



WHAT'S HAPPENING

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS 



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OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2008

HOURS OF OPERATION

Regular Museum hours are 9:30 – 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sunday. Extended hours, until 5:30 p.m., will be offered on select days in November and December. Visit www.msichicago.org for more details.

ADMISSION

General admission to the Museum is: \$13 for adults; \$12 for seniors and \$9 for children 3-11. City of Chicago residents receive a discount. Omnimax® films, 3-D films and certain special exhibitions are not included in general admission.

OMNIMAX CLOSURE

The Omnimax theater will be closed for renovations from Sept. 24-Oct. 13.

FREE DAYS

Free general admission will be offered on the following days: Halloween Oct. 31; Thanksgiving, Nov. 27; Christmas Eve, Dec. 24; and New Year's Eve, Dec. 31.

BUY ONLINE

The Museum encourages guests to make their visit easier by checking out our newly designed Web site. All Museum tickets—general admission, Omnimax® and special exhibitions—can now be purchased online at www.msichicago.org.

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EXHIBITS AND EVENTS, OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2008

FAST FORWARD ... INVENTING THE FUTURE

Permanent Exhibit; Recently opened Sept. 3!

This new Museum of Science and Industry permanent, curated gallery showcases the cutting-edge technology and innovation of groundbreaking inventors and scientists from around the world, working in the areas of agriculture, transportation, entertainment, energy and more. Through video presentations, models and prototypes of actual new inventions, guests will discover what motivates these visionaries, understand their challenges, and experience and interact with their successes. They will learn about advances in: creating lifelike robots, reversing the aging process, developing clothing that reacts to the environment, replicating food using computers and much more.

As innovation speeds forward, so will the exhibit. The exhibit content and featured innovators will rotate to keep pace with the

latest in scientific discovery and technological advancement. This exhibit is included in Museum general admission.



EXHIBITS AND EVENTS (CONTINUED)

CABARET MECHANICAL THEATER

Oct 1, 2008 – March 2, 2009



This temporary exhibit features a collection of 20 mechanical sculptures, called automata, which are intricately designed and full of humor. Their humor is brought to life by tiny cranks, pulleys and gears that allow the sculptures to move and take action. Guests will find it hard to resist bringing the creations to life at the touch of a button. Upon first glance, the automata are curious objects with a playful demeanor, but when the gears

and pulleys move into action, the simple yet remarkable mechanics are revealed. This exhibit is included in general admission.

SPACE CELEBRATION WEEKEND

Oct. 11 & 12, 2008

In conjunction with the NASA's 50th Anniversary and the NASA Future Forums event in Chicago, the Museum will be hosting a space-themed celebration this weekend! On Saturday, Oct. 10 at



11 a.m., the Museum will be the location for the Chicago Public Library's "One Book, One Chicago" panel discussion on "The Right Stuff," by Tom Wolfe, which chronicles the personal and professional lives of the first astronauts.

To register for this free event

through the library, call (312) 747-8191. On both Saturday and Sunday afternoon, Museum guests will be able to meet astronaut Commander Ken Ham, who will talk with them about the recent STS-124 mission to the International Space Station. Space-focused demonstrations, exhibits and activities will take place throughout the weekend. For more information and times, visit www.msichicago.org as the event nears.

SMART HOME: GREEN + WIRED

Powered by ComEd and Warmed by Peoples Gas

Through Jan. 4, 2009

Tour a fully functioning, three-story modular and sustainable "green" home in the Museum's own backyard! The home—designed by Michelle Kaufmann Designs™ and built by All-American Homes™—showcases the ways, big and small, that people can make eco-friendly living a part of their lives—and highlights unique home technologies for the 21st century.



Within the home and its surrounding landscape, guests can view the latest innovations in reusable resources, smart energy consumption, and clean, healthy-living environments. Learn how storm water run-off can

be collected for landscape irrigation; how toilets can be equipped to use waste water from the shower and bath; how recycled bottles can create beautiful bathroom countertops—and much more!

PLEASE NOTE: This exhibit is not included in general admission and requires a ticket and specified entry time. Tickets, which include Museum general admission, are \$23 for adults, \$22 for seniors and \$14 for children 3-11. Discount for City of Chicago residents. Tickets are on sale at www.msichicago.org.

HOME FOR ALL SEASONS EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 25; 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

In conjunction with the *Smart Home* exhibit, don't miss harvest activities for the fall season, including presentations on green fabrics and furnishings just in time for the cold weather. Guests are invited to "trick or treat" at the *Smart Home* as well as bring the kids in their best Halloween costumes made from recycled materials; the most innovative costume will be awarded a prize! Cast members from Broadway in Chicago's *Wicked* will visit in the morning. The Chicago Furniture District will showcase sustainable furniture designs, and University of Illinois Extension master gardeners will be on hand with fall gardening activities. Guests can also watch master pumpkin carvers and enjoy a farmers' market.

Saturday, Dec. 13; 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

In conjunction with the *Smart Home* exhibit, stop by the winter event to get ideas on how to go green during the holiday season.



Check out the special LED holiday lighting presented by ComEd. Guests can also find out about holiday decorations made from recycled materials and eco-friendly ways to wrap gifts. *Wired* magazine will help guests check out the latest technologies and high-tech gadgets that make great gifts.

Check www.msichicago.org/smarthome for program updates and information. Activities are subject to change.

PLEASE NOTE: All activities are free and do not require a *Smart Home* ticket. Activities will be located throughout the Museum.

EXHIBITS AND EVENTS (CONTINUED)

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD AND HOLIDAYS OF LIGHT

Nov. 14 – Jan. 4, 2009

This year, in honor of the Museum's 75th Anniversary, this beloved annual holiday celebration will be themed "Celebrating 75 Years of Museum Memories." The Museum's grand 45-foot tree will be decorated with shimmering ornaments that represent the Museum's iconic exhibits as well as dazzling silver and red accents and more than 25,000 lights. More than 50 trees—beautifully decorated by members of Chicago's ethnic communities—will again be displayed throughout the Museum's Main Floor, and guests will be able to take in various dance and choral performances on the Holiday Stage, as well as special events during the duration of the exhibit. This exhibit is included in general admission.



As part of our 75th Anniversary, *Christmas Around the World* and *Holidays of Light* is sponsored by American Family Insurance and PepsiCo Chicago.

EXPLORE THE WHITE CITY: WORLD'S FAIR SIMULATION

December 5, 6 & 7, 2008; 2 p.m.

Experience the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in a recreated virtual tour that can only be seen at the Museum of Science and Industry. The 1893 World's Fair is where the history of the Museum really begins, as the Museum's building is the only structure still standing from the event. To cap off our 75th Anniversary year, this captivating visual simulation tour of the 1893 World's Fair is back by popular demand and enhanced with new visuals and content! Dr. Lisa Snyder, from the UCLA Urban Simulation team, will be presenting a recreation of Chicago's famous White City using real-time video simulation technology; Tim Samuelson, cultural historian for the City of Chicago, will provide a fascinating narration.



Tickets are \$40 per person, \$27 for members and include general admission. Reservations can be made by calling (773) 684-1414 or visiting www.msichicago.org.

COMING SOON

BLACK CREATIVITY 2009: GREEN REVOLUTION

Jan. 15 – March 1, 2009

The Museum's Black Creativity program began in 1971 in order to present exhibits that recognized African-American achievements. This year's featured interactive exhibit, *Green Revolution*, explores

green technology and innovation and features African-American architects, designers, engineers and business leaders. As part of the program, *Green Revolution* will be supported with a juried art exhibition, educational workshops, special events and more. Please check the Museum's Web site, www.msichicago.org, in January for a complete listing of events.

SHOWING AT THE OMNIMAX® THEATER

Sponsored by WGN - CW Television, Chicago

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GRAND CANYON ADVENTURE

Through Feb. 12, 2009



Set against the immense backdrop of the majestic Grand Canyon, *Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk* takes audiences on an exhilarating river-rafting adventure down the Colorado River in the company of a team of explorers committed to bringing awareness to global water issues. As the expedition journeys down river, audiences will learn about the challenges we face and the many opportunities that exist for conserving and restoring our watersheds.

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WILD OCEAN

Oct. 10, 2008 - May 28, 2009

Wild Ocean is an explosive, symphonic giant-screen film about man and nature that captures one of the world's greatest spectacles—the



massive feeding frenzy takes place in the oceans of South Africa as billions of fish migrate up the KwaZulu-Natal Wild Coast. Breaching whales, frenzied sharks, herding dolphins and diving gannets compete in an epic underwater struggle for survival. But while the migration has provided a food source for both life in the sea and the people living along the African shores, global warming trends and over fishing have threatened the very existence of it.

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