



January 21 - February 1, 2026

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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
OPENING NIGHT PRELUDE RECEPTION - Fine Arts Building	5:15 - 6:45 pm					Click times to buy tickets						
DEAD AS A DODO by Wakka Wakka - Studebaker Theater	7 pm		7:30 pm	2 pm 7:30 pm	2 pm							
OPENING NIGHT POST-SHOW PARTY - Fine Arts Building	8:30- 10:15 pm											
CLOSING CABARET with Joshua Holden - The Rhapsody Theater												6:30 - 7:45 pm

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

PUPPET HUB + EXHIBITIONS

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FREE! THE SPOKE & BIRD POP-UP CAFE 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
EXHIBITION: Laura Heit Two Ways Down EXHIBITION: Andrew Kim Lantern Puppets	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 PROGRAMING

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FREE!	ELLEN VAN VOLKENBURG PUPPETRY SYMPOSIUM: Panels - Fine Arts Bldg.	 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
	BOOK TALKS: Alissa Mello, Mark Down, Dr. Dassia Posner & Claudia Orenstein - Fine Arts Bldg.	 7th Fl.					5:30 pm Making Meaning in Puppetry...	5:30 pm Race, Gender, and Disability...	5:30 pm A Practical Guide to Puppetry				
	CATAPULT ARTIST INTENSIVE: Professional Development Weekends - Various Locations		Session 1: Led by Samuel J. Lewis II									Session 2: Led by Erica Mott	
	GIANT ANIMAL LANTERN PUPPETS Pre-Fest Workshop with Andrew Kim	JAN 11-21	View finished puppets in the Puppet Hub!					(see above for hours and location)					
	PUPPETRY MASTERCLASSES with Festival Artists - Fine Arts Bldg. (unless otherwise noted)	 4th Fl.	1:30 pm Wakka Wakka	9:30 am Alva Rogers 9:30 am Manual Cinema 1:30 pm Wakka Wakka  4th Fl.	1:30 pm 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 11:30 pm Mark Down  4th Fl.	9:30 am Alex and Olmsted	1:30 pm Joshua Holden	

MAP OF LOCATIONS

