ON STAGE IN OCTOBER AT THE

AUDITORIUM THEATRE CHICAGO'S LANDMARK STAGE EST. 1889

(SEPTEMBER 26, 2023) From classical music to captivating conversations, 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. <u>Among offerings on the Auditorium</u> Theatre stage in October 2023 (as of late September):

OCTOBER SPOTLIGHT:



Ghost Tours

October 2 – November 22 Sundays, Mondays, and Wednesdays at 12:00 noon Thursdays at 6:00PM

Step into the spooky world of the supernatural this October and November for this special Halloween edition of the Auditorium Theatre's National Landmark Backstage Tours. In addition to learning about the unique architecture and history of this storied Chicago building, tours will also discover the haunted, goosebump-inducing

past. Watch your step, a 134-year-old building is bound to have a few ghosts, including a persistent disembodied whistling in the stage door alley, specters that appear and disappear in the seats at night, the ghost of a man whose funeral was held on the Auditorium's stage, and more. The Auditorium Theatre, designed by famed architects Louis Sullivan and Dankmar Adler, opened on December 9, 1889, and was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1975. The unique behind-the-scenes tour includes legendary accounts of how and why the theatre was built; stories of the many artists who've graced the historic stage; and a closer look at the brilliant 24-karat gold-leafed ceiling arches, hundreds of Sullivan's beautifully restored intricate stencil patterns, the stained-glass muses at the entrance, and murals by Charles Holloway and Albert Fleury. 'Spirited' Thursday evening tours also include access to a cash bar. The spooky- but not scary- tour is appropriate for all ages. Come in costume on October 29 for a special Halloween ghost tour that includes candy for kids of all ages. Tickets for all tours start at \$15, and are available at auditoriumtheatre.org.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING IN OCTOBER:



Chicago Sinfonietta presents AMPLIFY Saturday, October 7, at 7:30PM

Chicago Sinfonietta opens its 2023/24 season with AMPLIFY, featuring a stunning lineup of contemporary and classic works conducted by the dynamic Mei-Ann Chen. The program includes the Chicago premiere of Regina Harris Baiocchi's *Muse for Orchestra*, a powerful tribute to the muses who inspire and guide us; Viet Cuong's *Re(new)al*, a thrilling work that explores the intersection of digital and natural soundscapes, with striking percussion and intricate melodies; and Gustav Mahler's *Symphony No. 1 in D Major*, "*Titan*," a beloved classic that never

fails to captivate with its sweeping themes and dynamic energy. Tickets start at \$25.



An Evening with David Sedaris & Henry Rollins Saturday, October 21, at 8PM

David Sedaris and Henry Rollins have long admired each other's writing and performances; for the first time, they are happy to share the same stage for this one-night-only event in Chicago. During the course of this event, each will present from their own work, and then jointly participate in an audience Q&A session. Tickets start at \$64.



Disney Junior Live On Tour: Costume Palooza Sunday, October 22, at 4PM

The three-time Pollstar nominated Disney Junior tour is back with Disney Junior Live On Tour: Costume Palooza! This show brings beloved Disney Junior characters and favorite Marvel Super Heroes live on stage for a jam-packed, concert-style show with singing, dancing, acrobatics, and more. It will feature favorite songs from the hit Disney Junior series, as well as new original music. Mickey, Minnie, and their pals are getting ready to throw a huge costume party, but mysterious green rain, wind, and smoke keeps interrupting the fun. Can Spidey and his

Amazing Friends help save the Costume Palooza? Join the party and see Mickey, Minnie, Goofy, Doc McStuffins, the Puppy Dog Pals, Bo from Firebuds, Ginny from SuperKitties, and Marvel's Spidey and his Amazing Friends live on stage. Tickets start at \$29.50.



Sonic Symphony Saturday, October 28, at 8PM

Sonic Symphony is an immersive live experience that celebrates more than three decades of music from SEGA's iconic mascot. From the classic 8-bit and 16-bit tunes to rock bands and EDM, this concert will take you on a musical journey through the colorful world of Sonic the Hedgehog. Audiences are invited to relive their favorite Sonic moments, brought to life by the Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra. Sonic Symphony will be an electrifying tribute to the music that has defined generations of gamers, old and new. Tickets start at \$44.

IN THE NEXT 60 DAYS:

- Loreena McKennitt, November 4
- Chicago Sinfonietta presents DEPTH, November 5
- Beetlejuice presented by Broadway in Chicago, November 7-19
- ELF in Concert, November 25
- Damien Rice, December 1

- WBEZ and The University Club of Chicago Present: An Evening with Michael Lewis in Conversation with Andrew Ross Sorkin, December 7
- Gay Men's Chorus, December 8
- The Jinkx & DeLa Holiday Show, December 10
- Chicago Sinfonietta presents HOLIDAYS OF LIGHT, December 15
- Sugar Hill: The Ellington/Strayhorn Nutcracker, December 19 30
- Lindsey Stirling Snow Waltz Tour, December 31

AND ON SALE SOON:

- Dave Koz and Friends Christmas Tour, December 9
- Croce Plays Croce 50th Anniversary Tour, April 6, 2024
- Bluey's Big Play, May 5, 2024
- Hatsune Miku -Miku Expo 2024, May 14, 2024

POSTPONED:

An Evening with John Cusack & Screening of High Fidelity, postponed until January 18, 2024

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

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