

## CHICAGO'S NORTH SHORE

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU



 ILLINOIS. MILE AFTER MAGNIFICENT MILE.



Westfield Old Orchard, Skokie

Bordering Chicago, along the glorious shores of Lake Michigan, the inviting communities of Evanston, Skokie, Wilmette and Northbrook are just twenty minutes north of Chicago's city center and truly offer something for everyone!

During your North Shore visit, you can stroll through Northwestern University's lakefront campus. If you continue north, do so by taking a relaxing drive along the region's famed Sheridan Road, which actually hugs the lakefront. This gorgeous, winding stretch of road offers the most spectacular views of gracious homes, famed architecture, and the bounty of nature.

Make a point to see Wilmette's Bahá'í House of Worship, an architectural wonder, and take a tour of Wilmette's Historical Homes on a walking tour or visit the Chicago Botanic Garden where you can explore winter wonderlands.

If you want to take in a show, the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie has premiere entertainment (theatre, dance, music, comedy and children's fare) and the theaters in Evanston will also offer professional theater.



Pick-Staiger Concert Hall  
Northwestern University



If shopping is your passion Chicago's North Shore is the place for you! World-class shopping centers (Westfield Old Orchard and Northbrook Court) are retail favorites, while the downtown communities of Evanston and Wilmette offer cosmopolitan boutiques with genuine neighborhood flair.

And, after a full day of exploring the magic of Chicago's North Shore, you're sure to build up an appetite! Whether you're in the mood for a slice of Chicago's famed deep-dish pizza, a Chicago-style hot dog or a five-course meal expertly prepared by an award-winning chef, Chicago's North Shore has unlimited dining.



Chicago Botanic Garden

Chicago's North Shore shines during the winter and holiday season with unrivaled shopping and performing arts for all tastes and ages. Most hotel packages include free parking and hot breakfast. [Click here](#) for Chicago North Shore packages.

## THEATER LISTINGS: NORTH SHORE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

9501 Skokie Blvd. • Skokie, IL • Prices vary  
847-673-6300 • [www.centreeast.org](http://www.centreeast.org) • [www.northlight.org](http://www.northlight.org)

### SHOWS:

#### Northlight Theater presents "Inherit the Wind"

Nov. 4 – Dec. 12, 2006

This powerful courtroom drama tells the story of a Tennessee educator put on trial for teaching Darwinism in a town where Christianity and Creationism go hand-in-hand with law. Drawn from the historic Scopes Trial, "Inherit the Wind" delves into issues that are still being debated in the intelligent design headlines of today, making this a production certain to spark debate and encourage conversation.

#### Centre East presents "Zyngara: New World Cirque"

Dec. 8-9, 2006

An extraordinary theatrical kaleidoscope of sound, movement and light. The astonishing troupe, made up of six actor-dancer-acrobats, brings carnival mysteries to audiences of all ages.

#### Centre East presents "Dudu Fisher"

Dec. 20, 2006

Dudu Fisher brings his magnificent voice to Centre East to celebrate the Hanukkah season with holiday songs and cantorial renditions. His career in musical theater began when he took on the role of Jean Valjean in the Israeli version of *Las Miserables* in the late 1980's. Despite having no prior theater experience, Fisher was soon catapulted to playing leading roles on Broadway and in London's West End.

#### Civic Ballet of Chicago's "Nutcracker"

Dec. 22-23, 2006

Based on the Ruth Page classic, is a most unusual and daring production of this favorite Christmas classic. In addition to the dance and dynamic score, the first act will include several acting sequences, incorporating such characters as Drosselmeyer speaking as well as dancing their roles.

#### Moscow Cats Theatre

Dec. 26-30, 2006

The only entertainment of its kind in the world—features non-stop action by a troop of talented felines performing original and astounding acrobatic feats comes from New York for a holiday engagement.



#### Northlight Theater presents "Bad Dates"

Dec. 29, 2006 – Jan. 7, 2007

This uproarious smash hit comedy has left audiences in stitches across the country! You'll be wiping away tears of laughter and sympathy as Texas transplant, single mother and shoe fanatic Haley Walker struggles to raise her daughter, run a popular restaurant, and find her way back into the dating scene in modern-day Manhattan.

#### Centre East presents "The Letterman"

Dec. 31, 2006

Ring in New Year's Eve with "The Lettermen" as they perform a new show saluting Broadway. Formed in the 1950's and still led today by Tony Butala, the group also includes Donovan Tea, member since 1984 and Mark Preston, who recently returned to the group in 2006.

## The Coasters, Drifters & Platters

Jan. 13, 2007

Three of the most popular rock and roll groups of the 50s and 60s, come together to perform their unforgettable hits. All three groups were a major force in the music world. The Drifters are known for such classics as "Under the Boardwalk" and "Save the Last Dance For Me." The Platters sang "Only You" and "The Great Pretender." Popular songs by The Coasters include "Yakety Yak" and "Charlie Brown." Relive a magical night of good old fashioned rock and roll.

## Centre East presents "Capitol Steps"

Jan. 18-21, 2007

The Capitol Steps' fast moving combination of skits and songs has engaged audiences nationwide with comedic hits such as "Osama Come Out Tomorrow" and "Don't Go Fakin You're Smart." These congressional-staffers-turned comedians poke fun at familiar figures including George W. Bush, the Clintons, Alan Greenspan and many more.

## Northlight Theater's "Lady"

Jan. 24 - Feb. 25, 2007

In this new play by Craig Wright, a hunting trip in southern Illinois turns tragic as three old friends reveal long-held political beliefs that suggest they may not know each other as well as they had believed. After this walk in the woods, nothing will ever, ever be the same.

## OTHER THEATERS:

### Piven Theatre Workshop's "Chekov Stories:

#### The Emerging Woman"

Nov. 9-Dec. 17, 2006

#### Noyes Cultural Center

[www.piventheatre.org](http://www.piventheatre.org)

927 Noyes St. • Evanston, IL • 847-866-8049

For over 30 years, the Piven Theatre Workshop has maintained both a professional subscription theatre and a nationally acclaimed actors training center for children and adults. "A Festival of Jewish Stories" is a world premiere adaptation of classic stories by such authors as Bernard Malamud, Isaac Bashevis Singer and others.

### Piccolo Theatre's Sinbad! - Traditional Holiday Pantomime

[www.piccolotheatre.com](http://www.piccolotheatre.com)

Nov. 20-Dec. 16, 2006

600 Main Street • Evanston, IL • 847-424-0089

The Evanston Arts Depot is the new home of the Piccolo Theatre, a professional theatre ensemble presenting classical and popular comedies as well as original comedic and dramatic works from international sources. On the Piccolo stage you can experience the masters of theatre such as Molière, Shakespeare, Goldoni and Dario Fo and you can see the collaborative creativity of the Piccolo ensemble bring world issues to our intimate setting. \$7.50 - \$20.00.

## Light Opera Work's "Mikado"

Dec. 26-31, 2006

### Cahn Auditorium

[www.lightoperaworks.com](http://www.lightoperaworks.com)

600 Emerson Street • Evanston, IL • 847-869-6300

Here's a how-de-do! Victorian England meets an imaginary imperial Japan in this sparkling send-up of all things British, by the renowned musical theater team of Gilbert and Sullivan. When the Mikado threatens to reduce the town of Titipu to a mere village unless someone is beheaded, his subjects must find a way—in brilliant rhyme and tuneful song—to let joy reign supreme. A holiday treat for the whole family! \$27-75.

## HOLIDAY EVENTS LISTINGS:

### Downtown Village Center - Wilmette

Nov. 17-19, 2006

Christmas Tree Lighting at Village Hall at 7:00 pm, followed by the Santa Parade at Village Center on Sat. Nov. 18 at 10:30 am - 12:00 pm and the Village Center Merchants Holiday Open House on Sun. Nov. 19, noon - 5pm. For more information, visit [www.discoverwilmette.com](http://www.discoverwilmette.com).

### Downtown Evanston Holiday Tree Lighting

Nov. 21, 2006

Santa arrives by fire truck in Downtown Evanston, accompanied by Evanston's Mayor and the voices of the Music Institute of Chicago's Children's Choir. Free. Fountain Square • Sherman and Davis • Evanston, IL • 847-866-6319

### Reindog Parade at Chicago

#### Botanic Garden

Dec. 2, 2006

The Chicago Botanic Garden takes a bow (wow) for 2006 with the fourth annual Reindog Parade. For four very special hours only, dogs are allowed in the Garden. Cleverly costumed canines march the parade route—with Santa in the lead—to celebrate the holiday season. Free (parking fees apply).

1000 Lake Cook Road • Glencoe, IL • 847-835-5440

[www.chicagobotanic.org/dog/index.php](http://www.chicagobotanic.org/dog/index.php)



### Wonderland Express at

#### Chicago Botanic Garden

Dec. 2-Jan. 7, 2007

Take a magical trip this holiday season to a winter wonderland of twinkling lights, garden-scale trains, miniature Chicago landmarks and beautiful horticulture displays. Decking the South Gallery will be 20 holiday trees decorated with a family/train theme. The Greenhouses will be specially lit and decorated. Puppet shows will be on Saturday and Sunday afternoons in the



Auditorium, Franceska's Marionette Theatre. Free (parking fees apply). 1000 Lake Cook Road • Glencoe, IL  
847-835-5440 • [www.chicagobotanic.org/wonderland](http://www.chicagobotanic.org/wonderland)

**First Night Evanston** Dec. 31, 2006  
Illinois, Largest New Year's Eve Festival of the Arts. 250 extraordinary artists, 40 family-friendly performances, 17 downtown stages and midnight fireworks. Stay overnight and enjoy the holiday weekend! Free. Various locations, downtown Evanston • 847-475-NITE  
[www.firstnightevanston.org](http://www.firstnightevanston.org)



## NORTH SHORE SHOPPING PACKAGES

Chicago's North Shore is home to 11 hotels, motels and B&Bs with a total of 2,250 rooms all near world-class retailers such as Nordstrom's, Macy's, Bloomingdales, Neiman Marcus and countless unique boutique and retailers only found in our region. Most hotels have special shopping packages for your holiday shopping or for trips after the holidays to redeem your gift certificates! Special shopping packages that last past the holidays feature a \$25 Gift Card to Westfield Old Orchard add to your holiday shopping fun. [Click here](#) to check out our packages.

### EVANSTON ACCOMMODATIONS

[Best Western University Plaza](#)  
[Hotel Orrington](#)  
[Margarita European Inn](#)

[Hilton Garden Inn](#)  
[Janet's Place B&B](#)  
[The Homestead](#)

### SKOKIE ACCOMMODATIONS

[Comfort Inn Skokie/North Shore](#)  
[Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center Chicago/North Shore](#)  
[Extended Stay America](#)  
[Hampton Inn & Suites Chicago North Shore](#)  
[Holiday Inn North Shore](#)

### NORTHBROOK ACCOMMODATION

[Renaissance Chicago North Shore](#)



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