the crossbow competition in this tent along with the excellent Paulaner beer.

◆ **Hofbräu Festhalle - World famous:** True Bavarian delicacies and MaB glasses being raised to toasts with guests rocking back and forth to the music at midday.

◆ **Hacker - Bavarian Heaven:** Every evening at 5:30pm, grab a cold MaB of the Hacker Pschor while taking a break with Rock'n'Roll music.

◆ **Winzerer Fähndl - A toast to Gemuetlichkeit:** Decorated with great care and authentic Bavarian details this "Gemuetlichkeit" (relaxed fun feeling) serves beers from the Paulaner brewery.

◆ **Schützen-Festzelt - Under Bavaria's eyes:** Performances by the "Nieder-almer" provide for a good atmosphere. Great traditional food with beers from Löwenbräu brewery.

◆ **Käfer's Wies'n-Schänke:** Try the Käfer-roasted duck in a cozy comfortable retreat while sampling beers from Paulaner brewery.

◆ **Weinzelt - A glass of wine:** The Wine Tent offers a selection of more than 15 different wines, in addition to different types of Sekt and champagne from the Nymphenburger Sekt cellars.

◆ **Löwenbräu - A lion marks the spot:** This beer tent is the meeting point for the fans of the TSV 1860 Munich soccer team the "Lions."

◆ **Bräuerosl - True Wiesn tradition:** A good atmosphere with traditional Bavarian songs and beers from Hacker-Pschorr brewery.

◆ **Augustiner-Festhalle - Family friendly and great fun:** Considered to be the friendliest of all tents, excellent Augustiner beer contributes to a great atmosphere.

◆ **Ochsenbraterei - All kinds of oxen:** Offers a variety of different oxen specialty dishes. A great atmosphere and excellent brass music.

◆ **Fischer Vroni - For Fish-Lovers:** Enjoy authentic grilled "fish on a stick" in one of the most comfortable tents at the Oktoberfest.

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 September

- ◆ **8/31-9/1 Ravenswood Remix** ◆ **8 Renaissance Festival (79th)**
Ravenswood & Bell Plaine 79th & Racine
- ◆ **8/30-9/1 The Last Fling** ◆ **7-8 Ukrainian Village Festival**
Clark & Addison Oakley & Superior
- ◆ **8/30-9/2 Taste of Polonia** ◆ **14-15 Crush in Old Town**
5216 W. Lawrence 1400-1500 N. Wells
- ◆ **6-8 Festival de La Villita** ◆ **7 Festival on Prairie Ave.**
3200-3500 N. Halsted Prairie Ave & 18th
- ◆ **6-8 German American Fest** ◆ **7 Guinness Oyster Fest**
Western, Lincoln & Leland Damen & Roscoe
- ◆ **14-15 Lakeview East Festival** ◆ **28-29 Hyde Park Jazz Festival**
3900-4000 N. Lincoln Midway between Ellis & Wood-lawn

Contact your CUI Concierge for additional September Street Festivals

Apple Picking

- ◆ **All Seasons Orchard** ◆ **Kuipers Family Farm**
Woodstock, IL Maple Park, IL
- ◆ **Heinze Orchard** ◆ **Prairie Sky Orchard**
Green Oaks, IL Union, IL
- ◆ **Homestead Orchard** ◆ **Royal Oak Farm Orchard**
Woodstock, IL Harvard, IL
- ◆ **Jonamac Orchards** ◆ **Ecker's Apple Farm**
Malta, IL Trempealeau, WI

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

Football season is back! **Concierge Unlimited International holds the key to top tickets locally and around the country.**

- ◆ **Bears**
- 8** Cincinnati Bengals
- 15** Minnesota Vikings
- 28** Notre Dame vs. OK
- 10/6** New Orleans Saints
- 10/10** New York Giants
- 11/4** at Green Bay Packers
- 11/10** Detroit Lions
- 12/9** Dallas Cowboys
- 12/29** Green Bay Packers
- ◆ **College Highlights**
- 14** UI vs. WU (Soldier Field)
- 21** Notre Dame vs. MI State
- 10/5** NU vs. Ohio State
- 10/19** UI vs. Wisconsin
- 10/19** Notre Dame vs. USC
- 11/16** NU vs. Michigan
- 11/30** Michigan vs. Ohio State

Key Reasons Clients Rely on CUI

Reliability in the urban jungle!

Jungle Book Miracle! A client called on a Friday afternoon in desperate need of 5 tickets to the sold-out Sunday matinee performance of "The Jungle Book" at The Goodman Theater. Because of CUI's resourceful contacts and commitment to serve, your concierge was able to secure 5 prime house seats (10th row center!) and have the actual tickets delivered to the client within 2 hours so he could catch his 2pm train. The client was amazed and thrilled! Let CUI be the most valuable amenity in your personal life!

CUI in the nick of time!

Hotel Sell-Out? Just call on CUI to make room at the inn! A key client was greatly in need of hotel accommodations during a city-wide sellout. They wanted rooms at the Peninsula Hotel and had been unsuccessfully trying to secure them on their own. With one call to your CUI Concierge, two rooms were cleared at a preferred CUI rate. The client was thrilled at the time and money saving offered by CUI and the exceptional accommodations.

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.