

BLOCKBUSTER WEEK

Celebrate the end of summer with five spectacular events!



Andrew Bird



The Joffrey Ballet
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Andrew Bird in Concert Presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs/ Millennium Park

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 6:30PM

Blockbuster Week opens with the incomparable Chicago-based musician and lyricist, Andrew Bird. A violin virtuoso, he also plays guitar and glockenspiel and add singing and whistling to his sonic textures and imaginative lyrics. The concert opens with the Afro-beat sounds of Chicago's own Occidental Brothers Band International.

National Public Radio presents "Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!" Live

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 6:30PM

Take part in a taping of NPR's hilarious weekly quiz show, *Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!* Test your knowledge against some of the best and brightest in the news and entertainment industry and see if you can sort real news from fiction.

Stars of Lyric Opera at Millennium Park

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 7:30PM

Enjoy a splendid evening of operatic favorites sung by some of today's most fabulous opera stars - many of them part of Lyric's magnificent 2008-2009 season — Natalie Dessay, Nicole Cabell, Raymond Aceto, and more! Sir Andrew Davis will conduct the acclaimed Lyric Opera Orchestra.

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Steppenwolf Theatre Company presents "Dream Chicago"

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 6:30PM

Steppenwolf Theatre Company celebrates the spirit of the city with its production of *Dream Chicago* in collaboration with the Chicago Humanities Festival. This program brings Steppenwolf Artistic Director Martha Lavey back to Millennium Park and features other ensemble members performing in song, as well as spoken word. Directed by Associate Artist, Jessica Thebus.

The Joffrey Ballet presents "An Evening of Remembrances, A Salute to the Victims and Families of 9.11"

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 6:30PM

The world renowned Joffrey Ballet celebrates the art of dance with classical, historical and contemporary performances. Join Artistic Director Ashley C. Wheeler and The Joffrey Ballet for an unforgettable evening dedicated to remembering those who were lost on 9.11.01.



Natalie Dessay
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Martha Lavey