

WHAT'S HAPPENING



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HOURS AND PRICING

2009 HOURS OF OPERATION

Regular Museum hours are Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Museum is closed on Christmas day. On the following dates, the Museum will offer special extended hours from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Sunday: Jan. 1, March 21-29, April 4-19, May 22-Sept. 7, Nov 20 - 22, 27-29, Saturdays and Sundays in December, as well as all days Dec. 19-24 and all days Dec. 26-31.

GENERAL ADMISSION PRICES

Adults: \$13; Seniors: \$12; Children (3-11): \$9. City of Chicago residents receive a discount. Omnimax® films and certain special exhibitions are not included in general admission. On-board tours

of the *U-505 Submarine* are \$7 for adults and \$6 for children. Parking in the Museum's underground garage is \$16.

2009 FREE DAYS

General Admission to the Museum is free on the following days: Jan. 5-31; April 22; June 1-5; June 19 (the Museum's Anniversary); weekdays October 8-30; Nov. 11 (Veterans Day)

BUY ONLINE

The Museum encourages guests to make their Museum visit a breeze by planning ahead. All Museum tickets—general admission, Omnimax® and special exhibition—can now be purchased online at www.msichicago.org.

EXHIBITS AND EVENTS, 2009

BLACK CREATIVITY PROGRAM

Jan. 15 – March 1, 2009

The Museum's Black Creativity program began in 1971 in order to present exhibits that recognized African-American achievements.



In this year's featured interactive exhibit, *Green Revolution*, explores green technology and innovation and features African-American architects, designers, engineers and business leaders in the green movement. Bring your family to see some of the latest innovations in renewable energy, organic agriculture and sustainable building, while trying your hand a fun activities like worm composting, testing a solar-powered race track—and more. As part of the program,

Green Revolution will be supported with a juried art exhibition, a family day, educational workshops, special events and more. Please check the Museum's Web site, www.msichicago.org, for a complete listing of events.

SMART HOME: GREEN + WIRED

POWERED BY COMED—RE-OPEN AND UPDATED FOR 2009!

March 19, 2009 – January 3, 2010



The "Greenest Home in Chicago" is back! The newly redesigned exhibit *Smart Home: Green + Wired, Powered by ComEd*, allows guests to tour a real, functioning three-story, modular and sustainable "green" home—that highlights unique eco-friendly technologies for the 21st century. The exhibit home, designed by Michelle Kaufmann Designs™ and

built by All American Homes™--showcases the ways people can make eco-friendly living a part of their lives. Guests will discover the new *Smart Home* interior, reinterpreted with bold colors and fresh green stories, products and furniture. New and unique home

EXHIBITS AND EVENTS (CONTINUED)

technologies are on display courtesy of *WIRED* magazine. Outside the home, explore the earth-friendly landscape that demonstrates techniques for urban gardening including vertical gardens and EarthBox planting.

Proudly sponsored by ComEd, Dominick's and the Motorola Foundation.

PLEASE NOTE: This exhibit is not included in general admission and requires an additional timed-entry ticket. Tour times vary and are subject to change. 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

Smart Home Farmers' Markets

June 5 - October 16, 2009

New this year, the Museum, in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Special Events, will host farmers markets the first and third Friday of each month from June through October. These markets will be held on the Museum's grounds and will feature locally grown produce, flowers and organic foods. Admission to the Museum is not required to attend. Check www.msichicago.org for additional details in May. **Dates: June 5 and 19, July 3 and 17, August 7 and 21, September 4 and 18, October 2 and 16.**

WONDROUS COLD

March 21 - May 31, 2009



Wondrous Cold: An Antarctic Journey is an exhibition that features 50 color and black and white photographs taken by photographer Joan Myers over several trips to Antarctica. Her work juxtaposes highly detailed panoramas of Antarctica's

beauty with scenes of its wildlife, people, and historic sites, and it is supplemented by her compelling personal stories of what she describes as the world's "most hostile continent." *Wondrous Cold*, an exhibition organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES), has been made possible through the generous support of Quark Expeditions.

HARRY POTTER: THE EXHIBITION

April 30 - Sept. 27, 2009

Harry Potter fans will finally have a chance to get a first-hand look inside the famous wizard's magical world through *Harry Potter: The Exhibition*, which hosts its world-premiere run at the Museum of Science and Industry.

Guests get an up close and personal look at the artistry and craftsmanship that went into creating the iconic props and costumes that appeared throughout the Harry Potter™ films. More than 200 authentic artifacts



will be displayed in elaborate settings inspired by locations from Hogwarts™ School of Witchcraft and Wizardry including the Gryffindor™ common room, Hagrid's hut and the Great Hall.

PLEASE NOTE: *Harry Potter: The Exhibition* requires a timed-entry ticket. Combination tickets (which include Museum general admission) are \$26 for adults, \$25 for seniors and \$19 for children ages 3-11. This exhibit will also have extended hours from Museum closing until 9 p.m. each night. On free days and after regular Museum hours, tickets are \$18 for adults and seniors, and \$15 for children ages 3-11.

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ART + SCIENCE = ARCHITECTURE

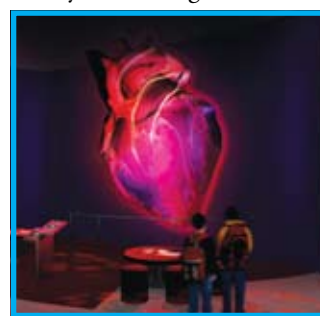
July 1, 2009 - March 15, 2010

In this fun and unique exhibition, guests will witness towering interpretations of famous structural landmarks built completely from LEGO™ building blocks. Created by trained architect and LEGO Master Adam Reed Tucker, these large-scale artistic models bring accessibility to architecture and engineering by using a familiar medium. The simplicity and nostalgic quality of LEGO blocks affords viewers a new, detailed look at familiar structures such as Chicago's Sears Tower, St. Louis' Gateway Arch and Seattle's Space Needle. The exhibition also features some of the most awe-inspiring buildings from around the world including the Burj Dubai Tower (United Arab Emirates) and the Jin Mao Tower (China). In *ART + Science = Architecture*, guests will have the opportunity to lean in close to see the complexity of a building's intricate design or take a step back to appreciate its stunning sculptural form in full. This exhibit is included with Museum general admission.

YOU! THE EXPERIENCE

Opening October 8, 2009; permanent exhibit

YOU! The Experience, a 15,000-square-foot exhibit, will celebrate the body, mind and spirit and inspire us all to optimize our personal health and well-being through interactive experiences that provoke questions and invite debate. Whether testing their physical capability with a few boxing moves with a virtual coach or playing Mind Ball, a game in which players win by controlling their brainwaves—guests will see themselves—



and their health—in new and fascinating ways. They will examine real human embryos and fetuses illustrating the wonders of human development as well as other amazing human specimens that showcase the extraordinary complexity of the human body. The Human Patient Simulator—a computer model-driven, full-sized mannequin that simulates real-life medical scenarios—will allow guests to diagnose and treat medical conditions. And guests can make the Museum's new giant "Heart" come alive—as they transmit their pulse to the Heart and make it beat in time with their own. This exhibit is included in general admission.

NEW
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EXHIBITS AND EVENTS (CONTINUED)

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD AND HOLIDAYS OF LIGHT 2009

Nov. 20, 2009 – Jan. 3, 2010

Christmas Around the World and *Holidays of Light* began in 1942 as a United Nations Day salute to American allies during the war and now, in its 68th year, features more than 50 dazzling trees and displays, decorated by members of Chicago's ethnic community, that celebrate holiday customs from around the world. *Holidays of Light* showcases various global holidays that celebrate light or

enlightenment, such as Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Diwali. Additional festivities throughout the duration of both displays include ethnic dancing and singing, storytellers and school choirs. Displays and performances are included in general admission.



SHOWING AT THE HENRY CROWN SPACE CENTER OMNIMAX® THEATER*

WILD OCEAN

Through May 24, 2009

This film 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 existence of it.

*PLEASE NOTE: Films and schedules are subject to change, and additional films will be added. Omnimax films are not included in general admission. Please check the Museum's Web site, www.msichicago.org, throughout the year for up-to-date features and showtimes.

MYSTERIES OF THE GREAT LAKES

Feb. 13, 2009 – End of year

Mysteries of the Great Lakes explores the beauty of North America's "inland seas." It takes a drop of water nearly 400 years to travel from the headwaters of Lake Superior to the edge of Lake Ontario. Along the way, the water passes by towering cliffs dotted with early Native American pictographs, caribou and moose grazing on the shores, over giant prehistoric sturgeon lurking among thousands of shipwrecks and past nearly 40 million people who live along the more than 10,000 miles of coastline. It is a dramatic journey through some of the most spectacular scenery in the world.

2009 SPECIAL PRIVATE TOURS

THE U-505 BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOUR

Select Sundays 9 – 11:30 a.m.

This private tour of the *U-505 Submarine*—the only German submarine captured by the U.S. Navy during World War II—takes place on select Sunday mornings before the Museum is open to the public. The tour begins with a continental breakfast and presentation by a Museum *U-505* exhibit specialist about the capture, acquisition and restoration of the *U-505*. Guests will then take a guided tour of the exhibit and on-board tour of the submarine. Guests may then enjoy the rest of the day at the Museum.

Cost: Adults \$50; Seniors, \$48; and Children (3-11) \$40.

For dates available and ticket information: (773) 684-1414, or www.msichicago.org.

BLUEPRINTS TO OUR PAST TOUR

Select Sundays at 12 and 2 p.m., Thursdays at 1 p.m.

This tour takes you back in time to the Museum building's origins—when it was the Palace of Fine Arts for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition. Using the building's architecture as the guide, you'll go on a journey that spans more than 100 years, two World's Fairs and more than 400,000 square feet of exhibit space. This tour also includes a virtual simulation of the 1893 Columbian Exposition.

2009 Tour dates: May 31; June 21; Sept. 6; Oct. 4; Nov. 8; Dec. 6.

Cost: \$40 per person.

For dates available and ticket information: (773) 684-1414, or www.msichicago.org.

NEW PERMANENT EXHIBITS

FAST FORWARD ... INVENTING THE FUTURE

This new permanent exhibit showcases the work of cutting-edge innovators from around the world. See and test how their ideas will shape and advance our society in the areas of agriculture, transportation, energy and more. Learn about the advances in

robotics to create fully functioning artificial intelligence. Explore efforts to make traveling to outer space available to the everyday consumer. See how clothing can be made to respond to our environment. The content will rotate to keep pace with the latest in science discovery. This exhibit is included in general admission.