

ON STAGE **IN SEPTEMBER** AT THE **AUDITORIUM THEATRE** **CHICAGO'S LANDMARK STAGE® EST. 1889**

(AUGUST 24, 2023) From classical ballet to boy bands, R&B to rock & roll, the not-for-profit **Auditorium Theatre** (50 E. Ida B. Wells Drive) is dedicated to presenting the finest in international, cultural, community, and educational programming to all of Chicago and beyond as *The Theatre for the People*. The organization is also committed to the continued restoration and preservation of this National Historic Landmark that originally opened in 1889. [Among offerings on the Auditorium Theatre stage in September 2023](#) (as of late August):

SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

Arpino Chicago Centennial Celebration

Saturday, September 23, at 7:30PM and Sunday, September 24, at 1PM



This past January 14, 2023, marked the 100th birthday of Gerald Arpino, one of the 20th century's most influential artists. As the culminating event in a multiyear salute to this extraordinary choreographer and co-founder/director of The Joffrey Ballet, The Gerald Arpino Foundation presents the Arpino Chicago Centennial Celebration featuring ballet companies from across the country performing the choreographer's work on the Auditorium stage. Two unique programs will be performed over two days by some of the country's most acclaimed

dance companies: American Ballet Theatre, Ballet West, Oklahoma City Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, Complexions Contemporary Ballet, Eugene Ballet and, of course, Chicago's own The Joffrey Ballet. Gerald Arpino (1923–2008) was a visionary choreographer who, along with Robert Joffrey, created a ballet company and a body of work that has made a singular and enduring impact on American ballet. Throughout his 50-year career, Arpino created nearly 50 ballets for The Joffrey Ballet. From landmark works like *Trinity* and *Round of Angels* to *Suite Saint-Saëns* and *Light Rain*, Arpino was a masterful artist and entertainer whose work brought audiences to their feet time and again. Tickets start at \$45; purchase both shows and save 20%.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING IN SEPTEMBER:

iKON 2023 USA Take Off tour

Saturday, September 9, at 7:30PM



iKON is a South Korean boy band formed in 2015 by YG Entertainment and comprised of six members: Bobby, Jay, Ju-ne, Song, DK, and Chan. First introduced in the reality survival show WIN: Who is Next as “Team B,” iKON makes its world tour stop in Chicago at the Auditorium in one performance only. Tickets start at \$50.75, with add-on opportunities available on purchase.

Nick Cave: Live in North America
Friday, September 29, at 8PM



Nick Cave, best known as the lead singer and songwriter of Nick Cave and The Bad Seeds, tours solo this Fall, performing songs from his extensive catalog and accompanied by Colin Greenwood on bass guitar. Cave has been performing, writing, and recording music for more than forty years; his body of work extends across a diverse range of creative disciplines – score composition, writing of books, novels and film scripts, and more recently ceramic art. Tickets start at

\$39.50.

Tank and The Bangas with Chicago Philharmonic
Saturday, September 30, at 7:30PM



Grammy-nominated in 2020 as “Best New Artist” and in 2022 for “Best Progressive R&B Album,” New Orleans-based Tank and The Bangas are quickly gaining wide acclaim with an incredibly uncategorical soulful mixture of R&B, hip-hop and spoken-word fused into an energetic live performance. Led by the incomparable Tarriona “Tank” Ball, Tank and The Bangas is joined by Chicago Philharmonic to newly unleash their music as a massive orchestral concert

experience at the Auditorium Theatre. Notably, Chicago Philharmonic will debut new arrangements of two Tank and the Banga favorites: "[Black Folk](#)" and "[Jellyfish](#)" (both from the band's critically acclaimed 2022 album *Red Balloon*.) Tickets start at \$39. *This concert is rescheduled from February 18.*

IN THE NEXT 60 DAYS:

- Mazaj Entertainment presents **Heart of Palestine with Dalal Abu Amneh**, October 6
- Chicago Sinfonietta presents **AMPLIFY**, October 7
- WBEZ Chicago presents **An Evening with David Sedaris & Henry Rollins**, October 21
- Disney Junior Live On Tour: **Costume Palooza**, October 22
- **Sonic Symphony**, October 28
- **An Evening with John Cusack & screening of *High Fidelity***, November 1
- **Deeply Rooted Dance Theater**, November 3
- **Loreena McKennitt**, November 4
- Chicago Sinfonietta presents **DEPTH**, November 5
- **Beetlejuice presented by Broadway in Chicago**, November 7-19
- **ELF in Concert**, November 25

AND ON SALE SOON:

- **New Year’s Eve concert with Lindsey Stirling**, December 31

ONGOING THEATRE TOURS

The public is invited to take exclusive behind-the-scenes tours to learn about the secrets and stories that make the Auditorium Theatre unique! Explore this national historic landmark designed by famed architects Louis Sullivan and Dankmar Adler like never before. Be awed by taking a closer look at the

brilliant 24-karat gold-leafed ceiling arches and the beautifully restored artwork throughout the building. Tours are approximately 80-90 minutes in length and take place Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays at noon. For a reservation, please contact 312.341.2300.

Tickets for all events are now on sale, with more performance dates to be announced! For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit AuditoriumTheatre.org.

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