

# c a l e n d a r o f e v e n t s

September 17

## *Exploring Our Connections: Urban Anthropology in Chicago*

6:00 - 8:30pm

### **The Field Museum**

Roosevelt Road at Lake Shore Drive

Our Cultural Connections program opens with a Welcoming Celebration at The Field Museum. Talk with anthropologists and learn the framework we will use in the program series as you become an "urban anthropologist." You will also examine objects from our collections to discover the many different ways cultures have addressed similar concerns. Representatives from all the participating museums will preview their events. And, of course, there will be ethnic foods for you to enjoy.

October 6

## *Behind a Mexican Tradition: The Day of the Dead Celebration*

6:30 - 8:30pm

### **Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum**

1852 West 19th Street

You have heard about it, now experience it first-hand! Join us to commemorate the Day of the Dead. This day of remembrance is an important part of Mexican culture that represents the melding of ancient Aztec and Catholic traditions. Examples of artwork will be on display to showcase the artistic manifestations the Day of the Dead has inspired on both sides of the border. We will discuss the rich history of this ancient tradition and examine its meaning and function in Mexican society, as well as the social and economic impact on communities.



October 21

## *Polonia: The History of Chicago's Polish Community*

6:30 - 8:30pm

### **Polish Museum of America**

984 North Milwaukee Avenue

Attend this evening's event and learn about the history Chicago's Polish community. During exhibit tours and discussions, we will explore the Polish community's lasting contributions to Chicago, and the issues of concern to the community today. And, of course, pierogies are on the menu!



October 29

## *It's All Greek to Me: Exploring the Diversity of Chicago's Greek Community*

6:30 - 8:30pm

### **Hellenic Museum & Cultural Center**

168 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 4000

Greek Town... Saganaki and mousaka... Beautiful churches... Popular images of Chicago's thriving and diverse Greek community. There are many different regions of Greece with many varieties in culture, and our local community reflects this diversity. At this event you will learn about the different regions of Greece and about our local Greek community. Tour a newly installed exhibit, take part in discussions with members of the Greek community, and sample Greek food. Opa!

November 12

## *Our Continuing Traditions: Chicago's Jewish Community*

6:30 - 8:30pm

### **Spertus Museum**

618 South Michigan Avenue

From acclaimed exhibits of visual arts and material culture to engrassing programs of discussion, music, and film, Spertus Museum creates a multifaceted approach to the study of Jewish culture for people of all backgrounds. Join us at the Midwest's largest Jewish museum to explore the culture and history of Chicago's Jewish community. You will use your powers of observation to look creatively at traditions and discover how they contribute to the contemporary identity of the Jewish community in Chicago.

November 19

## *100 Years of Lithuanian History in Chicago*

6:30 - 8:30pm

### **Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture**

6500 South Pulaski Road

"Lithuania's new president is from Chicago!" screamed the headlines in early 1998. In 1993 (after the release of a certain dinosaur movie) we learned that Lithuania was the largest exporter of amber. Tonight we focus on Chicago's Lithuanian community. You will learn about the strong folk art tradition, explore the collections, and engage in conversation with representatives of the Lithuanian community to uncover your connections!



December 1

## *Majstang, Lucia och Tomtar: A Cavalcade of Swedish Holidays*

6:30 - 8:30pm

### **Swedish American Museum**

5211 North Clark Street

Swedish holidays take place year 'round. Come and experience a few Swedish festivals all in one evening. Taste a proper Swedish Christmas smörgåsbord, dance around the Maypole, sing carols of the seasons, and experience the coming of the queen of lights. Taste the food from Andersonville's Swedish American merchants, including Glögg (Swedish mulled wine) from Simon's, the last Swedish tavern in the city.



December 10

## *Celebrate the Holidays: Celebrate Kwanzaa!*

6:30 - 8:30pm

### **DuSable Museum of African American History**

740 East 56th Place

For our final Cultural Connections event of this series, experience the tradition of Kwanzaa! Learn the history of this holiday, discuss the seven principles of Kwanzaa, and experience how African Americans celebrate this holiday. View the many cultural expressions of the holiday in the decorated Christmas trees representing Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, Jamaica, Haiti, Brazil, Barbados, Bahamas, and, of course, the United States. Bring an ornament to place on our Cultural Connections tree that evening!

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