

# 10 Things to do this weekend

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**TASTE.** For 29 years people have been heading to Long Grove for the annual STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL. Sample all manner of things made from the sweet fruit, listen to live music, watch a pie-eating contest and otherwise take in the sweet-tinged sounds and sights of summer. June 21 and June 23, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., June 22, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Admission is \$5, free for kids under 12. Routes 53 and 83, north of Lake Cook Road, Long Grove, (847) 634-0888, [www.visitlonggrove.com](http://www.visitlonggrove.com)

**REVISIT.** Ensemble Español, a group in residence at Northeastern Illinois University, brings its American Spanish Dance & Music Festival to a close with three "Flamenco Passion" gala performances at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts. The works include the 20th anniversary of Dame Libby's International Flamenco masterwork ballet, BOLERO. Tickets range from \$26 - \$46, a portion of June 21 tickets benefit Dance for Life. 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, (847) 673-6300, [www.EnsembleEspanol.org/festivals](http://www.EnsembleEspanol.org/festivals)

**PRAISE.** The Windy City will be filled with spiritual sounds as the CHICAGO GOSPEL MUSIC FESTIVAL takes place in Millennium Park, the Chicago Cultural Center and in Ellis Park in Bronzeville. June 21, noon – 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. June 22 – June 23, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m., see website for schedule of events. 78 E. Washington St., and 37th and Cottage Grove Avenue, [www.cityofchicago.org/...](http://www.cityofchicago.org/...)

**EXPERIENCE.** Thanks to high def, you can be at the Music Box Theatre on Southport and be transported to the Old World. Hear and see MUSICEMOTION: SYMPHONY IN CINEMA MATINEE WITH MUSIC OF GIUSEPPE VERDI on the theater's screen. The film includes interviews with performers and information about the composers. June 23, 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$10. 3733 N. Southport Ave., (773) 871-6604, [www.musicboxtheatre.com/...](http://www.musicboxtheatre.com/...)

**LISTEN.** From Daley Plaza to DePaul University to city sidewalks, all day Friday you can witness others creating sounds as part of MAKE MUSIC CHICAGO. This day of free concerts across the city features performers from local orchestras and ensembles June 21, see website for scheduled performances, or just keep you ears open. [www.makemusicchicago.com](http://www.makemusicchicago.com)

**LAUGH.** Missed the recent Just for Laughs Festival? Don't be sad: There's more humor to be heard, as Chicago natives Rocky LaPorte, Denise Ramsden and host Mike Preston perform at LUCY'S COMEDY CAFÉ. This series takes place at the Raue Center for the Arts. June 21, 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake, (815) 356.9212, [rauecenter.org](http://rauecenter.org)

**SIP.** St. Michael in Old Town will be transformed into a hop-lovers haven when the second annual CHICAGO CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL takes place this weekend. Saturday is sold out, but there are still tickets for Friday

and Sunday. June 21, 5 p.m. – 10 p.m., June 23, 1 p.m. – 9 p.m. Tickets range from \$35 - \$60. 1633 N. Cleveland Ave., [www.chicagoevents.com/...](http://www.chicagoevents.com/...)

**VIEW.** Sunday kicks off the member preview for the **IMPRESSIONISM, FASHION, AND MODERNITY** exhibit at the Art Institute of Chicago. This blockbuster show, which was organized by the Art Institute, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York and Musée d'Orsay, Paris, looks at the question of whether or not Impressionists were the fashionistas of their time. The show runs through September. June 23, 10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., members only. Membership starts at \$90. 111 S. Michigan Ave., (312) 443-3600, [www.artic.edu](http://www.artic.edu)

**LEARN.** The Museum of Science and Industry is going to help keep your kids engaged while school's out. MSI's second annual **SUMMER BRAIN GAMES** started this week. Register with MSI and get a summer's worth (that would be eight weeks) of free ideas to do together. Of course, visiting the MSI isn't a bad idea in and of itself. June 21 – June 23, 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Summer Games is free, museum admission ranges from \$27 - \$36, with discounts for kids and seniors. 5700 S. Lake Shore Dr., (773) 684-1414, [www.msichicago.org/...](http://www.msichicago.org/...)

**PLAY.** The Lincoln Park Zoo's annual **JAMMIN' AT THE ZOO** concert series features Plain White T's this weekend. Grab a chair, a blanket, tickets and see and hear a show among the animals. June 22, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$24 adults, \$13 kids, with discounts for zoo members. 2200 N. Cannon Dr., (312) 742-2283, [www.lpzoo.org/...](http://www.lpzoo.org/...)

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