

## Summer Events in Chicago

### Millennium Park Free Open Rehearsals

Take a break, enjoy an easy day and come to Millennium Park for free open rehearsals at the spectacular Jay Pritzker Pavilion. Get a behind the scenes experience and see how jazz, classical, world music and dance concerts are put together for our evening performances. Watch artists work and enjoy the sound of the best outdoor sound system in the world. Talk with special Grant Park Music Festival docents during their rehearsals Tuesdays through Friday. Check out our website [www.millenniumpark.org](http://www.millenniumpark.org) or call 312-742-1168 for a complete schedule of open rehearsals.

**The 2008 Grant Park Music Festival** season will begin on June 11 and run through August 16. The Grant Park Music Festival, featuring the award-winning Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus, is the nation's only municipally funded outdoor classical music series.

### Chicago SummerDance

East side of South Michigan Avenue between Balbo and Harrison streets (tel. 312/742-4007). From July to early September, the city's Department of Cultural Affairs transforms a patch of Grant Park into a lighted outdoor dance venue on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 6 to 9:30pm, and Sunday from 4 to 7pm; ethnic dance lessons for kids are offered Saturday from 4 to 5pm. The 3,500-square-foot dance floor provides ample room for throwing down moves while live bands play music -- from ballroom, jazz, klezmer, and country and western to samba, zydeco, blues, and soul. One-hour lessons are offered from 6 to 7pm. Free admission.



**The JVC Jazz Festival Chicago** is a three-day festival held in July that showcases an eclectic mix of artists in one of America's musical capitals. Performances take place in the heart of downtown Chicago at venues such as Skyline Stage at Navy Pier, the House of Blues and the Green Mill. July 18th 2008 - July 19th 2008

### [Chicago Outdoor Film Festival](#)

July 15-August 26, 2008 (Tuesday Nights)

Butler Field in Grant Park at Lake Shore Drive and Monroe

Free

### **Chinatown Summer Fair (29th Annual)**

July 20, 2008

Wentworth from Cermak to 24th Street

10:00am-8:00pm

Neighborhood Festival featuring: A Lion Dance procession at 12:30 p.m. • Welcome at 1 p.m. starts at the Main Stage (23rd St. & Wentworth Ave.) with Asian cultural entertainment and live music • A taste of Chinatown's many restaurants • Local unique gift shops • Chinese arts and crafts exhibits • Street vendors with a wide array of merchandise • A children's area (24th Place & Wentworth ave.) for a day long family event!

### [eMotion Pictures: An Exhibition of Orthopaedics in Art](#)

April 18 – July 20, 2008

Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago Rooms

77 E. Randolph St., Chicago Sponsored by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, eMotion Pictures is a juried exhibition of paintings, drawings, sculpture and photography by artists who have experienced an orthopaedic condition, and by orthopaedic surgeons who treat them.

### [Stephen Wilkes: Ellis Island](#)

July 12 – October 5, 2008

Chicago Cultural Center, Michigan Avenue Galleries

78 E. Washington St., Chicago For five years (1989--2003) photographer Stephen Wilkes explored and recorded the hospital complex that comprised the south side of Ellis Island.

### [Life as a Legend: Marilyn Monroe](#)

July 19--September 21, 2008 Chicago Cultural Center,  
Exhibit Hall/Yates Gallery

77 E. Randolph St., Chicago Life as a Legend visually celebrates the many sides of this 1950s glamour goddess and immortal legend by exploring both the celebrity of, and the woman behind, one of the world's most recognizable icons.