

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



THIS MONTH:

- You're invited to a post-show chat with Batsheva Artistic Director Ohad Naharin
- Ailey 2009 Programming Announced
- Go Behind the Scenes at a Professional Dance Audition

Keep reading for more!

Photo: Midnight Balloon Drop at December 31 Umphrey's McGee show

BATSHEVA DANCE COMPANY

Post-Show Q&A with Artistic Director Ohad Naharin February 7, 2009



Another great reason to come see Batsheva Dance Company perform *Deca Dance* - following the February 7 performance, the audience is invited to stay for a talk with Artistic Director Ohad Naharin!

The talk will be moderated by dance writer and critic Lucia Mauro. Mauro and Naharin will discuss the performance and take questions from the audience. This will be an amazing opportunity to hear one of the dance world's

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Auditorium Fun Fact:

In the midst of the Great Depression in 1933, Chicago raised \$125,000 to refurbish the Auditorium Theatre in time for the Century of Progress World's Fair.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Grease
through January 18, 2009

greats talk about his company and his creative work.

The February 7 & 8 engagement will be Batsheva's first Chicago visit since the early 1970s, and the Auditorium is thrilled that Naharin will join his company for the Chicago performances.

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

Check out some [video here!](#)

AILEY 2009 PROGRAMMING ANNOUNCED!



Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater just wrapped up an incredibly successful New York season, and the company is ready to begin its tour next month.

We just got details on the very exciting Auditorium program!

Wednesday, April 1 at 7:30pm:
GO IN GRACE (featuring live performance by

Sweet Honey In The Rock!)/ SUITE OTIS / REVELATIONS

Thursday, April 2 at 7:30pm: ANNIVERSARY HIGHLIGHTS (includes REVELATIONS)

Friday, April 3 at 7:30pm: FESTA BAROCCA/TREADING, REVELATIONS

Saturday, April 4 at 2pm: BLUES SUITE/SUITE OTIS/REVELATIONS

Saturday, April 4 at 8pm: FESTA BAROCCA/TREADING, REVELATIONS

Sunday, April 5 at 3pm: NIGHT CREATURE, UNFOLD/SUITE OTIS/REVELATIONS

[Click here to read more](#) about these pieces!

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Ever wonder what goes on behind-the-scenes at a



Spamalot

January 20- Feb 1, 2009



The Joffrey Ballet:

Winter Program

Feb 18–March 1, 2009

(Photo by Herbert Migdoll)



Rain:

A Tribute to the Beatles

March 3 - 8, 2009



professional dance audition? Find out this Saturday, January 10!

The Auditorium Theatre hosted the inaugural audition for DanceWorks Chicago in November 2007, and those of you who were present that exciting afternoon witnessed the birth of a dance organization.



Now, one year later, DanceWorks Chicago invites Auditorium Theatre patrons to stay connected with dance as they conduct an open audition on stage at the Dance Center of Columbia College (1306 S. Michigan Avenue) on Saturday, January 10, 2009. Audience members are welcome, FREE of charge, to observe the audition process.

Artistic Director Julie Nakagawa is looking for dancers to join DanceWorks Chicago, an organization committed to the individual artistic growth of dancers and choreographers attained through training, collaboration, mentorship, and performance. Whether you are a dance-savvy observer or someone new to dance, this unique opportunity will bring you closer to the art form! Doors open at 12:30pm. The audition will begin at 1pm with a ballet class followed by repertoire. Audience members may come and go throughout the afternoon, with the conclusion of the audition scheduled for 4pm. For more information, please visit <http://www.danceworkschicago.org/events.html>

Photo by Cheryl Mann: last year's audition on the Auditorium stage.

This January, Our Restuarant Partner [Custom House](#) offers Two Great New Ways to Lunch in the Loop!

Elizabeth Gilbert
Author of
EAT, PRAY, LOVE
Lecture and Book Signing
March 9, 2009



The Joffrey Ballet
Spring Program
April 29 - May 10, 2009
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The Eifman Ballet of St. Petersburg
Eugene Onegin
May 14-17, 2009

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*Prices do not reflect tax and gratuity. Lunch served Monday – Friday, offer begins Monday, January 5th and ends Friday, January 30, 2009.

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In Person:

Auditorium box office
50 E. Congress Parkway

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