



## Key In

### Time is ticking, don't wait until the last minute!

The holiday's are approaching fast and 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, Macy's and other providers with CUI additional savings.
- ◆ Best hotel rates in Chicagoland and other cities for seasonal getaways to destinations around the globe!
- ◆ Great seats to sports, theatre, classical, opera and concerts for your Holiday Business Gifts or Holiday Stocking Surprises to: *The Joffrey Ballet Nutcracker, The Book of Mormon, A Christmas Carol, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, the Bulls, the Bears...*

Contact your CUI Concierge to help you shop for your Holidays, from delivering theatre tickets for any of the great shows, to secure that special VIP table at a restaurant or to assist with the Holiday presents for your business or personal, CUI concierge team is *At Your Service* to make your Holiday Season truly merry!

**Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas!**

## We Recommend

**Red Door Spas**, what a way to pump yourself up from the exhausting Holiday shopping and or long work hours. Elizabeth Arden's Red Door Spas, is the perfect spot to relax, rejuvenate and recharge. Located at 919 N. Michigan Avenue, enter from Walton Street on the 4th floor. The staff is friendly, the service professional and the treats are just what you need...Contact your concierge and make it a VIP treat for yourself or a great gift to your loved one.

**Contact your CUI concierge to book a day at the spa today!**

## New/News

**Del Frisco's**, 58 E. Oak St. opens its doors in the heart of Chicago's Gold Coast neighborhood occupying the former Esquire Theatre this month. Its three floors of stunning interior decor preserve the landmark theater's architectural elements. Executive Chef Jim Teutemacher and Chef De Cuisine Anthony Reyes select and serve only the best hand-cut steaks, chops and the freshest seafood, including Australian cold water lobster tails.

**Christian Louboutin**, 58 E. Oak St. also occupies the historic Esquire Theatre. Red-soled shoes by French designer Christian Louboutin have become one of the most recognizable brands in Chicago. Opened just in time for holiday shopping, this boutique occupies two floors of Men and Women's shoes and handbags.

**Contact your CUI Concierge to secure a VIP table at a restaurant of your choice or select that special boutique to complete your Holiday shopping.**

## Wine Insight

For December visit [www.conciergeunlimited.com](http://www.conciergeunlimited.com) for this month's Wine Insight.

## Arts/Museums

*through*

1/5	<b>Hawkins</b>	Intuit
1/6	<b>Steve McQueen</b>	Art Institute
1/6	<b>Magic</b>	History Museum
1/6	<b>Extreme Mammals</b>	Field Museum
1/20	<b>Ronan &amp; Wrwan Bouroullec: Bivouac</b>	MCA
2/3	<b>Maharaja: India's Royal Court</b>	Field Museum
3/5	<b>Paul Cowan</b>	MCA
4/7	<b>Danh Vo: We the People</b>	Art Institute
4/28	<b>Color Blind: Collection in Blk&amp;White</b>	MCA

*opens*

15	<b>Robert A. Taub Collection</b>	Art Institute
15	<b>Goshka Macuga: Exhibit A</b>	MCA
1/19	<b>Irving Penn: Underfoot</b>	Art Institute
2/16	<b>Destroy the Picture: John Latham</b>	MCA

*ongoing*

	<b>Vivian Maier's Chicago Images of the Afterlife</b>	History Museum
	<b>Deep Space Adventure</b>	Field Museum
		Adler Planetarium

*opens at Metropolitan Art Museum, NY*

4 **Matisse: Search for True Painting**

*open*

**African Art, New York, and the Avant-Garde**

## Ballet/Dance

6-9	<b>Hubbard Street: Winter Series</b>	Harris Theatre
7-27	<b>The Joffrey Ballet: The Nutcracker</b>	Auditorium Theatres
12	<b>The Christmas Story</b>	Auditorium Theatre
14-16	<b>Tidings of Tap</b>	UIC Theatre
15-16	<b>Salt Creek Ballet: The Nutcracker</b>	North Shore Center
21-22	<b>Tsukasa Taiko Taiko Legacy</b>	MCA

## Children/Family

*through*

22	<b>A Christmas Carol</b>	Drury Lane Theatre
23	<b>Breakfast or Brunch with Santa</b>	Brookfield Zoo
29	<b>Alice in Wonderland</b>	Apollo Theatre
31	<b>Titans of the Ice Age 3-D</b>	Field Museum
31	<b>Discover the Power of Plants</b>	Garfield Park Cons.
1/5	<b>A Holiday Fantasea</b>	Shedd Aquarium
1/26	<b>The Wonderful Wizard of Oz</b>	Kohls Children's Mus.
2/18	<b>Charlie Brown and the Great Exhibit</b>	Science & Industry

## Classical/Symphony

*at Symphony Center*

7-9	<b>Shostakovich 10:</b> CSO, V. Petrenko, cond., R. Chen, violin
13-15,18	<b>Bach Concertos:</b> CSO, H. Bicket, cond., J. Koh, violin
14-23	<b>Holiday-Welcome Yule:</b> CSO, D. Wolfe, cond.
20-22	<b>Tchaikovsky:</b> CSO, V. Zweden, cond., C. Martin, trumpet

*at Harris Theatre*

3	<b>MusicNow: Labyrinth:</b> CSO, C. Colnot, cond.
14-15	<b>Sita Ram: Chicago Children's Choir</b>
17-18	<b>Do-It-Yourself Messiah</b>

## Opera

*at the Lyric Opera of Chicago*

6,8,10,15 **Don Pasquale** Gaetano Donizetti  
 7,12,14,16 **Hansel and Gretel** Englebert Humperdinck

*at the Metropolitan Opera of New York City*

3,7,12,15 **Aida** Giuseppe Verdi  
 4,8,14 **Un Ballo in Maschera** Giuseppe Verdi  
 5,8,11,15,20 **Don Giovanni** Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

## Theatre

*opens*

4-16 **Jeff Garlin: Closer Than I Appear** Steppenwolf Theatre  
 5 **How The Grinch Stole Christmas!** Cadillac Palace  
 11 **The Book of Mormon** Bank of America Theatre  
 13 **Dysfunctional Holiday Revue** Copley Theatre  
 18 **War Horse** Cadillac Palace

*through*

2 **Les Miserables** Cadillac Theatre  
 16 **The Odd Couple** Northlight Theatre  
 16 **Spank! A Musical** Royal George Theatre  
 23 **Potted Potter** Broadway Playhouse  
 23 **We Three Lizas** Steppenwolf Theatre  
 29 **A Christmas Carol** Goodman Theatre  
 30 **Annie** Paramount Theatre  
 30 **Failure: A Love Story** Victory Gardens  
 30 **Radio City Christmas Spectacular** Akoo Theatre  
 30 **The Christmas Schooner** Mercury Theatre  
 1/6 **Metamorphoses** Lookingglass Theatre  
 1/6 **Cinderella** Broadway Playhouse  
 1/20 **The School for Lies** Chicago Shakespeare  
 3/3 **I Love Lucy: Live on Stage** Broadway Playhouse  
 3/13 **The Motherf\*\*cker with the Hat** Steppenwolf Theatre

*open run*

**Blue Man Group** Briar Street Theatre  
**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

1/9-13 **Chicago Boat, Sports and RV Show** McCormick Place  
 1/12 **Other Desert Cities** Goodman Theatre  
 1/15 **Green Day** Allstate Arena  
 1/26 **UFC: Johnson Vs. Dodson** United Center  
 1/30 **Cathy Rigby is Peter Pan** Cadillac Palace  
 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  
 2/13-24 **The Joffrey Ballet: American Legends** Auditorium Theatre  
 2/20 **Picasso and Chicago** Art Institute  
 2/13-14 **Lady Gaga: Born this Way Ball** United Center  
 3/2 **Thodos Dance: Winter Series** Harris Theatre  
 3/4 **Muse** United Center  
 3/9 **Pink: The Truth About Love Tour** United Center  
 3/9 **Luna Negra: Made in Spain** Harris Theatre  
 3/9-17 **Chicago Flower & Garden Show** Navy Pier  
 3/14-17 **Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournament** United Center  
 3/14-17 **Hubbard Street: Spring Series** Harris Theatre  
 3/21-23 **Giordano Spring Dance** Harris Theatre  
 3/22 **Rihanna Diamonds World Tour** United Center

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

## Concert/Rock/Blues/Jazz

2 **Andrea Bocelli** Allstate Arena  
 5 **Dave Mathews Band: Winter Tour** United Center  
 5 **Public Enemy** House of Blues  
 5 **The Who (New York)** Madison Square Gard.  
 7 **Mike Dunn with Chris Underwood** Reggies  
 7-8 **Larry McCray** Kingston Mines  
 8 **Dave Koz** Chicago Theatre  
 9-10 **The Starting Line** House of Blues  
 12 **Carrie Underwood** United Center  
 12 **12.12.12 - Sandy Relief Concert** Madison Square Gard.  
 14-15 **Carl Weathersby** Kingston Mines  
 14-15 **Sister Hazel** House of Blues  
 15 **B96 Jingle Bash** Allstate Arena  
 21 **Martina McBride** Chicago Theatre  
 22 **Kill Hannah** House of Blues  
 28 **William Beckett** Reggies  
 31 **Charlie Wilson and Ledisi** Chicago Theatre  
 31 **Third Eye Blind** House of Blues

## Sports

◆ <b>Bulls</b>	◆ <b>Ice Hogs</b>	◆ <b>Wolves</b>
1 Philadelphia	7 Milwaukee	1 Peoria
4 Indiana	8 Chicago	7 Grand Rapids
8 New York	15 Hamilton	13 Hamilton
11 Los Angeles	22 Abbotsford	19 Abbotsford
15 Brooklyn	27 Chicago	29 Abbotsford
18 Boston	29 Milwaukee	30 Abbotsford
25 Houston		
29 Washington	◆ <b>Bears</b>	
31 Charlotte	2 Seattle	16 Green Bay

*also...*

26 **WWE Smackdown Holiday Tour** Allstate Arena  
 28 **Harlem Globetrotters** Allstate Arena  
 29 **Fighting Illini vs. Auburn Tigers** United Center  
*around the globe*  
 5-8 **European: Omega Dubai Ladies Masters** Dubai, United Arab  
 6-15 **Wrangler National Finals Rodeo** Las Vegas, NV  
 7-15 **Men's European Curling Championships** Karlstad, Sweden  
 7-15 **Women's European Curling Championships** Karlstad, Sweden  
 8 **Army vs. Navy** Philadelphia, PA  
 12-16 **FINA World Swimming Championships** Istanbul (TUR)

## Special/Seasonal

2 **Toys for Tots Parade** Dan Ryan Woods  
 6 **Christmas Concert** Ravinia  
 8,15,22 **Holiday Breakfasts** Shedd Aquarium  
*through*  
 24 **Santa in the Sky** John Hancock Obser.  
 24 **Christkindlmarket** Daley Plaza  
 24 **Visit with Santa** Navy Pier  
 31 **Holiday Magic Lights Festival** Brookfield Zoo  
 1/6 **Winter WonderFest** Navy Pier  
 1/6 **Zoo Lights Festival** Lincoln Park Zoo  
 2/24 **Skating in the Park** Rosemont, IL  
 3/2013 **McCormick Tribune Ice Rink** Millennium Park



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## Chop Your Own Holiday Tree!

### ◆ Ben's Tree Farm

7720 Ryan Road, Harvard, IL

### ◆ Ide Christmas Tree Farm

1500 83rd St., Downers Grove, IL

### ◆ Camelot Christmas Trees

16380 S. Somonauk Road, Dekalb, IL

### ◆ Larson's Family Farm

4404 Somonauk Road, Sandwich, IL

### ◆ Flora Tree Forest

Irene Rd. & Bates Rd., Belvidere, IL

### ◆ Nature's Best Trees

13001 Route 176, Poplar Grove, IL

### ◆ Forest View Farms

16717 S. Lockwood Ave., Tinley Park, IL

### ◆ Pioneer Tree Farm

4614 Pioneer Road, McHenry, IL

## Celebrate the Holiday Season Around the World

◆ **Thru 1/12: Tommy Steele in Scrooge, London Palladium** A business man finding redemption after being visited by three spirits after on Christmas Eve.

◆ **Thru 12/30: A Christmas Story-The Musical, Lunt-Fontanne Theatre, NYC** Broadway musical retelling of the 1983 holiday perennial. All of the movie's best-loved moments are in this production.

◆ **12/2: Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker, Akoo Theatre** Eighty impeccably trained dancers perform with amazing leaps, and spins.

◆ **12/4-5: A Chanticleer Christmas, 4th Presbyterian Church** An uplifting blend of male voices singing a selection of joyous music for the season.

◆ **12/8: Spirit of Chicago Santa Lunch Cruise.** Cruise the lakefront, enjoy a festive lunch buffet and live music and of course Santa!

◆ **12/8: Dave Koz and Friends Christmas Show 2012, Chicago Theatre** Get into the holiday spirit as some of music's biggest and brightest names jam on fresh, lively arrangements of seasonal favorites.

◆ **12/14-30: The Radio City Christmas Spectacular® Akoo Theatre** Starring The Rockettes®. Showcasing signature sky-high kicks & incredible precision dance style.

◆ **12/15 & 19: Jingle Bell Christmas, Royal Albert Hall, London UK** Enjoy high-kicks from the Jingle Belles while listening to the London Concert Orchestra, Capital Voices Choir conducted by John Rigby.

◆ **12/16: Apollo Chorus of Chicago-Handel's Messiah, Harris Theater** Joined again this year by world-class soloists, and first-rate musicians to make up a stellar baroque orchestra.

◆ **Thru 12/22: Christmas Carol Singalong, Royal Albert Hall, London UK** Clap your hands, stamp your feet and sing your heart out with Johnathan Cohen who will lead you through fun-filled jamboree.

◆ **Thru 1/2013: The Champs-Elysées, Paris, France** Waltz along tree-lined streets towards the towering Arc de Triomphe at the West end and enjoy the sights of 150,000 Christmas light and intricate seasonal window displays.

◆ **12/21: Christmas Concert: Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia, Auditorium Parco Della Musica, Rome, Italy** The orchestra and choir of the Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia perform Beethoven's Ninth Symphony under the Baton of Lorin Maazel.

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

## Winter Get-a-Ways

Whether you prefer to travel to a warm climate or hit the slopes, contact your CUI and book your winter get-a-way travel arrangements today!

### Top Five Ski Resorts

◆ **Whistler Blackcomb, B.C.** Consistently ranked as North America's top ski and snowboard resort, Whistler Blackcomb has a variety of packaged deals to meet any skier need. With 2 side-by-side mountains combined with over 8,171 acres of terrain, 16 alpine bowls, 3 glaciers & lots of snow, this is the trip you don't want to miss.

◆ **Deer Valley Resort, Park City, UT.** Deer Valley offers a wide variety of accommodations to customize to meet your needs. Including lodging, lift tickets, ski rentals, lessons and a children's slope.

◆ **Vail, CO.** Celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year, plan your trip to Vail, Colorado and join in on the celebration with a variety of lodging options and packaged deals to include ski lifts, lessons and more.

◆ **Park City Mountain Resort, Park City, UT.** Consistently ranked as North America's top ski resorts for several years running. This mountain resort has a diverse terrain, immaculate groomed runs, fresh powder, 8 peaks, 9 bowls and adventures for all ages. With a variety of accommodations, this skiing get-a-way destination is the place to be.

◆ **Telluride Ski Resort, Telluride, CO** Consistently ranked as North America's top ski resort these mountains are groomed with wide trails even at the highest peaks. Telluride has some exciting and challenging park features for all levels. With plenty of condos, homes and hotels to rent, there's a package deal for every guest.

### Warm Vacation Destinations

◆ **Costa Rica** An exotic adventure for wildlife lovers, this tiny country is about half the size of Kentucky and encompasses wildly diverse terrain and some of the most biodiverse slices of jungle and rainforest in the world. Book a suite at Finca Rosa Blanca or Hotel Punta Islita.

◆ **Maldives** A true natural wonder and desert island hideaway with perfect beaches and clear warm seas. Escape the city with your travel partner lie on the white sandy beaches, view deep blue seas and turquoise reefs and bask in the warm weather.

◆ **Belize** An authentic destination for travelers in search of unique, intimate experiences. Tour Belize's rain forests, dive the Western Hemisphere's largest barrier reef or explore the mystical Maya temples.

◆ **Fiji Islands** Visit this tropical island paradise for white sandy beaches, swaying coconut trees, pristine oceans and a wide range of things to do and see. Snorkel, dive, surf or kayak the ocean or trek through rainforests and backpack the outer islands. Immerse your self in their unique culture and history.

◆ **Barbados** A coral island, pushed out of sea by volcanic activity long ago. Fine white sandy beaches stretch along a blue-green sea. With rolling hills, deep ridges and gullies, this destination has a vast array of caves and underground lakes, which provide some of the purest drinking water of the world.

Contact your CUI Concierge to arrange your flight and hotel accommodations to a winter get-a-way of your choice.

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.

## Best Crafted Cocktails in Town!

◆ **Ada Street** 1664 N. Ada St. Nestled in the North Side's steel district, sits this hideout with well-crafted cocktails and a menu that serves up tasty drinks such as the King Bee, Sweet Jane or Applejack Julep.

◆ **Kit Kat Lounge & Supper Club** 3700 N. Halsted St. Over 200 cocktails offered with a martini list including flavors such as Snickerdoodle, Key Lime Pie or Banana Split.

◆ **NoMi Lounge** 800 N. Michigan Ave. Enjoy soiree at sundown on the 7th floor of the Park Hyatt. Enjoy signature cocktails such as Lakeside, Rebels Pride or El Diablo.

◆ **Rebar** 401 N. Wabash Ave. The Trump Hotel's chic sophisticated lounge offers martini blends with a kick. Taste the Cilantro Martini, Red Dragon or the Mercado.

◆ **The Bar at the Peninsula** 108 E. Superior St. Warm up near the crackling fireplace while sipping signature cocktails, ports and cognacs served each evening.

◆ **The Matchbox** 770 N. Milwaukee Ave. A small intimate lounge with quirky martinis, unusual tequilas and brandy manhattans. There's no cocktail menu so just ask the bartender for a recommendation.

## Ring in the 2013 New Year!

Say goodbye to 2012 and ring in the 2013 New Year at one of CUI's selected New Year's Eve events. Contact your CUI concierge today for event details.

◆ **Studio Paris** 59 W. Hubbard St. Special guest DJ Jerzy will spin the night away. Packages available include Premium open bar and champagne toast.

◆ **Rockit Bar & Grill** 22 W. Hubbard St. Packages include premium open bar, Hors d'oeuvres, a dinner buffet and champagne toast.

◆ **Proof** 1045 N. Rush St. Packages include premium open bar, a champagne toast and party favors.

◆ **Epic** 112 W. Hubbard St. Packages include top shelf open bar with passed Hors d'oeuvres and a champagne toast.

◆ **Theory** 9 West Hubbard St. Packages include premium open bar, Passed Hors d'oeuvres, a live DJ and a champagne toast.

◆ **Hyatt Chicago Magnificent Mile** 633 N. St. Clair St. Join in on a spectacular evening of drinks, dinner and dancing high above the Magnificent Mile.

◆ **Hard Rock Hotel** 230 N. Michigan Ave. Party like a rock star and drink all you want for one ticket price with a four-hour top shelf open bar.

◆ **Hilton Chicago** 720 S. Michigan Ave. Ring in the New Year in style with over 4,000 partygoers in two ballrooms. Enjoy live performances and premium bar.

◆ **The Drake Chicago** 140 East Walton Place. Join over 2000 people as they bring in the New Year in style.

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

## Key Reasons Clients Rely on CUI

### *P*iece of Cake!!!!

A group of executives were in Chicago for meetings with the Chicago office. At the last minute they requested dinner reservations at a favorite Chicago steakhouse! Wisely they turned to their CUI Concierge for reservations. Being that they selected a Chicago favorite, reservations are quite difficult to obtain-this restaurant books weeks in advance. Thanks to CUI's relationships, it was a piece of cake!!! The group of executives had a fabulous dinner and was impressed with concierge service amenity in the Chicago Office. **Reservations are hard to obtain on your own but, not with CUI's help, contact your CUI time-saving concierge to reserve a table at a restaurant of your choice.**

### *S*old Out City, No Problem!

A client called the CUI concierge looking for hotel accommodations during a city-wide sell out. Because of CUI's great relationships in the hotel industry, the CUI concierge was able to secure a room at a fully-booked hotel at the CUI discounted rate! The client was ecstatic! **Let CUI be the most valuable amenity in your professional and personal life!**



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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.