



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	11 5:15 - 6:45 pm											
DEAD AS A DODO by Wakka Wakka - Studebaker Theater	10 7 pm		7:30 pm	2 pm 7:30 pm	2 pm							
OPENING NIGHT POST-SHOW PARTY - Fine Arts Building	11 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	4 7:30 pm	3 pm 8:30 pm	3 pm 8:30 pm	3 pm 6pm							
ABOUT RAM by Katkatha Puppet Arts Trust - Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago	13 10 pm							7:30 pm	1 pm 6 pm	12 pm	
DOES A DOG HAVE BUDDHA NATURE? by Blair Thomas - Chopin Theatre	7 10 pm			8 pm	2 pm 5 pm 8 pm						
A DOLL'S HOUSE by Plexus Polaire - DePaul's Merle Reskin Theatre	12 6 pm	6 pm	6 pm								
Roald Dahl's THE ENORMOUS CROCODILE by The Roald Dahl Story Company - Studebaker Theater	10 10 pm						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	14 4 pm 7:30 pm	4 pm 7:30 pm	6 pm								
THE HOUSE by Sofie Krog Theatre - Steppenwolf's Merle Reskin Space	5 10 pm						6 pm 8:30 pm	6 pm 9 pm	2 pm 6 pm	2 pm 2 pm	
LA MÉRIDIENNE 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				
LAURA HEIT SHORT FILMS - Music Box Theatre	2 10 pm				7 pm	7 pm					
THE LEFT HAND OF DARKNESS by Untitled Theatre Company No. 61 and Yara Arts Group - Wirtz Center	8 10 pm						7:30 pm	4 pm 8 pm	4 pm 8 pm	1 pm 6 pm	
THE MATCHBOX SHOWS by Laura Heit - Constellation	3 8 pm 10 pm	8 pm 10 pm	8 pm 10 pm	8 pm							
NASTY BRUTISH & SHORT curated by Rough House Puppet Arts - Constellation	3 10:30 pm	10:30 pm						10:30 pm	10:30 pm		
OIL PRESSURE VIBRATOR by Geumhyung Jeong - Chopin Theatre	7 10 pm							9 pm	2 pm		
RHYNOCERON by KT Shivak - Chopin Theatre	7 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	4 4 pm				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 and David Logan Center for the Arts	14 10 pm							5:30 pm 8 pm	5:30 pm 8 pm	2 pm	
FREE NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR 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							
FREE NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR 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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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 PROGRAMMING

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ELLEN VAN VOLKENBURG PUPPETRY SYMPOSIUM: 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
BOOK TALKS: 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				
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)	11 4th Fl.	1:30 pm Wakka Wakka	9:30 am Alva Rogers	9:30 am Manual Cinema	1:30 pm Plexus Polaire	9:30 am Michael Jean-Marain	1:30 pm Dr. Paulette Richards	9:30 am Anurupa Roy	1:30 pm Mark Down	9:30 am Anurupa Roy	9:30 am Alex and Olmsted
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MAP OF LOCATIONS

