

adler planetarium

NEW PERMANENT EXHIBIT

Planet Explorers

The Adler's former Milky Way Galaxy gallery is the new home of a two-story rocket, space station, and even a new planet to discover! Families can have their hands full with interactive experiences that take them from a home environment to the depths of space before they touch down again on Planet X. Families can borrow an Explorer's Tool Belt from the Welcome Desk to explore further on a self-guided tour. On the weekends, families can also interact with role-based interpreters posing as scientists throughout the exhibit.

the art institute of chicago

Jitish Kallat: Public Notice 3

Through January 2, 2011

In the first major presentation in an American museum of Jitish Kallat's work, the contemporary Indian artist has designed a site-specific installation that connects two key historical moments - the First World Parliament of Religions held on September 11, 1893, and the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on that very date, 108 years later. The resulting work, *Public Notice 3*, creates a trenchant commentary on the evolution, or devolution, of religious tolerance across the 20th and 21st centuries.

Gray Collection: Seven Centuries of Art

Through January 2, 2011

One of America's foremost art dealers, Richard Gray, and his wife, art historian and author Mary Lackritz Gray, have gathered an unparalleled collection of paintings, drawings, and sculpture spanning the 15th century to the present. This exhibition features more than 120 of the couple's most dynamic and important works on paper, including Renaissance- and Baroque-era treasures by Guercino, Tiepolo, and Rubens; 19th-century works by masters such as Delacroix, Degas, and Seurat; and stellar examples by acclaimed 20th-century artists Picasso, Matisse, and Miró.

chicago history museum

I Do! Chicago Ties the Knot

Through January 3, 2011

Nearly every part of a wedding celebration is steeped in history and tradition. The exhibition explores an array of wedding traditions through costume, and how some of those traditions were standardized by Chicago retailers to create the wedding industry known today.

My Chinatown

Through January 3, 2011

Discover the sights and sounds of Chicago's Chinatown. The Chicago History Museum's first multimedia theater experience, *My Chinatown* is driven by the personal stories of the people who live in the neighborhood and keep its traditions alive. The voices of *My Chinatown* tell the story of the neighborhood's past and present, providing an insider's view of culinary delights and traditional medicine, the powerful role of family and business associations, and the celebration of the Chinese New Year.

Lincoln Park Block by Block

Through June 13, 2011

Lincoln Park is a dynamic neighborhood and home of the Chicago History Museum. For 150 years, Lincoln Park residents and visitors have experienced some of the city's most historic events—from the opening of the Chicago's first public beach in 1895 to the riots of the late 1960s. Set on an oversized map, the exhibition invites you to discover the history, culture, and making of Lincoln Park. Share your memories with other visitors, and explore Lincoln Park—a place that constantly remakes itself with a nod to the past and an eye toward the future.

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Facing Freedom

Based on the central idea that the history of the United States has been shaped by conflicts over what it means to be free, this new permanent exhibition uses images, artifacts, and interactivity to explore familiar and not-so-familiar stories from the nation's past. From women's suffrage and the formation of unions, to Japanese internment, to a local school boycott, the exhibition highlights some of the ways Americans have struggled over the true meaning of freedom.

usable museum of african american history

The African Presence in Mexico: From Yanga to the Present

Through November 14, 2010

The African Presence in Mexico: From Yanga to the Present examines the missing chapter in Mexican history that highlights the African contributions to Mexican culture over the past nearly 500 years.

Organized by the National Museum of Mexican Art

Tracing the Civil Rights Movement 1848 to 1968

From the anti-bellum era to the passage of the civil rights bill in 1968, *Tracing the Civil Rights Movement 1848 to 1968* recaps salient moments of one of America's most turbulent periods in history; the aspiration of African Americans gaining full class citizenship. Primarily developed from artifacts within its permanent collection, the DuSable Museum of African American History takes a look into the history of the civil rights movement spanning a 120-year period.

Red, White, Blue & Black: A History of Blacks in the Armed Services

Featuring more than 100 artifacts, objects, images and documents, "Red, White, Blue & Black," highlights the robust collection of militaria from the DuSable Museum's permanent collection.

A Slow Walk to Greatness: The Harold Washington Story

This new installation takes a closer look into the life and legacy of Harold Washington, twenty years after the passing of the city's first African American Mayor. This exhibition will afford a new generation of Chicagoans the opportunity to learn about the tremendous impact that Mayor Washington had on the city, and the country.

the field museum

Climate Change

Through November 28, 2010

Uncover the natural evidence of climate change, and discover how even your small, individual changes add up quickly to help reduce global warming. Discover how we can make an impact in reducing climate change, and learn about some of our best hopes for alternative energy sources.

Climate Change is organized by the American Museum of Natural History, New York, in collaboration with The Field Museum, Chicago; the Abu Dhabi Authority for Culture & Heritage, United Arab Emirates; The Cleveland Museum of Natural History; Instituto Sangari, São Paulo, Brazil; Junta de Castilla y León, Spain; Korea Green Foundation, Seoul; Natural History Museum of Denmark, Copenhagen; Papalote Museo del Niño, Mexico City; and Saint Louis Science Center. Sponsored by Exelon Corporation, Motorola Foundation, HSBC - North America, Jones Lang LaSalle, and Whole Foods Market.

RoboSUE: The T-rex Experience

Through January 2, 2011

Feel the piercing stare of dinosaurs as they track your every step and get locked into a spine-tingling standoff with SUE the T. rex. Through advanced robotics and cutting-edge face recognition technology, these dinosaurs will react to your every move, sizing you up as friend, foe, or their next meal! Come closer than you ever thought possible to these fearsome creatures in a brand-new dinosaur experience, only at The Field Museum.

Ticketed exhibition. RoboSUE: The T. rex Experience was created by The Field Museum, in collaboration with KumoTek Robotics, LLC and Kokoro Company LTD. This experience is sponsored by Kenneth and Anne Griffin.

Waking the T. rex 3D: The Story of SUE

In an exciting 3D film experience, discover the world famous *T. rex* named SUE like never before. Follow the life of SUE from nest to death and see first-hand why this *T. rex* was the world's greatest predator. Learn the amazing story of how it was found, see what scientists have discovered about this colossal *T. rex*, and join in a real fossil excavation with Field Museum paleontologists. Dare to come face-to-face with this roaring, earthshaking, and breathtaking *T. rex* in "*Waking the T. rex 3D: The Story of SUE*," premiering at The Field Museum.

D3D Cinema and The Field Museum present *Waking the T. rex 3D: The Story of SUE*. Sponsored by McDonald's Corporation.

Gold

October 22, 2010 – March 6, 2011

Known as one of the rarest and most prized minerals in the world, gold has captured the world's fascination for centuries. Discover its natural beauty, scientific value and its power to shape history as you explore a dramatic array of gold objects. Featuring crystallized gold, enormous gold nuggets, gold bullion, coins from shipwrecks, gold bars and exquisite jewelry, uncover the story behind this cherished metal like never before. Explore the depths of the mining process and feel the excitement of the gold rush as you follow gold from natural form to finished jewelry. Walk through a room completely covered in gold. And determine the value of your own weight in gold. Discover the amazing power of gold, the mineral people have searched for, stolen for, and been inspired by, only at The Field Museum.

Gold is organized by the American Museum of Natural History, New York in cooperation with The Houston Museum of Natural Science.

museum of contemporary art

Luc Tuymans

October 2, 2010 – January 9, 2011

Luc Tuymans is considered one of the most significant European painters working today and has influenced countless younger and emerging artists. Drawing on imagery from photography, television, and film, Tuymans explores issues of history and memory, as well as the relationship between photography and painting.

museum of science and industry

Jim Henson's Fantastic World

Open September 24, 2010 - January 23, 2011

Get a rare peek into the imagination of Jim Henson—a brilliant innovator and the creator of Kermit, Big Bird and other beloved characters. This exhibition features 100 original artworks, including drawings, cartoons and storyboards that demonstrate Henson's talent as a storyteller. The exhibit also documents Henson's process of "visual thinking" through renderings, photographs, documents, puppets and film. View the iconic puppets created by Henson, television and movie props, photographs of Henson and his collaborators at work, as well as original video productions and experimental films from Henson's early career. Guests will also get an opportunity to express their own inventiveness through a series of fun and original hands-on activities. An additional ticket is required.

This exhibition has been organized by The Jim Henson Legacy and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. It is made possible by The Biography Channel with additional support from The Jane Henson Foundation and Cheryl Henson.

Smart Home: Green + Wired

Open through January 9, 2011

The Museum's *Smart Home: Green + Wired* exhibit, a fully functioning, eco-friendly home on the Museum's grounds, has a new look in 2010, courtesy of *Midwest Living*. The home's interior has been redesigned to reflect the lifestyle of an "empty-nester" couple and features soft, organic textures and colors fused with a contemporary style. On guided tours, you'll see great spaces for entertaining, a master bedroom that serves as a retreat, a playroom/nursery space for a grandchild, and the home office

of an interior designer—all of which keep in mind natural elements and harmony with the Earth. The Museum partnered with *WIRED* magazine to incorporate “smart” technologies into the home, and the exhibit also features a “green” garage designed by DIY Network’s “Garage Mahal.” Highlights of the home’s landscape are native plantings, a sustainable vegetable garden and vertical gardens. An additional ticket is required.

Smart Home is sponsored by ComEd and Dominick’s.

NEW PERMANENT EXHIBITS

Science Storms

Control a 40-foot tornado—a whirling vortex of vapor. See giant bolts of lightning crackling above you. Trigger an avalanche using a 20-foot avalanche disk. Create a tsunami in a 30-foot wave tank. This and much more awaits you in *Science Storms*, an amazing new permanent exhibit that unravels the mysteries of physics and chemistry through recreations of nature’s most powerful phenomena—tornados, lightning, fire, tsunamis, sunlight, avalanches and atoms in motion. At 50 different interactive stations, you’ll deconstruct large phenomena into smaller experiments and challenges to study the forces that make these phenomena possible. In *Science Storms*, it’s your turn to be inspired—to search for the “how” and “why” behind nature. This exhibit is included in general admission.

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YOU! The Experience

YOU! The Experience is a dramatic and unprecedented 15,000-square foot exhibit that celebrates the body, mind and spirit. The exhibit showcases the extraordinary workings of our bodies, the choices we make, the environment in which we live, and the role of medical technology with more than 50 fun and fascinating interactive stations for guests of all ages. Test your physical capability with a few basketball moves with a virtual coach; or play *Mindball*, a game in which you can win by controlling your brainwaves. Examine more than 50 real human embryos and specimens that show the wonder of human development and the body. See your heart beat 13 feet tall with the Museum’s amazing new *Giant Heart*. You will see yourself—and your health—in a whole new way. This exhibit is included in general admission.

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national museum of mexican art

Millas y Kilómetros

Through November 28, 2010

This exhibition, traveling from southern Mexico to Chicago, displays a body of work that addresses an array of issues and themes pertinent to artists of Mexican descent currently working in Chiapas and Chicago.

This traveling exhibition previously opened in Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Chiapas, Mexico at the Centro Cultural Jaime Sabines October 2009.

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Lost Panoramas

September 30, 2010 through January 2, 2011

Author Richard Cahan gives us recently discovered plate images from the Chicago Water Reclamation District Archives and unveils a forgotten world of turn of the century Chicago and Illinois landscapes. Originally commissioned by the State of Illinois to document land development, these images reveal a changing world where open lands and waterways are molded and tamed into the modern urban environment that we know today.

Exploring Trees Inside and Out

October 23, 2010 through January 30, 2011

In Exploring Trees Inside and Out, children can touch bark, smell cedar, cinnamon and maple, crawl inside a giant log and experience it as a habitat for living things. They can also don a costume and become a forest creature in a real time animated blue screen flying experience, then climb through the inside of a tree and slide into a pile of leaves. The 9-foot tall, 2,500 square foot exhibition inspires children to understand the vital role trees play in nature and steps they can take to conserve this essential resource right here in the city.

shedd aquarium

Let your *Fantasea* begin!

Dolphins soar, belugas dance, and penguins parade in *Fantasea*, the aquatic show at Shedd! The aquarium's amphitheater is transformed into a magical setting in which you'll go on an amazing journey that connects you with a host of animals and dazzles you with their natural behaviors.

N E W P E R M A N E N T E X H I B I T

Polar Play Zone

Kids have a place at Shedd that they can call their own—*Polar Play Zone*. It's a place to play, splash and pretend. Kids can slip into a penguin suit to try out these birds' lives in the icy southern polar regions, then explore the belugas' Arctic waters in a kid-sized submarine. And the underwater viewing windows are the best place to see the sea otters, dolphins, penguins and belugas in their element.