Fourth Quarter Programming
October - December, 2011

October

❖ Germany’s Best and OktoberFest *NEW EVENT*

Navy Pier East End
Sept. 23 – Oct. 10
Sunday – Tuesday 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Wednesday - Saturday 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.

As the name suggests, this is an event in two distinct, yet intimately related parts: first, Germany’s Best as a showcase of modern Germany’s strengths in a variety of areas; and second, an Oktoberfest, as a widely known and celebrated traditional aspect of Germany. To kick off the event, the festivities will begin with a Grand Opening Event on Friday, September 23. The festivities continue in the Oktoberfest tents, which will be a faithful recreation of those found in Germany. (Please see attached photo). The interior will be draped with blue and white panels and guests will be seated at 7-foot-long, Bavarian-style, wood-topped garden tables and benches. Waitresses in Dirndls and waiters in Lederhosen will roam the tents, adding to the traditional feel of the event.

In addition, guests will be treated to the smells of German food wafting through the tent as German vendors prepare imported classics, such as Bratwurst. Between all of this, the sounds of German music, both traditional and modern, can be heard from the center stage. The event is open to the public.

❖ Italian Style Expo 2011

Navy Pier Festival Hall A
September 30 - October 2

The Italian American Chamber of Commerce in Chicago celebrates Italian-style with a full schedule of activities highlighting Italian business and industry. This event is open to the public.
“Murder for Two: A Killer Musical”

Chicago Shakespeare Theater at Navy Pier
May 12 - October 16
Music and book by Joe Kinosian • Lyrics and book by Kellen Blair • Directed by David H. Bell

A mix of Agatha Christie mystery, old-fashioned musical comedy, and modern panache, this whodunit comes with a killer twist: one actor investigates the crime, the other plays all 13 suspects, and they both play the piano! Following the murder of a well-known novelist, Officer Marcus Moscovicz is thrown into a houseful of eccentric and cunning characters—including a wife who is more concerned about stolen ice cream than her murdered husband and a twelve-member boys' choir that happens to be nine members short. A hilarious display of wits and musical showmanship, this madcap musical mystery will tickle the ivories and your funny bone.

“Follies”

Chicago Shakespeare Theater at Navy Pier
October 4 – November 6

Book by James Goldman • Music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim • Directed by Gary Griffin

An ensemble of more than 40 actors and musicians create a valentine to a bygone era of American musical theater. “Follies” continues CST Associate Artistic Director Gary Griffin's decade-long exploration of the Sondheim canon at Chicago Shakespeare, an illustrious and inventive body of work. Now, Griffin takes on Sondheim's tale of showgirls and ghosts on the eve of a crumbling theater's demolition. When the legendary "Weismann Follies" company reunites decades later to relive their moments in the spotlight, they reveal the fine line we tread between illusion and reality—and the human follies that challenge us all. The Broadway premiere garnered seven Tony Awards, including Best Score, and engendered the classic standards "I'm Still Here," "Losing My Mind," and "Broadway Baby."

Free Fireworks

Saturdays ONLY in October at 9 p.m.*NEW TIME FOR FALL*

Gather at Lake Michigan’s premier playground to view dazzling displays of fireworks, produced by the award-winning Melrose Pyrotechnics, accompanied by musical soundtracks.

“Navy Pier’s Really Big Halloween Party” *NEW EVENT*

Pierwide
Weekends in October, from Oct. 14 – 31
Friday & Saturday Noon – 9 p.m., and Sunday & Halloween Monday, Noon - 8 p.m.
Join us at Navy Pier for a “spooktacular” Halloween Party, featuring daily treats for kids, a scavenger hunt, strolling carnival characters, and the Human Marinette Stage. The fun continues with a nightly dance party, costumes contests for both children and adults, and free 9 p.m. Saturday fireworks shows. Plenty of other surprises are in store.

❖ 18th Annual SOFA (International Sculpture Objects & Functional Art Fair) – Chicago

Navy Pier Festival Hall A
November 4 – 6, 2011

A gallery-presented, international art exposition dedicated to bridging the worlds of design, decorative and fine art. Works by emerging and established artists and designers are available for sale. This event is open to the public.

❖ Chicago’s Perfect 10

Navy Pier Festival Hall A
November 10-12

Because runners do not have many opportunities to race in Chicago as the year comes to an end, the Our Quality of Life Expo serves to keep the running community active and challenged. Chicago’s Perfect 10 is comprised of three major events: 10 mile run, 10K run, and ¼ mile kids indoor fun run. The expo is free to the public and serves as not only a participant packet pick-up location, but also as a one-stop resource to learn about healthy lifestyle products and services and shop for gear to fit your active lifestyle.

❖ Pinot Days

Navy Pier Festival Hall B
November 12

Pinot Days celebrates pinot noir in its many styles, ranging from modern to earthly to elegant. Pinot Days brings together pinot producers representing every California appellation, style and price point, as well as a few from Oregon and Burgundy. This event is open to the public.
Chicago Toy and Game Fair
Navy Pier Festival Hall B
November 19-20: Festival Hall B

Chicago Toy and Game Fair is a public show to preview and play with the latest and hottest product releases in the toy and game industry. This event is open to the public.

“Elizabeth Rex”
Chicago Shakespeare Theater
November 29, 2011-January 22, 2012

By Timothy Findley • Directed by Barbara Gaines

On the eve of the beheading of her court favorite and rumored lover, the Earl of Essex, Queen Elizabeth was entertained with a royal command performance by Shakespeare and his company. Upon this obscure historical fact, one of Canada's most acclaimed playwrights, Timothy Findley, imagines this daring and original drama. Longing for distraction, the Queen visits her stables where the actors are lodged for the night. There she finds the man who plays Shakespeare's leading ladies, and in their passionate confrontation, the actor and his Queen come to shocking revelations about sexuality, identity and love.

Winter WonderFest *EXTENDED DATES*
Navy Pier Festival Hall A & B
December 2, 2011 - January 8, 2012
Sunday - Thursday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. - 10p.m.

There is more fun than ever before in the 11th annual edition of this beloved Chicago holiday tradition. This year, Navy Pier has extended the festival by one week, to provide even more time to enjoy the warmth of winter inside an enchanted 170,000-square-foot holiday hamlet! Bring the entire family for days of music, entertainment, the Chicago Blackhawks indoor ice skating rink, huge inflatable slides, rides, food, beverages, and so much more. Your family holiday memories are even more cherished when shared at Winter WonderFest.