



Office of Multicultural Development

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MAY - AUG 2009

## Cultural Events in Metro-Chicago

### **Glamour Tango**

The International Latino Cultural Center of Chicago presents the Glamour Tango, a bold and elegant mixture of various music styles and dances, contributed by a range of cultures. It is a different vision, executed by women and is dedicated to those women who participated silently in the fundamental pages of the music.

*May 28 & May 29 (Show @ 7:30pm)*

*Admission: \$25 General*

*Logan Square Auditorium*

*2539 N. Kedzie, Chicago*

*(312) 431-1142*

### **35th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival**

The festival is a showcase for local and national artists, a juried exhibition of fine art and uniquely crafted work which features artists working in traditional, ethnic and experimental fine arts and crafts that relate to African-American themes, identity, history and culture, and underscores our mission of preserving the history and culture of the African-American experience.

*July 11 & 12 (12:00p – 8:00p)*

*Admission: Free*

*DuSable Museum of African American History – Chicago*

*(773) 947-0600*

### **A Lincoln & Douglass Roundtable Discussion & Book Signing**

Moderated by Dr. Christopher Reed with Lerone Bennett Jr., this dialogue will examine how the Emancipation Proclamation did not actually free African American Slaves. This program is endorsed by the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and will explore the life, times and leadership of the man who guided America through one of the most tumultuous periods of its history.

*June 5 (7:00pm)*

*Admission: \$10*

*DuSable Museum of African American History – Chicago*

*(773) 947-0600*

### **The Big World: Recent Art from China**

"The Big World" refers to the vast, almost unimaginable scale of contemporary Chinese art in the international art scene, but the title also alludes to a large and storied Shanghai amusement park. Various aspects of life in China now are analyzed in this selection of some fifty works by artists who range from emerging talent to fairly celebrated international artists, all of whom currently live and work in China.

*Now through August 30*

*Admission: Free*

*Chicago Cultural Center, Exhibit Hall and Yates Gallery*

*78 E. Washington St.*

*(312) 744-6630*

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### **East is East and West is West? The Bible as an Asian Classic**

Despite its indisputable "Asian" provenance, the Bible has long been widely accepted as one of the foundational texts of "Western" civilization in general and of "Western" literature in particular. This talk will examine both the key assumptions involved in the categorization of the Bible as "Western" (and thus "non Asian") and the problems such a categorization creates for understanding both the Bible itself and those "Asian" texts dependent upon it.

*June 5 (12:15 pm)*

*Admission: Free*

*Chicago Cultural Center, Cassidy Theater*

*78 E. Washington St.*

*(312) 744-6630*

### **Chicago Turkish Festival**

This festival will once again feature demonstrations of art, film, dance, music and gourmet food, where Chicagoans will get the opportunity to celebrate, learn, and savor Turkish hospitality, culture, heritage and cuisine. Without leaving the comfort of Daley Plaza, visitors will vividly experience various regions of Turkey together with the participants from Turkey and Turkish-Americans living in the culturally diverse community of Chicago. Visitors will be able to browse and buy Turkish products, souvenirs and handicrafts, find travel information, participate in activities for children, view many authentic demonstrations and performances, sample Turkish cuisine, and do much, much more at the Festival.

*May 28 – May 30*

*General Admission: Free*

*Daley Plaza – Chicago*

*(312) 933-4635*

### **25th Annual Chicago Gospel Music Festival**

Formerly a three-day affair, the 2009 kickoff to the city's festival season packs top gospel acts into a two-day lineup. With Kirk Franklin, Donnie McClurkin and others.

*June 6 - June 7*

*General Admission: Free*

*Millineum Park – Chicago*

*(312) 744-3315*

### **26th Annual Chicago Blues Festival**

The 2009 fest runs three days instead of four. Whether or not this means it's no longer the "largest free outdoor blues event in the world" is yet to be determined. What we do know is that this Chicago staple will continue to be a hugely popular event.

*June 12 – June 14*

*General Admission: Free*

*Grant Park – Chicago*

*(312) 744-3315*

### **Fiesta Back of the Yards 2009**

Fiesta Back of the Yards will include live music, dance and cultural performances, plus carnival rides and merchandise, food and beverage vendors.

*June 12 – June 14*

*General Admission: Free*

*47th Street between Ashland and Damen Avenues*

*1600 W. 47th St. Chicago*

*(773) 247-5100*

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## **Fiesta Puertorriquetas**

A celebration of Puerto Rican culture with live music and dancing to salsa and merengue, plus food vendors and crafts.

*June 15 – June 21*

*General Admission: Free*

*Humboldt Park – Chicago*

*(773) 292-1414*

## **30th Annual Chinatown Summer Fair**

A colorful lion dance procession highlights the annual neighborhood festival. Live music and dance performances, food from Chinatown restaurants, street vendors, arts and crafts and kids' activities are also on tap.

*June 19*

*General Admission: Free*

*Chinatown – Chicago*

*(773) 868-3010*

## **Chicago Arabesque**

The annual Arab cultural celebration features workshops, calligraphy, artisan demonstrations, cuisine and a souk (shopping bazaar). Also features live music, dance and spoken word performances.

*June 24 – June 27*

*General Admission: Free*

*Daley Plaza – Chicago*

*(312) 744-4115*

## **29th Annual Taste of Chicago**

The mega-food fest features everything from hot dogs to haute cuisine from more than 70 restaurants, plus live music, cooking demonstrations, etc.

*June 26 – July 5*

*General Admission: Free*

*Grant Park – Chicago*

*(312) 744-3315*

## **African-Caribbean International Festival of Life**

The 17th annual cultural celebration features two stages of live music, including reggae, calypso, and gospel, plus food vendors, arts and crafts, games, kids' activities and exhibits.

*July 3 – July 5*

*General Admission: Free*

*Washington Park / Woodlawn – Chicago*

*(312) 427-0266*

## **Thai Festival Chicago 2009**

A celebration of Thai culture includes food and drink vendors, musical performances, muay thai demonstrations, arts and crafts and more.

*July 8- July 10*

*General Admission: Free*

*Daley Plaza - Chicago*

*(312) 664-3129*

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## 24th Annual Irish American Heritage Festival

Hear live Irish and American music on five stages at this indoor-outdoor cultural fest. Also features a mashed-potato eating contest, folk dancing, sing-alongs, a matchmaking event, a singing contest, arts and crafts, kids' activities and vendors. Includes musical performances by Gaelic Storm, The Tossers, Searson, Screaming Orphans, Eileen Ivers and Immigrant Soul and more.

*July 10- July 12*

*General Admission: Free*

*North Park - Chicago*

*773-282-7035 ext. 10*

## 12th Annual Chicago Folk and Roots Festival

Hear live music from a mix of international artists and local talent throughout the park. Includes food and beverage vendors, dance lessons, arts and crafts, kids' entertainment and more.

*July 11 – July 12*

*Admission: \$8 Adults \$4 Seniors/Children*

*Lincoln Square – Chicago*

*(773) 728-6000*

## Korean Street Festival

The 14th annual cultural event features a mix of traditional and contemporary Korean entertainment, food, vendors and more.

*August 8 – August 9*

*General Admission: Free*

*3200 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. Chicago*

*(773) 583-1700*

## Croatian Fest

This Old World tradition features a huge roast on the grounds of St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Church and a parade. Also features ethnic dancing, songs, and homemade Croatian foods such as fritula, risotto and sauerkraut.

*August 15*

*General Admission: Free*

*2800 S. Princeton Avenue – Chicago*

*(312) 842-1871*

## 60th Annual Greek Festival

Enjoy homemade souvlaki, lamb, chicken, homemade pastries, loukoumades and other Greek specialties at this fair held on church grounds. Includes live music, dancing, and games.

*August 21 – August 23*

*General Admission: Free*

*2727 W. Winona St. Chicago*

*(773) 561-5992*

## !Viva! Chicago Latin Music Festival

Dance to cumbia, merengue, salsa and more at the 21st annual festival of sounds from around the world. Also features food vendors and an arts and crafts fair.

*August 29 – August 30*

*General Admission: Free*

*Grant Park – Chicago*

*(312) 744-3315*