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Towards a common cause

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the McArthur Foundation Fellow Program (commonly known as the “Genius” Grant), this comprehensive multi-site exhibition hosted by the University of Chicago’s Smart Museum of Art will feature 29 people at venues in the city. We will exhibit works by artists who are eligible for the grant. Each component will open next year, but the first few will be visible this month. Check out the collection of Kara Walker silhouettes at the DuSable Museum of African-American History starting June 29, or at the Stony Island Art Bank previously exhibited by 11 grant recipients, including Kelly James Marshall and Dawoud Bey. Please see the work.

Human + nature



Image: Human + nature Morton Arboretum sculpture. Photo: Courtesy of Morton Arboretum

South African artist Daniel Popper has become known for his towering outdoor installations, often combining live organic materials such as concrete and steel with fern walls. A new collection of five sculptures decorating the grounds of Morton Arboretum presents Popper’s largest exhibition to date in multiple ways. The biggest piece here is 28 feet wide and 37 feet long.

Vivian Maier: In color



Image: Self-portrait looking up at the mirrored ceiling of Navy Pier, Chicago, July 1960. Inkjet printing, 2021. Photo: Jeffrey Goldstein’s Gift, © The Estate of Vivian Maier

Chicago’s longtime nanny, who gained posthumous fame for her fascinating street photography, is known primarily for black-and-white photography. The new exhibition, featuring more than 65 prints, will be the first to showcase works from the collections of three major archivists, Jeffrey Goldstein, John Malouf and Ron Slattery, of Meyer’s work.

Frida Kahlo: Timeless



Image: Nicholas Murai Frida on the white bench, New York, 1939. Photo: Courtesy of Clave Carney Museum of Art

The hottest destination of the summer for caro enthusiasts is ... DuPage County? In fact, the exhibition was originally scheduled to take place a year ago, but it’s ironic, loaned from the Dolores Olmedo Museum in Mexico City. Exhibits 26 original works by 20th century Mexican artists known for their self-portraits, vibrant colors and indigenous figures. Supplementary material includes an immersive timeline of Carlo’s life and career, replicas of personal items, and over 100 photos.

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Old Town Art Fair

Art lovers can browse the outdoor galleries in the Tony district at this long-running street festival. With a tradition of more than 70 years, the Old Town Art Fair features more than 200 judges, talented artists, live music on two stages and concessions from nearby restaurants.

Designed Life: Modern American Textiles, Wallpapers, Containers and Packages, 1951-1954

In the early 1950s, the US State Department commissioned three traveling exhibitions of American consumer goods to be exhibited throughout West Germany. All of this was to explain the wonders and comforts of American life: the consumer's family life as a Cold War propaganda. These traveling exhibitions have been reorganized for this new traveling exhibition and are visited by the Center for Art, Design and Visual Culture at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. You can get a unique glimpse of how our country pitched to Western Europe after the war.

Obama portrait



Image: (Left) Amy Sherald. Michelle Raborn Robinson Obama, 2018. Oil on linen. (Right) Kehinde Wiley. Barack Obama, 2018. Oil on canvas. Photo: National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Castle.

The official portraits of President Barack Obama and President Michelle Obama were controversial when they appeared at the National Portrait Gallery in 2018. The paintings by Kehinde Wiley and Amy Sherald are each lively and contemporary compared to the modest staging of most official portraits. Cherald and Wily are also the first black artists to be commissioned to do this work, so they also have deeper historical significance. Not surprisingly, the Art Institute, right next to Grant Park Field, celebrated by the Obamas and their supporters on the night of the 2008 election, became the first spot on a five-city tour of portraiture.

Battle of Air Crime

This fundraising activity of the American Lung Association turns stair climbing into an endurance sport. In most cases, those who want to become Stairmasters raise money by climbing 49 flights at the Presidential Towers Apartment Complex in West Loop or climbing the 31-story Oak Brook Terrace Tower in Helmut Jahn. This year's event takes place outdoors, with climbers taking socially distant detours up and down the Soldier Field stands.

Chicago Comics: From the 1960s to the present



Image: Lynda Barry 100 Devil: Dancing, 2000-02. Photo: Courtesy Adam Baumgold Fine Art

A deep dive into the 60-year-old graffiti craftsmen, this exhibit looks at Chicago's position as the center of innovative cartoonists such as Chris Ware, Lynda Barry and Daniel Clowes. Simultaneous parallel exhibition at the Chicago Cultural Center in Chicago: Where the comic was born (1880-1960) Co-curated by Tim Samuelson and Ware, sheds light on the role of the city in the early history of this genre.

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Pride in the Park



Image: Chaka Khan will perform on stage at a social distance outdoor night under the starry sky of “From Be Bop 2 Hip Hop” with Supperclub for dinner at Historic Hampton House in Miami, Florida on May 8, 2021. to hold. Photo: Johnny Lewis / Getty Images

The Chicago Pride Parade attracts more than one million visitors each year to Boystown on the last Sunday of June, but will be postponed for a few more months. Save the date of October 3rd. But don't get rid of those rainbow boas yet. Wear this LGBTQ music festival and come back for your second outing after your 2019 debut. Headliners include DJ and producer Gryffin, Dutch EDM megastar Tiësto, and funk legend (and from Hyde Park) Chaka Khan. Local favorites like DJ Derrick Carter RuPaul's Drag Race alum The Vixen is also on the bill.