



**January 21 - February 1, 2026**

Updated January 23



Blind Summit, *The Sex Lives of Puppets*  
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## OPENING + CLOSING

Shows and Events

	WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21	THURSDAY JANUARY 22	FRIDAY JANUARY 23	SATURDAY JANUARY 24	SUNDAY JANUARY 25	MONDAY JANUARY 26	TUESDAY JANUARY 27	WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28	THURSDAY JANUARY 29	FRIDAY JANUARY 30	SATURDAY JANUARY 31	SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1
<b>OPENING NIGHT PRELUDE RECEPTION</b> - Fine Arts Building	11 5:15 - 6:45 pm											
<b>DEAD AS A DODO</b> by Wakka Wakka - Studebaker Theater	10 7 pm		7:30 pm	2 pm 7:30 pm	2 pm							
<b>OPENING NIGHT POST-SHOW PARTY</b> - Fine Arts Building	11 8:30-10:15 pm											
<b>CLOSING CABARET</b> with Joshua Holden - The Rhapsody Theater	1 6:30 - 7:45 pm											

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## MORE SHOWS

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<b>THE 4TH WITCH</b> by Manual Cinema - The Biograph's Začek McVay Theater	4 7:30 pm	3 pm 8:30 pm	3 pm 8:30 pm	3 pm 6pm							
<b>ABOUT RAM</b> by Katkatha Puppet Arts Trust - Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago	13 10 pm							7:30 pm	1 pm 6 pm	12 pm	
<b>DOES A DOG HAVE BUDDHA NATURE?</b> by Blair Thomas - Chopin Theatre	7 8 pm			8 pm	2 pm 5 pm 8 pm						
<b>A DOLL'S HOUSE</b> by Plexus Polaire - DePaul's Merle Reskin Theatre	12 6 pm	6 pm	6 pm								
<b>Roald Dahl's THE ENORMOUS CROCODILE</b> by The Roald Dahl Story Company - Studebaker Theater	10 8 pm						1 pm	10:30 am 6 pm	11 am 4 pm	10 am 1 pm	
<b>THE HARLEM DOLL PALACE</b> by Alva Puppet Theater - Reva & David Logan Center for the Arts	14 4 pm 7:30 pm	4 pm 7:30 pm	6 pm								
<b>THE HOUSE</b> by Sofie Krog Theatre - Steppenwolf's Merle Reskin Space	5 8 pm						6 pm 8:30 pm	6 pm 9 pm	2 pm 6 pm	2 pm 4 pm	
<b>LA MÉRIDIENNE</b> by Théâtre de la Massue with Chef Chris Sullivan - Wicker Park	6 4 pm 6:30 pm 9 pm	4 pm 6:30 pm 9 pm	4 pm 6:30 pm 9 pm	4 pm 6:30 pm 9 pm	4pm 6:30 pm 9 pm	4 pm 6:30 pm 9 pm	4 pm 6:30 pm 9 pm				
<b>LAURA HEIT SHORT FILMS</b> by Music Box Theatre	2 8 pm				7 pm	7 pm					
<b>THE LEFT HAND OF DARKNESS</b> by Untitled Theatre Company No. 61 and Yara Arts Group - Wirtz Center	8 8 pm						7:30 pm	4 pm 8 pm	4 pm 8 pm	1 pm 6 pm	
<b>THE MATCHBOX SHOWS</b> by Laura Heit - Constellation	3 8 pm 10 pm	8 pm 10 pm	8 pm 10 pm	8 pm							
<b>NASTY BRUTISH &amp; SHORT</b> curated by Rough House Puppet Arts - Constellation	3 10:30 pm	10:30 pm	10:30 pm					10:30 pm	10:30 pm		
<b>OIL PRESSURE VIBRATOR</b> by Geumhyung Jeong - Chopin Theatre	7 8 pm							9 pm	2 pm		
<b>RHYNOCERON</b> by KT Shivak - Chopin Theatre	7 7 pm	3 pm 8 pm	11 am 7:30 pm	3 pm							
<b>THE SEX LIVES OF PUPPETS</b> by Blind Summit - The Biograph's Začek McVay Theater	4 4 pm				7:30 pm	7:30 pm	7:30 pm	5 pm	5 pm 8 pm	4 pm 8 pm	
<b>TRUST ME FOR A WHILE</b> by Plexus Polaire - Reva & David Logan Center for the Arts	14 8 pm							5:30 pm 8 pm	5:30 pm 8 pm	2 pm	
<b>FREE NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR</b> with Tian Gombau - Various Locations	4 pm North Lawndale H	11 am River North E	4 pm Old Town D	2 pm East Garfield Park F							
<b>FREE NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR</b> with Alex & Olmsted - Various Locations					6 pm Lakeview B	4 pm Grand Crossing J	4:30 pm Rogers Park A	1 pm Austin G	11 am Woodlawn I		

## PUPPET HUB + EXHIBITIONS

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<b>THE SPOKE &amp; BIRD POP-UP CAFE</b> by Spoke & Bird - Fine Arts Bldg.	Closed	12 - 7:30 pm	12 - 7:30 pm	12 - 4 pm	12 - 5:30 pm	12 - 5:30 pm	12 - 5:30 pm	12 - 5:30 pm	12 - 6 pm	12 - 4 pm	12 - 4 pm
<b>EXHIBITION: Laura Heit Two Ways Down</b> <b>EXHIBITION: Andrew Kim Lantern Puppets</b>	Closed	9 am - 7:30 pm	9 am - 7:30 pm	9 am - 4 pm	9 am - 5:30 pm	9 am - 5:30 pm	9 am - 5:30 pm	9 am - 5:30 pm	9 am - 6 pm	9 am - 4 pm	9 am - 4 pm

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

	THURSDAY JANUARY 22	FRIDAY JANUARY 23	SATURDAY JANUARY 24	SUNDAY JANUARY 25	MONDAY JANUARY 26	TUESDAY JANUARY 27	WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28	THURSDAY JANUARY 29	FRIDAY JANUARY 30	SATURDAY JANUARY 31	SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1
<b>ELLEN VAN VOLKENBURG PUPPETRY SYMPOSIUM:</b> Panels - Fine Arts Bldg.	11 7th Fl.		10 am - 12 pm Session 1	10 am - 12 pm Session 2						10 am - 12 pm Session 3	10 am - 12 pm Session 4
<b>BOOK TALKS:</b> Alissa Mello, Mark Down, Dr. Dassia Posner & Claudia Orenstein - Fine Arts Bldg.	11 7th Fl.				5:30 pm Making Meaning in Puppetry...	5:30 pm Race, Gender, and Disability...	5:30 pm A Practical Guide to Puppetry				
<b>CATAPULT ARTIST INTENSIVE:</b> Professional Development Weekends - Various Locations			Session 1: Led by Samuel J. Lewis II								
<b>GIANT ANIMAL LANTERN PUPPETS</b> Pre-Fest Workshop with Andrew Kim	JAN 11-21		View finished puppets in the Puppet Hub!		(see above for hours and location)						
<b>PUPPETRY MASTERCLASSES</b> with Festival Artists - Fine Arts Bldg. (unless otherwise noted)	11 4th Fl.	1:30 pm Wakka Wakka	9:30 am Alva Rogers 9:30 am Manual Cinema 1:30 pm Wakka Wakka	4 Plexus Polaire	9:30 am Michael Jean-Marain 1:30 pm Dr. Paulette Richards	1:30 pm Linda Wingerter	9:30 am Anurupa Roy 1:30 pm Mark Down	9:30 am Anurupa Roy 1:30 pm Mark Down	9:30 am Alex and Olmsted 1:30 pm Joshua Holden		

## MAP OF LOCATIONS



### FREE NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR

- F 345 GALLERY 345 N. Kedzie Ave. *East Garfield Park*
- G AUSTIN TOWN HALL CULTURAL CENTER 5610 W. Lake St. *Austin*
- H THEATRE Y 3611 W. Cermak Rd. *North Lawndale*
- I SEGUNDO RUIZ BELVIS CULTURAL CENTER 4048 W. Armitage Ave. *Hermosa*
- D MARSHALL FIELD GARDEN APARTMENTS/ART ON SEDGWICK 1406 N. Sedgwick St. *Old Town*
- E INSTITUTO CERVANTES 31 W. Ohio St. *River North*

*Check back closer to the Festival for added locations, dates, and times!*

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