

# Calendar

## November 2011

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6:30PM. Tickets \$165. *At Cafe la Cave, 2777 Mannheim Road, Des Plaines, 773.427.6307, polish.org*

### Thanks-for-Giving Ball

Concern Leadership Network hosts the first annual Thanks-for-Giving Ball to support Concern Worldwide's emergency response to the food crisis in Africa. **Nov. 12.** 8PM to midnight. Tickets \$125. *At Hard Rock Hotel Chicago, 230 N. Michigan Ave., 312.431.8400 x200, concernusa.org*

### Dream a Little Dream

Celebrate the 17th annual Dream a Little Dream luncheon and fashion show benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. A Champagne reception is followed by luncheon and raffle drawings for prizes like a \$1,000 Nordstrom gift card or hotel stay in Las Vegas. **Nov. 13.** 10AM. Tickets \$100. *At Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont, 800.621.5359, stjudefashionshow.com*

### Fall In Love With Music

The League of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra hosts a benefit with special guest pianists (and sisters) Katia and Marielle Labèque. Along with musical performances, enjoy a Champagne toast and luncheon. **Nov. 15.** Noon. Tickets \$150. *At 220 S. Michigan Ave., 312.266.8729, cso.org*

### Heroes Ball

The fourth annual Autism Speaks Heroes Ball includes a premium open bar, dinner buffet, entertainment, and both live and silent auctions. The evening benefits the Chicagoland Chapter of Autism Speaks. **Nov. 18.** 7:30PM. Tickets \$100. *At Venue One, 1044 W. Randolph St., heroes-ball.org*

### World of Chocolate

Sample chocolate creations from dozens of Chicagoland's finest restaurants, caterers and chocolatiers. The 10th annual event also includes a light buffet, open bar, chocolate martinis and surprises. Proceeds benefit the AIDS Foundation of Chicago. **Dec. 1.** 6PM. Tickets \$100 and up. *At Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave., 312.334.0935, aidschicago.org*



The 2010 Holiday Celebration gala

### 30th Holiday Celebration

Metropolitan Family Services honors its Family of the Year—the Knuepfer family—at the 30th annual Holiday Celebration at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago. Live entertainment, silent and live auctions and a wine raffle featuring select vintages are among the highlights. **Dec. 3.** 6PM. Tickets \$350. *At 160 E. Pearson St., 312.986.4046, metrofamily.org*

### Health & Hope for Africa Concert Gala

Hosted by Chicago-based nonprofit GEANCO Foundation, the evening includes cocktails, a seated dinner and a silent auction at the Museum of Science and Industry. **Dec. 3.** 6PM. Tickets \$250 and up. *At 57th St. and Lake Shore Drive, geanco.org*

## Performing & Visual Arts

### Love, Loss & What I Wore

Due to popular demand, the Broadway Playhouse at Water Tower Place has extended Nora and Delia Ephron's book-turned-Broadway-hit, a collection of hilarious tales stemming from the fashionistas' closets. **Through Dec. 4.** Showtimes vary. Tickets \$68-\$78. *At 175 E. Chestnut St., broadwayinchicago.com*

### Pinkalicious: The Musical

Pinkalicious Pinkerton just can't get enough of those pink cupcakes. Her indulgence both cautions little ones against too much dessert and charms the entire family. **Through Jan. 7, 2012.** Showtimes vary. Tickets \$16-\$22. *At 175 E. Chestnut Ave., broadwayinchicago.com*

### Chocolate Around the World

The Field Museum invites sweet tooth to learn about the history, culture and fascination behind the most delectable dessert on Earth. **Through Jan. 8, 2012.** 9AM to 5PM. Tickets \$29; Seniors and students \$24; Children \$20. *At 1400 S. Lakeshore Drive, 312.922.9410, fieldmuseum.org*



Chocolates on conveyor belt

### SOFA Chicago and The Intuit Show of Folk & Outsider Art

View some of the most extraordinary works from around the world at SOFA Chicago and The Intuit Show of Folk & Outsider Art. **Nov. 4-6.** Fri.-Sat. 11AM to 7PM; Sun. Noon to 6PM. Tickets \$15; \$25 three-day pass. *At Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave., sofaexpo.com*

### Vienna Symphony at Harris Theater

The Vienna Symphony Orchestra joins the Grammy-nominated Eroica Trio for a highly anticipated performance by three women who are shaping the contemporary forefront of classical piano music. **Nov. 7.** 7:30PM. Tickets \$20-\$45. *At Harris Theater for Music & Dance, 205 E. Randolph Drive, 312.334.7777, harristheaterchicago.org*

### Rock of Ages

The Tony Award-nominated musical comes to Chicago, and the Sunset Strip-set twist on the classic boy-meets-girl tale debuts at Oriental Theatre. The quirky romance—set against a soundtrack of classic '80s music—is a story not soon forgotten. **Nov. 8-13.** Showtimes vary. Tickets \$18-\$90. *At 24 W. Randolph St., broadwayinchicago.com*

### 20th Annual Magnificent Mile Lights Festival

The Magnificent Mile celebrates 20 years of its famous tree lighting ceremony. Live music performances, a Disney-themed parade and a dazzling fireworks display round out a festive celebration. **Nov. 19.** Schedule and locations vary. *312.409.5560, magnificentmilelightsfestival.com*

### Fiddler on the Roof

The musical, a yearly "Tradition" since its premier in 1964, makes for a festive holiday outing at the Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University. **Nov. 22-27.** Showtimes vary. Tickets \$26-\$85. *At 50 E. Congress Parkway, 312.922.2110, auditoriumtheatre.org*

### Wonderland Express

The Chicago Botanic Garden celebrates the season with its annual *Wonderland Express*. Guests are greeted by 750,000 lights before entering the 10,000-square-foot exhibition of miniature trains and more than 80 mini-replicas of Chicago landmarks. **Nov. 25, 2011-Jan. 1, 2012.** 10AM to 6PM. Ticket prices vary. *At Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, 847.835.5440, chicagobotanic.org*

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