



## Key In

### Don't Wait Until the Last Moment!

With the holiday season just around the corner, CUI is *At Your Service* to save your precious time and to provide, arrange and secure:

- ◆ An exciting place for your Company or Private Holiday Party of any size.
- ◆ Unique gifts from Tiffany & Co., Bloomingdale's and other providers with CUI additional savings.
- ◆ Best hotel rates in Chicago or seasonal getaways to destinations around the globe!
- ◆ Great seats to sports, theatre, classical, opera, concerts for your Holiday Business Gifts or Holiday Stocking Surprises to: *The Joffrey Ballet*, *Nutcracker*, *The Book of Mormon*, *A Christmas Carol*, *the Bulls*, *the Bears*...

With resources at your CUI Concierge's fingertips you can entertain in style. Become our VIP and contact your CUI Concierge to make your day worry-free!

## We Recommend

**Les Miserables**, the world's longest-running Broadway musical opens November 14th at the Cadillac Palace Theatre. Cameron Mackintosh's legendary production of Bloublil and Schönberg's classic sweeps its audience through an epic tale of passion and destruction in the 19th century France. Experience glorious new staging and dazzling performances, in this show stopping night to remember.

**Contact your CUI Concierge for top tickets to the theatre production of your choice.**

## New/News

**Baume & Brix** (351 W Hubbard St.) Thomas Elliott Bowman and Ben Roche, both alumni of Homaro Cantu restaurants, are presenting "internationally inspired modern cuisine" at this River North spot. Each plate offers a balance between textures, flavors and temperatures using molecular gastronomy techniques and locally sourced ingredients.

**Zaharoff** (110 E Oak St.) This newly opened high-end menswear store features tailored suits, sports jackets, neckwear, wallets and more by designer George Zaharoff. But that's not all; the 3 story shop also features a collaboration with beauty authority Marilyn Miglin, where guys can take part in skin-care consultations and seminars.

**Arch Apothecary** (1359 N Wells St.) The one stop shot to serve all of your beauty needs. Located in Old Town, this Rockford import offers a brow and lash bar, facials and makeup application while selling products myriad European skin-care lines and more.

**Contact your CUI Concierge to secure a VIP table or book a day at a spa of your choice.**

## Wine Insight

For November visit [www.conciergeunlimited.com](http://www.conciergeunlimited.com) for this month's Wine Insight: Thanksgiving celebration! By our connoisseur, Bernard Guinand.

## Arts/Museums

*through*

11	<b>Danh Vo: We the People</b>	Art Institute
25	<b>Film &amp; Photo in New York</b>	Art Institute
25	<b>Jimmy Robert Vis-a-vis</b>	MCA
1/6	<b>Steve McQueen</b>	Art Institute
1/6	<b>Magic</b>	History Museum
1/20	<b>Ronan &amp; Wrwan Bouroullec: Bivouac</b>	MCA
2/3	<b>Maharaja: India's Royal Court</b>	Field Museum
2/18	<b>Charlie Brown and the Great Exhibit</b>	Science & Industry

*opens*

2-4	<b>A Glimpse: Outsider Art</b>	Intuit
6	<b>Paul Cowan</b>	MCA
10	<b>Color Blind: Collection in Blk&amp;White</b>	MCA
11	<b>Of Gods and Glamour</b>	Art Institute

*ongoing*

	<b>Vivian Maier's Chicago</b>	History Museum
	<b>John Cage A Dip in the Lake</b>	MCA
	<b>Images of the Afterlife</b>	Field Museum
	<b>Extreme Mammals</b>	Field Museum
	<b>Deep Space Adventure</b>	Adler Planetarium

*opens at Metropolitan Art Museum, NY*

20	<b>Christmas Tree &amp; Neapolitan Baroque Creche</b>	
27	<b>African Art, New York, and the Avant-Garde</b>	

## Ballet/Dance

2-4	<b>Moulin Rouge - The Ballet</b>	Auditorium Theatre
2,9-10	<b>Dance Crash</b>	Ruth Page Center
16-17	<b>River North Dance: Fall Engagement</b>	Harris Theater
24-25	<b>ScrapArtsMusic</b>	Harris Theater
24-25	<b>Salt Creek's Ballet: The Nutcracker</b>	Hinsdale Central Aud.

## Children/Family

*through*

12/29	<b>Alice in Wonderland</b>	Apollo Theatre
12/31	<b>Discover the Power of Plants</b>	Garfield Park Cons.
1/26	<b>The Wonderful Wizard of Oz</b>	Kohls Children's Mus.

*opens*

3	<b>Chicago Children's Museum Gala</b>	Navy Pier
9-10	<b>Sleep Under the Skyscrapers</b>	Lincoln Park Zoo
11	<b>Children's Lantern Fest &amp; Parade</b>	Dank Haus
13	<b>Disney On Ice: Treasure Trove</b>	Allstate Arena
14	<b>Ringling Bros. &amp; Barnum &amp; Bailey</b>	United Center

## Classical/Symphony

*at Symphony Center*

1-3	<b>Mahler 3:</b> CSO, S. Bychkov, cond., B. Fink, mezzo-soprano
8-11	<b>Beethoven 7:</b> CSO, C. Dutoit, cond., G. Shaham, violin
14,15,17	<b>The Rite of Spring:</b> CSO, C. Dutoit, cond., D. Trifonov, piano
24	<b>Disney Fantasia - Live in Concert:</b> L. Wicki, cond.
29-12/1	<b>Berlioz &amp; Shostakovich:</b> CSO, Sir M. Elder, cond.

*various dates at Avery Fisher Hall, NY*

8	<b>Masur Conducts Brahms</b>
20	<b>Mendelssohn, Shostakovich, &amp; Dvořák's New World Symphony</b>

## Opera

at the Lyric Opera of Chicago

- 3,6,9 **Simon Boccanegra** Giuseppe Verdi  
 11 **Werther** Jules Massenet  
 25 **Don Pasquale** Gaetano Donizetti  
 12/7 **Hansel and Gretel** Engelbert Humperdinck  
 at the Metropolitan Opera of New York City  
 2,5,9 **Turnadot** Giacomo Puccini  
 3,6,10,14 **The Tempest** Thomas Ades  
 23,26,29 **AIDA** Giuseppe Verdi

## Theatre

opens

- 13 **Potted Potter** Broadway Playhouse  
 13 **Sister Act** Auditorium Theatre  
 14 **Les Miserables** Cadillac Theatre  
 15 **Craig Ferguson** Chicago Theatre  
 16 **Failure: A Love Story** Victory Gardens  
 17 **A Christmas Carol** Goodman Theatre  
 17 **Lewis Black** Chicago Theatre  
 21 **Annie** Paramount Theatre  
 23 **Cinderella** Broadway Playhouse  
 28 **Spank! A Musical** Royal George Theatre

through

- 4 **Kinky Boots - World Premier!** Bank of America Theatre  
 11 **I Love Lucy: Live on Stage** Broadway Playhouse  
 17 **Good People** Steppenwolf Theatre  
 26 **Duck for President** Lifeline Theatre  
 12/16 **Metamorphoses** Lookingglass Theatre

open run

- Blue Man Group** Briar Street Theatre  
**Sky's the Limit (Weather Permitting)** Second City  
**100th Revue** Second City

open run around the globe

- The Book of Mormon** Eugene O'Neill Theatre, NY  
**The Jersey Boys** August Wilson Theatre, NY

## Sneak Previews

- 12/2 **Andrea Bocelli** Allstate Arena  
 12/4 **The School for Lies** Chicago Shakespeare  
 12/5 **How The Grinch Stole Christmas!** Cadillac Palace  
 12/5 **Dave Mathews Band: Winter Tour** United Center  
 12/7-27 **The Joffrey Ballet: The Nutcracker** Auditorium Theatre  
 12/11 **The Book of Mormon** Bank of America Theatre  
 12/12 **Carrie Underwood** United Center  
 12/14 **Radio City Christmas Spectacular** Akoo Theatre  
 12/18 **War Horse** Cadillac Palace  
 12/26 **WWE Smackdown Holiday Tour** Allstate Arena  
 12/28 **Harlem Globetrotters** Allstate Arena  
 12/28 **The Motherf\*\*cker with the Hat** Steppenwolf Theatre  
 1/9-13 **Chicago Boat, Sports and RV Show** McCormick Place  
 1/12 **Other Desert Cities** Goodman Theatre  
 1/15 **Green Day** Allstate Arena  
 1/30 **Disney on Ice: Rockin' Ever After** United Center  
 2/8-10 **Monster Jam** Allstate Arena  
 2/9-18 **Chicago Auto Show** McCormick Place  
 2/20 **Picasso and Chicago** Art Institute  
 2/13-14 **Lady Gaga: Born this Way Ball** United Center  
 3/4 **Muse** United Center  
 3/9 **Pink: The Truth About Love Tour** United Center  
 3/22 **Rihanna Diamonds World Tour** United Center

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



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## Concert/Rock/Blues/Jazz

- 2 **Jethro Tull's Ian Anderson** Chicago Theatre  
 2 **Sum 41** House of Blues  
 3 **Indigo Girls** Paramount Theatre  
 5 **Misfits** House of Blues  
 9 **Bob Dylan with Mark Knopfler** United Center  
 9 **French Montana** Congress Theatre  
 10 **Olivia Newton-John** Paramount Theatre  
 10 **Dash Berlin** Aragon Ballroom  
 10 **Melissa Ethridge** Chicago Theatre  
 13 **Journey with Pat Benatar** I Wireless Center  
 16 **An Evening with the Monkees** Chicago Theatre  
 16 **Carrie Underwood** I Wireless Center  
 17 **The Australian Pink Floyd Show** Akoo Theatre  
 23 **The legendary Leonard Cohen** Akoo Theatre  
 23 **Yellow Card with The Wonder Years** House of Blues  
 24 **Chris Isaak** Chicago Theatre  
 29-30 **The Who** Allstate Arena

## Sports

### ◆ Bulls

- 3 New Orleans  
 6 Orlando  
 8 Oklahoma City  
 10 Minnesota  
 12 Boston  
 26 Milwaukee  
 28 Dallas

### ◆ Ice Hogs

- 2 Chicago  
 3 Lake Erie  
 10 Milwaukee  
 14 Peoria  
 16 Houston  
 21 Peoria  
 27 Texas

### ◆ Wolves

- 17 Peoria  
 20 Milwaukee  
 24 Milwaukee  
 28 Rockford

### ◆ Blackhawks

(Cancelled thru Nov. 30)

### ◆ Bears

- 11 Houston  
 25 Minnesota

also...

- 16-18 **Mounted Memories (Sports)** Donald E. Stephens  
 17-18 **Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals** Donald E. Stephens  
 22 **Life Time Turkey Day 5K** Lincoln Park

around the globe

- 1-4 **World Golf Championships** Olazabal Course, CHN  
 6 **Emirates Melbourne Cup Day** Flemington Racecourse, AU  
 7 **ING New York City Marathon** Various Streets in NY  
 9-10 **Disney's Wine & Dine 1/2 Marathon** Orlando, FL  
 16-18 **US Grand Prix Formula One** Austin, TX  
 16-18 **Davis Cup: Czech vs. Spain** Prague, Czech Republic

## Special/Seasonal

- 3 **Macy's Great Tree Lighting** Macy's on State  
 7 **Chairs for Charity** Cosentino Center  
 9 **11th Annual Fur Ball (Paws Chicago)** The Drake Hotel  
 11 **Veterans Day Celebration** Brookfield Zoo  
 11/2-4 **SOFA Chicago** Navy Pier  
 16 **McCormick Tribune Ice Rink** Millennium Park  
 17 **Magnificent Mile Lights Festival** Michigan Ave.  
 18 **X-Mas Around the World...** Science & Industry  
 22 **McDonald's Thanksgiving Day Parade** State Street  
 22 **Thanksgiving Feast for The Animals** Brookfield Zoo  
 22 **Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade** 77th St. & Central Pk, NY  
 29 **World of Chocolate** Hilton Chicago

## Holiday Dining Guide

CUI is *At Your Service* to plan your Holiday dining! Whether it's a four-star restaurant or entertaining guests at home with a catered feast, consider a selection of restaurants around town for something special on Thanksgiving.

- ◆ **Balsan**
- ◆ **Bar Umbriago**
- ◆ **Benny's Chophouse**
- ◆ **Bin36**
- ◆ **Bistrot Margot**
- ◆ **Bistronomic**
- ◆ **Cafe Des Architectes**
- ◆ **Cape Cod Room at the Drake**
- ◆ **Carmine's**
- ◆ **Chicago Cut**
- ◆ **Chicago q**
- ◆ **Devon Seafood and Grill**
- ◆ **Deca at Ritz Carlton**
- ◆ **Harry Caray's-Kinzie**
- ◆ **Michael Jordan's Steakhouse**
- ◆ **Mike Ditka's**
- ◆ **NoMi at Park Hyatt**
- ◆ **Peninsula Hotel The Lobby**
- ◆ **Rosebud on Rush**
- ◆ **Seasons Restaurant**
- ◆ **Sixteen at Trump Hotel**
- ◆ **Smith & Wollensky**
- ◆ **Tavern on Rush**
- ◆ **Tuscany**
- ◆ **Wildfire**
- ◆ **ZED 451**

## Become the Next Best Chef!

**The Chopping Block** (4747 N. Lincoln Ave.) Chicago's largest recreational cooking school and gourmet retail store, offers demonstration and hands-on cooking classes. This year, they've added a Turkey Trunk Show at Lincoln Square. Our chefs will demonstrate how to smoke, grill, deep-fry and of course, roast a turkey. They'll also be showing off their favorite Thanksgiving side dishes. So stop by for expert tips, tricks, advice - and tastings!

**The Wooden Spoon** (5047 N. Clark St.) Simplify the meal while staying true to what's best about this great American Thanksgiving tradition. Learn to roast a turkey in pieces to save time and effort, prepare sides and pumpkin for dessert. Discussions on how to save time on the big day by Chef Scott who will pull it all together and show you how you can orchestrate your own successful holiday feast.

**Flavour Cooking School** (7401 W. Madison St., Forest Park) Laugh, eat and share your passion for cooking in a warm, inviting kitchen. Learn culinary techniques through a wide variety of cooking classes, whether you are a beginner, advanced pro, or just short on time let Chef Denise Norton guide you through preparation of your Thanksgiving Dinner.

**Marcel's Culinary Experience** (490 North Main, Glen Ellyn) Marcel's is home to one of the freshest and most innovative stores for cooking and food lovers locally, regionally and even globally. Jill Foucré, a longtime resident of Glen Ellyn, has embarked on her lifelong dream to combine her family heritage, her love of cooking and entertaining, and her highly successful business skills into a retail and cooking school destination.

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## Holiday Events & Entertainment

From Ballet and Broadway to Holiday Festivals, Concierge Unlimited is your source to Spectacular Seasonal Venues.

- ◆ **A Christmas Carol**, opens the 17th of Nov. at the Goodman. A Charles Dickens' classic of timeless tale of hope and redemption comes to life in an enchanting 35th anniversary production that promises more magic than ever before.
- ◆ **Magnificent Mile 2012 Lights Festival**, kick off the magical holiday season on Nov. 17th along Michigan Ave. A full day of family friendly activities, concerts and holiday shopping. The day's excitement ends with a grand evening parade down Michigan Ave Marshaled by Mickey and Minnie Mouse. Concluding with a grand finale fireworks show over the Chicago River.
- ◆ **99th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony** at Daley Plaza on Nov. 20th is a highly anticipated event, drawing in people of all ages. Musical performances and festive music begin at 4:30pm and the holiday season officially commences at 5:00pm, when the switch is flipped and the lights begin to dazzle.
- ◆ **ZooLights Festival** at Lincoln Park Zoo begins, Nov. 23rd through Dec. 26. View the brilliance of this annual fun, free, family-oriented holiday celebration, featuring luminous displays and holiday season activities throughout the zoo grounds.
- ◆ **Chriskindlmarket**, begins on the 21st of Nov. at Daley Plaza and will run through Dec. 24. One of Chicago's largest open-air and most popular winter attractions in the heart of the city. Searching for a gift? You'll find everything from hand-made ornaments, beer steins, to nutcrackers, hot spiced wine, German chocolates and more...
- ◆ **How The Grinch Stole Christmas**, a heart-warming holiday classic opens the 5th of Dec. at the Cadillac Palace Theatre. This holiday favorite springs to life through the work of two-time Tony Award-winning director Jack O'Brien.
- ◆ **Winter WonderFest at Navy Pier**, opens Nov. 30th & runs through Jan. 6th. This festive holiday playground will entertain the entire family. Includes indoor ice skating, rides, Ferris Wheel and so much more.
- ◆ **The Joffrey Ballet: Nutcracker** celebrates the 25th anniversary of America's #1 Nutcracker at the Auditorium on Dec. 7th through the 27th. A grand production with Tchaikovsky's glorious score played live by a full orchestra, this is sure to be an evening of pure enchantment.
- ◆ **Radio City Christmas Spectacular**, starring The Rockettes, returns to Chicago Dec. 14th at the Akoo Theatre and runs through Dec. 30th. Said to be more spectacular than ever before! With brand new scenes, sets and costumes and breathtaking special effects you won't want to miss.

**Contact your CUI Concierge for top tickets to a show of your choice or for more details on Holiday Festivities.**

**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.**

## Chicago Nightlife

### New on the scene - Bars & Lounges

◆ **M2 Lounge @ Market Bar** (1113 West Randolph) Located above Market, this upscale lounge scene offers perfectly crafted cocktails and a state-of-the-art sound system. Stop in for a savory, intimate dinner at Market, then head upstairs to M2 for an awesome, one-stop night on the town.

◆ **RM Champagne Salon and Wine Bar** (116 North Green) This elegant wine and champagne salon located adjacent to Nellcôte, led by sommelier Jason Wagner. Wagner's wine and champagne menu aspires to be distinctive yet approachable. Tucked away in a cobblestone alley, this intimate hot spot also offers a cheese program, tea sandwiches and pastries made in-house by pastry chef Nate Meads.

◆ **The Point** (401 North Milwaukee) Located downstairs of the three-room restaurant, sits the cocktail lounge, with an intimate speakeasy-esque vibe and instrumental saloon and jazz piano music for date nights or after hours. The cocktail menu features top-shelf craft spirits and classic recipes with a few new twists.

### Heated Patios and Rooftops

◆ **Argent** (660 North State) Heat lamps and lounge furniture make this River North restaurant's sidewalk patio fit for lingering late. To drink, try autumn beers such as Southern Tier's Imperial Pumpkin ale or try a glass from the newly expanded wine list. It's also dog friendly, with water bowls and treats on hand for a post-walk pit stop.

◆ **Drumbar** (201 East Delaware Place) A multi seasonal destination with its speakeasy style, indoor lounge and outdoor heated garden terrace. Get cozy on the couch and enjoy the view while sipping on one of their delicious fall specialty cocktails.

◆ **Roof on theWit** (201 North State) This glamorous 7,000 square foot escape on the 27th floor of theWit, ROOF has earned international praises for its gorgeous design, sweeping views of Chicago. When the weather gets chilly the party doesn't stop. A retractable glass enclosure over the outdoor patio portion of the ROOF ensures the party will go on all year long in any kind of weather.

### Best Places to Watch The Bears!!!

◆ **Bull & Bear Bar**  
431 North Wells Street

◆ **Public House**  
400 North State Street

◆ **Timothy O'Toole's Pub**  
622 North Fairbanks Court

◆ **Haymarket Pub & Brewery**  
737 West Randolph Street

◆ **City Tavern**  
1416 South Michigan Avenue

◆ **Cactus Bar & Grill**  
404 S. Wells Street

For more bars and lounges contact your time-saving CUI Concierge today!

## Key Reasons Clients Rely on CUI

### Need a Catered Lunch Quick!!!!

Having wrote down the wrong date for a very important luncheon, client contacted their CUI concierge in a panic as the meeting was about to begin. Thank heavens for CUI's preferred caterers the client need not worry! Within a half hour a generous amount of food was delivered for 20 people and was prepared only to impress. The client was grateful for the concierge's quick service, and informed the concierge, "Everything was prepared to perfection!" **Lack of time? Contact your time saving CUI Concierge to book your last minute caterer.**

### Not Too Late to Say Happy Birthday!

A client came in on a Monday morning to her boss frantically requesting a birthday cake for one of their important executives who was visiting the office for a meeting. She immediately contacted her CUI Concierge for assistance, not sure if it would even be possible on such short notice. After just a few moments, her concierge was able to secure a birthday cake for delivery in just two hours. The cake arrived right in time for lunch, and the client raved about how pretty and delicious it was!! **Last minute requests? No need to worry, contact your CUI concierge to save the day!**



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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 [communications@conciergeunlimited.com](mailto:communications@conciergeunlimited.com) or by phone at (312) 220-0500.