

## COME TO A SHOW IN FEBRUARY!

### THIS MONTH:

- Everyone's talking about Batsheva Dance Company
- We celebrate Presidents' Day in a big way, with more than 140 artists on our stage
- The Joffrey Ballet brings us a fiery Winter Program
- Fans of Elizabeth Gilbert's "EAT, PRAY, LOVE" mark their calendars for her first Chicago event

Keep reading for more!

### CHICAGO IS EXCITED ABOUT BATSHEVA! Don't miss world-renowned dance company's rare Chicago appearance

This Saturday at 7:30pm, Sunday at 2pm

It seems that all of Chicago is talking about Batsheva Dance Company's performances this weekend!



The *Chicago Tribune's* Sid Smith wrote of the company's Artistic Director and *Deca Dance* choreographer: "[His name is wondrously exotic: Ohad Naharin. So are whole stretches of his choreography.](#)"

At the *Sun-Times*, Hedy Weiss calls Naharin's work "hypnotic," and in *Time Out Chicago*, Asimina Chremos hails the company as "[a hotbed of new creativity.](#)"

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### Auditorium Fun Fact:

In the 52 days from December 12, 2008 to February 1, 2009, there were 52 performances, 2 student matinees, 2 graduation ceremonies and 8 church services held at the Auditorium!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

### Post Show Discussions

Both performances will be followed by talks with the artists. After Saturday's show, dance critic and writer Lucia Mauro will host a discussion with Ohad Naharin. Following the Sunday show, company dancers will participate in a Q&A session. All audience members are invited to stay for these sessions.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE BATSHEVA PERFORMANCE CONTAINS BRIEF NUDITY AND ADULT LANGUAGE.**

Tickets still available! Call 312.902.1500, [buy online](#) or visit our box office at 50 E. Congress Parkway.

Check out some [video here!](#)

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### PROGRAM FOR "America in the Age of Obama"

We invite you to join us for our Presidents' Day celebration, *America in the Age of Obama: A Concert Honoring Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness*. We are joining together with the City Lights Orchestra, conducted by Rich Daniels, for an evening that includes performances by over 140 artists, including:



- **Linda Clifford**  
(pictured)
- **Orbert Davis**
- **Suzanne Palmer**
- **Bruce Matthey**
- **Mark Madsen**
- **The Soul Children of Chicago**
- **The Walter Payton College Prep Concert Choir**

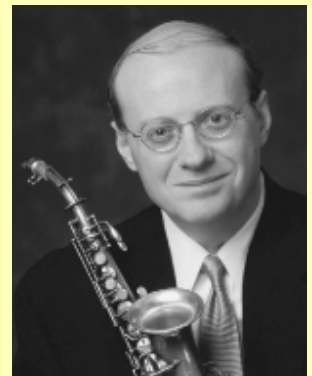
with appearances by:

- **Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan**
- **Anna Eleanor Roosevelt**
- **Charles Middleton**
- **CBS2 Anchor Jim Williams**

The program includes patriotic gems, including "The Battle



**Batsheva Dance Company**  
*Deca Dance*  
February 7 & 8



**America in the Age of Obama**  
February 11  
(pictured: City Lights Orchestra  
Conductor Rich Daniels)



Hymn of the Republic" and "The Stars and Stripes Forever," and popular favorites like "Hero," "R-E-S-P-E-C-T" and "My Kind of Town." There will also be readings of inspiring works written by Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Barack Obama. [Click here](#) for the evening's details.

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## THE JOFFREY BALLET WINTER PROGRAM

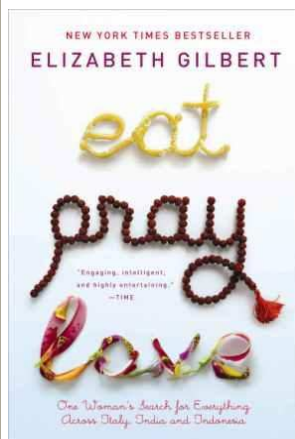
The Joffrey Ballet's Winter Program runs February 18 through March 1, and it looks to be another exciting outing from our resident ballet company!

The program includes Gerald Arpino's *Kettentanz*, the Joffrey premiere of Tomm Ruud's *Mobile*, the "Hand of Fate" pas de deux from George Balanchine's *Cotillon*, and Vaslav Nijinsky's *Le Sacre du Printemps* (*The Rite of Spring*).

For tickets, call 312.902.1500, [buy online](#) or visit our box office at 50 E. Congress Parkway.

## BRING YOUR BOOK CLUB TO SEE ELIZABETH GILBERT

"EAT, PRAY, LOVE" Author Makes First Chicago Appearance  
Monday, March 9



The woman Oprah called a "literary rock star" will speak about the journey that resulted in her best-selling book, with a book signing following her talk.

Group discounts are available - call 312.431.2357 or email [bbullock@auditoriumtheatre.org](mailto:bbullock@auditoriumtheatre.org) for details. With groups starting at just 10 people, it's a perfect opportunity for book clubs, family and friends.

**The Joffrey Ballet:**  
Winter Program  
Feb 18–March 1



*Rain:*  
*A Tribute to the Beatles*  
March 3 - 8



**Elizabeth Gilbert**  
Author of  
**EAT, PRAY, LOVE**  
March 9, 2009



**Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater**  
**50th Anniversary Celebration**  
April 1-5

## SURVEY FROM THE BROADWAY LEAGUE

Our friends at The Broadway League would like you to take a few minutes to answer [this brief survey](#) about your last experience attending a touring Broadway show. Recent tours at the Auditorium included *Spamalot*, *Grease* and *Mamma Mia*. This survey will help determine the economic impact of the performing arts. Thanks for your help!

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Rhapsody is making the middle of the work week a bit more relaxing. Enjoy a **complimentary cocktail** with any food purchase\* every Wednesday throughout February.

Savor your favorite glass from Sommelier Arif Rahman's celebrated wine list or enjoy one of Rhapsody's creative seasonal cocktails. Located in Chicago's Loop and only steps away from Michigan Avenue and Millennium Park, Rhapsody is the perfect place to unwind this February.



*\*Valid Wednesdays throughout February 2009. Valid up to \$12.00 with food minimum of \$15.00. Present e-newsletter to redeem. Not transferable or valid with any other offers.*



**The Joffrey Ballet**  
**Spring Program**  
April 29 - May 10

## TO ORDER TICKETS

**Phone: 312.902.1500**

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**In Person:**  
Auditorium box office  
50 E. Congress Parkway

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