



Key In

One Call Does it All...

A client was responsible for organizing a meeting for executives every month. As the attendees preferred to have a wide variety of food for these lunch meetings, the client had difficulty locating enough vendors to accommodate. With one call to her CUI Concierge, the monthly lunch meeting was secured with the variety the participants requested; from fresh veggies, to sushi, to sandwiches and more... Needless to say, this client was pleased that she turned to her CUI concierge for help and could concentrate on other meeting aspects and be worry-free!

We Recommend

Bar Umbriago, (6 West Hubbard) is Rosebud's newest creation, looks and feels like a rustic Italian wine bar. It features lots of woodwork, big windows that open up to Hubbard/State Streets, and walls lined with glass cabinets which are filled with a wide variety of reds and whites. Led by Chef Michael Ponzio, Bar Umbriago provides an authentic atmosphere reminiscent of Italy's enotecas and features live entertainment and a daily changing menu in a European family-style environment.

New/News

G.E.B. (841 West Randolph) recently opened by Master Chef Graham Elliot, is a new addition to the West Loop is primed to be a new dining hot spot with decor described as a mixture of a church and rock club. With no reservations accepted, seating is on a first come, first served basis so look for a seat in their huge courtyard shared with neighbors at Nellcote. Menu items are simple, not too complex; all farm to table fresh ingredients, and most menu items are under \$20.

Untitled 111 (111 West Kinzie) a lavish new 'speakeasy' in River North carries the largest amount of American whiskey in the world. This part restaurant, part lounge and part nightclub-boasts 17,000 square feet with soaring ceilings, leather walls, velvet booths and a wall of wooden liquor lockers that not only hold the many whiskey selections but those VIP member's unfinished bottles of the good stuff. They also offer live entertainment 5 nights a week sampling various genres including jazz, western, swing, blues, soul and more. The menu features a raw bar, snacks, small and large plates developed by Chef Joseph Heppel formerly of Mercat a la Planxa.

Wine Insight

For June, visit www.conciergeunlimited.com for this month's Wine Insight: Special features of summertime wines by our connoisseur, Bernard Guinand who presents "4th of July... "Barbie" Time!!!"

Arts/Museums

through

16	In Succession: Contemp. Artists	Art Institute
8/19	Science on the Half Shell	Field Museum
9/3	Genghis Khan	Field Museum
9/3	History of Magic	History Museum
9/3	Roy Lichtenstein: A Retrospective	Art Institute
9/23	Skyscraper: Art & Architecture	MCA

opens

21	Film and Photo in New York	Art Institute
28	Rarely Seen Contemporary Works	Art Institute

ongoing

	Images of the Afterlife	Field Museum
	Extreme Mammals	Field Museum
	Deep Space Adventure	Adler Planetarium

through around the globe

9/3	Ellsworth Kelly Plant Drawings	Metropolitan, NYC
9/17	Contemporary Art-Wim Delvoye	Louvre, Paris France
11/4	Tomas Saraceno on the Roof	Metropolitan, NYC

Ballet/Dance

1	Cirque du Soleil: Dralion	United Center
7-8	Shen Yun	Civic Opera House
14-22	Fame - The Musical	Ruth Page Center
20-21	Cirque du Soleil: Michael Jackson	United Center
21	Muntu Dance: New Voices/New Vistas	Harris Theatre
27-29	Thodos Dance Chicago	Ruth Page Center
<i>through</i>		
15	Chicago Dance Crash	DCA Storefront Theatre

Children/Family

through

8/17	Rapunzel	Beverly Arts Center
8/26	Disney's Beauty & the Beast	Shakespeare Theatre
9/2	Watch us Grow: Monarch Butterflies	Kohl Children's Mus.

opens

2	Grunsfeld Children's Growing Garden	Chicago Botanic Garden
17	Alice in Wonderland	Apollo Theatre
20	Outdoor Campout	Lincoln Park Zoo
25	How to Train Your Dragon	United Center

Classical/Symphony

at Ravinia

4	American Favorites: CSO, S. Reineke, cond., A. Brown, vocal
7	Beethoven Lives Upstairs: EYSO, G. Stelluto, cond.
15	Barbara Cook's 85th Birthday Celebration: CSO, R. Kaufman, cond.
23	String Soloists: CSO String players, J. Conlon, cond.
26	Orchestral Showcase: CSO; J. Conlon, cond.
29	All Tchaikovsky: CSO; J. Conlon, cond; D. Matsuev, piano
31	One Score, One Chicago: CSO; J. Axelrod, cond.

Opera: Sneak Peak of 2012-2013 Season

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

10/6	Elektra	Richard Strauss
10/15	Simon Boccanegra	Giuseppe Verdi
11/11	Werther	Jules Massenet
11/25	Don Pasquale	Gaetano Donizetti
12/7	Hansel and Gretel	Englebert Humperdinck
01/21/13	La Boheme	Giacomo Puccini

Theatre

through

1	RAIN: A Tribute to the Beatles	Ford Center/Oriental Theatre
29	Eastland: An Original Musical	Lookingglass Theatre
29	Oedipus El Rey	Victory Gardens
8/5	Pinkalicious: The Musical	Broadway Playhouse
8/5	Rock of Ages	Broadway Playhouse
8/5	Crowns	Goodman Theatre
8/5	Immediate Family	Goodman Theatre
8/26	Three Sisters	Steppenwolf Theatre
9/2	Million Dollar Quartet	Apollo Theater

opens

6	Electra	Mary-Arrchie Theatre
7	Death and Harry Houdini	Chopin Theatre
13	A Scent of Flowers	Backstage Theatre

open run

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

Sneak Previews

8/3	Summerland Tour 2012	Allstate Arena
8/3	Enrique Iglesias & Jennifer Lopez	United Center
8/3-5	Lollapalooza	Grant Park
8/4	Big Time Rush & Cody Simpson	First Midwest Bank Amph.
8/6	Broadway in Chicago Summer Concert	Millennium Park
8/7-8	Coldplay	United Center
8/10	Huey Lewis & The News	Ravinia
8/15	System of a Down	Allstate Arena
8/19	Marc Anthony	Allstate Arena
8/18	Tony Bennett	Ravinia
8/24	Sweet and Sad	Profiles Theatre
8/24	Linkin Park and Incubus	First Midwest Bank Amph.
8/24	Lyle Lovett	Ravinia
8/25	Anita Baker	Ravinia
9/1	Kelly Clarkson	First Midwest Bank Amph.
9/7	Kiss & Motley Crue	First Midwest Bank Amph.
9/7-8	Bruce Springsteen	Wrigley Field
9/12	I Love Lucy: Live on Stage	Broadway Playhouse
9/14-16	Davis Cup Tennis	Gijon, Spain
9/19-20	Madonna	United Center
9/25-30	Ryder Cup	Medinah Country Club
12/11	The Book of Mormon	Bank of America Theatre
12/12	Andrea Bocelli	Allstate Arena

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

Concert/Rock/Blues/Jazz

5	Iron Maiden	First Midwest Bank
6	B-52's and Squeeze	Charter One Pavilion
6	Neil Diamond	United Center
6-7	Dave Mathews Band	Alpine Valley
7	American Idol Live	Allstate Arena
7	Tenacious D & Urge Overkill	Aragon Ballroom
9	Santana	Ravinia
10	Fiona Apple	Chicago Theatre
11	The Blues Brothers	Ravinia
11	Jennifer Hudson	Petrillo Music Shell
12	Sublime with Rome	Charter One Pavilion
12-14	Barry Manilow	Chicago Theatre
19	Def Leppard & Poison	Allstate Arena
20	BoDeans	Ravinia
20	O.A.R.	Charter One Pavilion
21	Mayhem Fest	First Midwest Bank
27-28	James Taylor	Ravinia
28	Chicago & Doobie Brothers	Charter One Pavilion

Sports

◆ Cubs		◆ White Sox		◆ Fire	
1	Houston	3-5	Texas	8	Los Angeles
13-15	Arizona	6-8	Toronto	14	Vancouver
17-19	Miami	23-25	Minnesota	21	Aston Villa
30-31	Pittsburgh			◆ Rush	
				8	San Antonio

also...

6-8	Formula 1 Santander British Grand Prix	Northamptonshire, UK
10	MLB All-Star Game	Kansas City
14	Beach Dash	Montrose Beach
15-22	The British Open	Lancashire FY8, UK
21	Race to Mackinac	Mackinac Island
21-22	Nascar Weekend	Chicago Speedway
27-8/12	2012 Summer Olympic Games	London, U.K.
through		
8	Wimbledon	London, UK
22	Tour de France	Various in France

Special/Seasonal

4	INDEPENDENCE DAY - HAPPY 4TH OF JULY	
9	Cornhole Classic	Sears Centre
11-15	Taste of Chicago	Grant Park
12	Humana Race to Taste	Grant Park
12	Green City Market Chef's BBQ	Lincoln Park
13	Brew Cruise - Jacob Lienenkugel	Shoreline Sightseeing
14-51	DuSable Arts & Crafts Festival	Washington Park
19-9/16	Chicago SummerDance	Grant Park, Garden
20-22	Square Roots Summer Festival	Lincoln Ave.
28-29	Wicker Park Fest	Milwaukee Ave.
around the globe		
4	Macy's 4th of July Fireworks	Hudson River, NYC
11-17	NY Philharmonic Concerts in the Park	Various locations, NYC



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Independence Day Celebrations & Fireworks

- ◆ **7/1-3 Naperville Ribfest:** Ribs, live music from ZZ Top, 7th Heaven
- ◆ **7/3 Wilmette, Gillson Park:** Food, games, rides and entertainment
- ◆ **7/3-7 Taste of Lombard:** Food, live music and games
- ◆ **7/4 Navy Pier Chicago:** Fireworks synchronized to music
- ◆ **7/4 Arlington Park:** Horse racing, food and live music
- ◆ **7/4 Batavia "Sky Concert":** Food, games and live music
- ◆ **7/4 Bensenville Liberty Fest:** Food, live music and games
- ◆ **7/4 Downers Grove:** Parade and Fireworks
- ◆ **7/4 Lake Forest:** Food, games and live music
- ◆ **7/4 Oakbrook Terrace:** Picnic, games and music by R-Gang

Around Town... Summer Fun in the Sun!

Garden Walks, Architectural tours, Block Parties, Festivals and more...

◆ 7/7-8: Rock Around the Block

On Lincoln in Lakeview, this diverse music and culinary fare entertains all for 2 days of nonstop activities... with artisans, craft vendors, family areas and street performers.

◆ 7/7-8: Lincoln Park Arts & Music Festival

On Racine between Fullerton/Webster, this outdoor music and arts festival brings a variety of culture to the area. With food and drinks from the neighborhood's most famous restaurants/bars, to artists and merchants that represent what the neighborhood has to offer.

◆ 7/12: Bastille Day 5K/8K Run/Walk & Block Party

Celebrate all things French at the 31st Annual 5K/8K run/walk in Lincoln Park. Participants will be treated to a free block party at Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum benefiting Chicago's Mercy Home for Boys & Girls.

◆ 7/13-15: Irish Fest

At the Irish American Heritage Center, this non-profit organization will be showcasing the finest in local and International Irish & American music. Enjoy dance, family activities and more.

◆ 7/21-22 - Sheffield Garden Walk

Self-guided tours of more than 80 gardens, guided architectural tours and live entertainment by some of Chicago's and North America's finest bands. On Sheffield between Webster/Belden, there will be food, drink and activities for children.

◆ 7/21-22 - Summer on Southport

At 3700 N. Southport, this festival features food, drink, live entertainment, local artisans, and special daytime children's events.

The Best Places to Stay for Royal Treatment!

Hotel Castello di Casole, Tuscany, Italy

This 5 star hotel encompasses a 4,200-acre Tuscan estate. Dated back to the 18th Century, Timbers Resorts has lovingly transformed these ruins into a boutique hotel in the Grand European tradition. Enjoy the comforts of home with amazing views overlooking vineyards and orchards of olive trees.

Palacio Nazarenas, Cuzco, Peru

One of the city's most exclusive hotels, Palacio Nazarenas is set in a tranquil plaza behind Cuzco's main square. Luxury suites, with breathtaking views of the hillside Inca site of Sacsayhutan, Cuzco's Cathedral, or overlooking the ancient patio.

The InterContinental Porto, Porto, Portugal

This palace dated from the end of the 18th Century recently made its Grand Opening following extensive renovations. These luxurious accommodations is in convenient proximity to the famous port wine lodges of Vila Nova de Gaia, as well as many vineyards of the nearby Douro River Valley.

Four Seasons, St. Petersburg, Russia

Set to open its doors late 2012, this 19th Century Russian Royal Palace was built for a princess in 1820. This hotel treasure is set in the midst of the historic Admiralty district--just two blocks from the Hermitage Museum; close to the Nevsky Prospekt and the Mariinsky Theatre.

Mashariki Palace Hotel, Stone Town, Zanzibar

Set in the exotic yet mystical isles off the East African Swahili Coast, lives a cultural and architectural fusion which echoes its proud history of Persian, Arabian, Indian, Colonial and African influence. Visit the terrace that overlooks the old town with mosques, churches and temples sprawling beneath you. Gaze out over the tropical sea-front gardens and into the sparkling blue Indian Ocean.

Corinthia Hotel, London, United Kingdom

This former British Government building south of Trafalgar Square sits a 294 room hotel with an ode to Grand living. Minutes away from the National Gallery and Royal Opera House; is this lavish London beauty and supremely elegant resort. Contact your CUI Concierge for tickets to the Royal Opera Ballet or upcoming exhibits at the National Gallery, or simply schedule an appointment for a day at ESPA Life to unwind in the decadence of your own private spa suite.

Kempinski Hotel Dukes' Palace, Bruges, Belgium

Built in the 14th Century and once known as the Prinsenhof, this former royal residence of the Dukes of Burgundy is now an exclusive and magnificent 5 star hotel. It was a place of royal weddings and spiritual retreats. Rooms and suites are fit for a duke and duchess and include top-of-the-line amenities. Here you will find medieval architecture and winding cobblestone streets, hemmed in by a ring of canals.

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.

Free Concerts in July

◆ Grant Park Music Festival

Enjoy the 78th Season of free summertime classical music at Millennium Park.

- 6-7 **Sleepers and Dreamers 'World Premiere'**
- 11 **Frozen Planet in Concert**
- 13-14 **Perfectly Frank: From Broadway to Hollywood**
- 18 **Rachmaninov's Symphonice Dances**
- 20-21 **Rossini: Stabat Mater**
- 25 **Frozen in Time**

◆ Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park

Now in its 4th year, this free series showcases an array of artists.

- 2 **Joan of Arc & Daniel Knox**
- 9 **The Sadies & James Vincent McMorrow**
- 16 **Charles Bradley & his Extraordinaires & Abigail Washburn**
- 23 **Ana Tijoux & Sidi Toure**
- 30 **SMOD & M.A.K.U. Soundsystem**

◆ Cantigny Park, Wheaton, IL

Every Sunday at 3pm, enjoy the sounds of a variety of music.

- 8 **Jin & Tonic Band: Country**
- 15 **Northshore Concert Band**
- 22 **Denny Diamon: Neil Diamond Tribute**
- 29 **The Legends: 70's**

Around the World Tastes

◆ **7/6-8 Taste of Edinburgh** at The Meadows, Edinburgh, Scotland. Not just a gathering of restaurants and food, many exhibitors bring interactive programs on cooking and eating.

◆ **7/7-8 Taste of Buffalo** in Downtown Buffalo, Western New York. The music never stops at this 2 day food festival with more than 200 culinary specialties served by the region's best restaurants.

◆ **7/11-15 Taste of Chicago** in Grant Park. One of the nation's premier food festival's showcasing the diversity of Chicago's dining community with concert performances by Jennifer Hudson, Death Cab for Cutie, Luke James, Chaka Khan and more.

◆ **7/13-29 Eat!** in NewcastleGateshead, Tyne and Wear, UK. Eat! Celebrates the UK's food culture with a variety of competitions, wine tastings, cooking demonstrations, eat-a-long movies and stories and more.

◆ **7/19-22 Victoria's Festival of Food & Wine** at Crystal Garden, Vancouver Island. Sample delicious cuisine's along with wine tastings. Offering more than 100 British Columbia wines as well as amazing food by some of the best Vancouver Island chefs.

Key Reasons Clients Rely on CUI

*D*reams Do Come True!

It was a client's dream to be escorted to her church on her wedding day by horse and carriage so her fiancé contacted his CUI concierge in hopes that some strings could be pulled to make his bride's dream come true. With a few telephone calls his concierge was able to book 4 carriages to escort the wedding party to the church and return the married couple to the reception after the ceremony. With CUI's resources at your fingertips, you can make your lifelong dreams come true!

*N*o Reservations, No Problem!

A client needed to make a last minute dinner reservation to entertain a client and wanted desperately to dine at Chicago Cut Steakhouse, his favorite restaurant near the office. Unfortunately upon calling Chicago Cut for a reservation, they announced that they were fully booked and would not be able to accommodate. After reaching out to the CUI concierge, his stress rate was reduced. A table for 2 was instantly secured with no problem by utilizing CUI's unlimited resources. Can't get into your favorite restaurant? Contact your reliable CUI Concierge, and consider it done!

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