

Chicago is getting ready to
SWING INTO THE HOLIDAYS

**TOO HOT TO HANDEL:
THE JAZZ-GOSPEL MESSIAH**
Friday, December 12 at 7:30 pm
Sunday, December 14 at 3 pm

*(best available seating on
December 12)*

***A joyful, exuberant musical
experience for the whole family!***

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Too Hot to Handel is the holiday event that everyone is talking about.

First performed at the Auditorium in January 2006 in honor of Dr. King's birthday, *Too Hot* quickly became a beloved Chicago tradition.

This year, we are performing *Too Hot to Handel* during the holiday season, and the response has been overwhelming! Not only are we seeing record ticket sales; the show is also all over the local media.

Last Tuesday, the [Too Hot Choir performed with soloists Rod Dixon and Alfreda Burke on WGN morning news](#). And set your DVR - on Thursday, December 11, soloist and Tony Award-nominee Victor Trent Cook will perform on ABC 7's 11am newscast.

If you haven't gotten your tickets yet, there's still time for you to join in the fun! BUT HURRY - tickets are going quickly.



HELPFUL LINKS:

[Purchase tickets](#)

[Manage your Auditorium account](#)

[Read](#) the Aud Blog

[Watch YouTube video](#)

[myspace.com](#)

Auditorium Fun Fact:

In 1956, Frank Lloyd Wright, who apprenticed with Dankmar Adler and Louis Sullivan, toured the Auditorium Building with architect Crombie Taylor.

"Look over there," he said, indicating a carved birch capital in the banquet hall. "Sullivan designed that one. No, maybe I did...To tell you the truth, I can't even see the [expletive] things!"

(Source: Brendan Gill, Many Masks: A Life of Frank Lloyd Wright)

UPCOMING EVENTS



4 EASY WAYS TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

Online: [click here](#)

Phone: 312.902.1500

In person: Auditorium Box Office, 50 E. Congress Pkwy
(open Mon-Fri noon-6pm)

Groups (10+): 312.431.2357

Video: [Alvin Waddles piano solo](#)

[Read a Q&A session with soloists Rod Dixon and Alfreda Burke.](#)

Photos: Victor Trent Cook (top), Suzanne Mallare Acton conducting the 2007 performance (bottom).
Photos by Dan Rest.

GIVE THE GIFT OF THE ARTS



If you're still looking for the perfect holiday gift for the arts lover in your life, may we suggest tickets to an Auditorium event?

Modern dance fans will be thrilled to receive tickets to **Batsheva Dance Company**, an Israeli cultural powerhouse making a rare Chicago visit after an absence of over 35 years! On February 7 & 8, Batsheva will perform *Deca Dance*, a work highlighting the many facets of Artistic Director Ohad

Naharin's choreography.

Or invite your friends and family to join **Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's** 50th anniversary celebration, April 1-5. Opening night includes a live performance by **Sweet Honey In The Rock!**



The Joffrey Ballet
The Nutcracker
December 18-28, 2008
Photo by Herbert Migdoll



Umphey's McGee
December 29-31, 2008



Grease
January 6 - 18, 2009

Visit www.auditoriumtheatre.org for information on these and other Auditorium Theatre events.

Photo: Linda and Glenn Sims in Revelations "Fix Me." Photo by Andrew Eccles.

CAN'T DECIDE WHICH SHOW TO GIVE? WE HAVE GIFT CERTIFICATES!



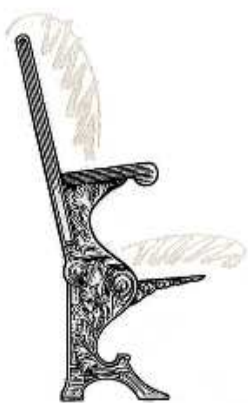
Auditorium gift certificates are a flexible and convenient way to wow your nearest and dearest - who will be able to choose from a variety of exciting shows!

Gift certificates are available in increments of \$25.

To order gift certificates, call 312.922.2110 x0 or visit the box office at 50 E. Congress Pkwy (Mon-Fri, noon-6 pm).

Note: Gift certificates are valid for ticket purchases only and do not apply toward concessions and ATRU merchandise. Certificates are valid for 2009 only. Service charges apply for mailing orders.

Double Your Impact Today!



**Annual
CAMPAIGN**

In honor of our 120th anniversary, some thoughtful members of the Auditorium Theatre's generous Board of Directors have created a special challenge opportunity. **From now until January 20th, these generous board members are willing to match any gift from good friends like you up to \$37,500!** But please know that the amount you give doesn't matter. What matters is that whether you give \$25, \$50, \$100, or any other amount you can spare, your gift will double in value - and will go twice as far toward sustaining, enhancing and expanding our beloved Auditorium. Please consider sending a generous gift today - and double the impact you will make on the future of the Auditorium Theatre!



Spamalot

January 20- Feb 1, 2009



Batsheva

Dance Company

February 7 & 8, 2009



The Joffrey Ballet:

Winter Program

Feb 18-March 1, 2009

(Photo by Herbert Migdoll)

[Read the letter from Brett Batterson.](#)

Make your generous contribution by [downloading a donation form](#) or calling Amanda Martinez at 312.922.2110 ext. 368.

Meet an ATRU Staff Member:

Amanda Martinez -
Development Associate



You've just made a generous donation to the Auditorium. But who makes sure your name is in the program, opens the Adler Room during intermission, and keeps track of your donor privileges? Amanda Martinez does all of the above and much more! Today, she takes time out of her busy day to tell us a little more about herself.

1. Tell us about what you do at the Auditorium.

AM: As the Development Associate, one of my major responsibilities is to track all the generous gifts made to the Auditorium and ensure that each donor is personally thanked by our Executive Director, Brett Batterson. Additionally, I am available to answer any donor-related questions, including questions about our exceptional donor benefits such as the [Adler Society](#), or the very exciting **Challenge Opportunity** we are currently offering as part of our **Annual Campaign**. This is the first time I know of that we have ever had such an opportunity, and I look forward to helping the Auditorium's friends make a difference in our future. I am also very proud to be part of the team that coordinates our Gala benefit every year.

2. What do you enjoy about working at the Auditorium?

AM: Working at the Auditorium has provided me with a wonderful opportunity to meet a diverse group of donors and patrons. I enjoy discussing all the good work the staff at the Auditorium does to ensure we provide the best in entertainment.

Additionally, I get to experience a wide assortment of high quality productions!

3. What is your favorite show of the season?

AM: My favorite show is **Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater**. I love watching dance in general, but the Ailey performers are absolutely amazing and the music is wonderful! My favorite piece is of course, *Revelations*. I am looking forward to seeing it again in April!



Rain:
A Tribute to the Beatles
March 3 - 8, 2009



Alvin Ailey®
American Dance Theater
April 1-5, 2009

Photo: Judith Jamison | 1976
Photograph © Jack Mitchell



The Joffrey Ballet
Spring Program
April 29 - May 10, 2009
*Photo: Fabrice Calmels &
Victoria Jaiani*

4. What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

AM: I enjoy spending time with friends and family, watching old movies and trying to travel as much as possible!

If you ever want to talk with Amanda (particularly about making a donation), she'd love to hear from you! Feel free to contact her at 312.922.2110 ext. 368 or amartinez@auditoriumtheatre.org.

Relax at Rhapsody



65 E Adams St
Chicago, IL 60603

Rhapsody introduces a new **All Day Lounge Menu**.

Unwind after a long day at work, shopping on Michigan Ave, or visiting your favorite Cultural Mile location. Just steps from Millennium Park, Rhapsody's lounge is the perfect place to rest your feet. Enjoy new bar offerings including **Symphony Pizza** with Fresh Arugula, Brie, and Figs or a **Rhapsody Sirloin Burger**.

Still looking for the perfect holiday destination? Rhapsody offers accommodations for 40 to 400, featuring a private glass-walled dining room or semi-private space with the amber hued warmth of Rhapsody's lounge. For more information regarding private events, please call 312.786.9911.

And don't forget **Rhapsody Gift Cards**, the perfect gift for any holiday celebration!

[Click here for the Rhapsody website.](#)

Photo by Jai Girard.



The Eifman Ballet of St. Petersburg
Eugene Onegin
May 14-17, 2009



Nederlands Dans Theater I
June 17-21, 2009

TO ORDER TICKETS

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Online: [Ticketmaster](#)

In Person:
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50 E. Congress Parkway

Groups of 10 or more (20+ for *Broadway*) receive discounts for select shows at **312.431.2357**