

CPS Office of Language and Cultural Education

World Languages and International Studies

Cultural Community Events Calendar

November 2008

The following calendar provides information about non-CPS related activities and is organized by language interest. This list provides you with a sampling of cultural events throughout Chicago. It is not meant to be an exhaustive list. To the best of our knowledge at the time of distribution, the information we have included is accurate. We have no control over whether an event is full or sold out on a particular date. If you have events that you would like to recommend to be added to future lists, please send them to Amy Hammerand at AAHammerand@cps.k12.il.us . Enjoy!

Arabic

November:

- 1) **19th Annual Festival of Films from Iran (November 1 & 2)**
 - **When:** Saturday and Sunday, November 1 & 2, 2008 (various times)
 - **Where:** Gene Siskel Film Center, 164 North State Street
 - **Why:** Watch several films by renowned Iranian directors.
 - **How:** See <http://www.artic.edu/webspaces/siskelfilmcenter/index.html> for film titles, times, and tickets.

- 2) **Chicago Humanities Festival Film Screening: *The Lost Generation* by filmmaker Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy**
 - **When:** Thursday, November 6, 2008, 7:30 PM-9:00 PM
 - **Where:** First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple, 77 W. Washington St.
 - **Why:** Watch a documentary on the Iraqi refugees' lives in exile in Syria and Jordan.
 - **How:** Free for educators. To register, go to <http://www.chfestival.org/index.cfm?fa=fallfest.progdtl&pid=2779>

Chinese

November:

- 1) **Smart Museum film screening: *Still Life* (2006, Jia Zhangke)**
 - **When:** Sunday, November 2, 2008 @ 2:00 PM
 - **Where:** [Ida Noyes Hall, Max Palevsky Cinema](#), 1212 East 59th Street
 - **Why:** "Jia Zhangke's *Still Life* reflects on the human and environmental impact of the Three Gorges Dam project in the

city of Fengjie by interweaving the stories of two travelers—a migrant worker looking for his wife who deserted him sixteen years before, and a woman searching for her absent husband.”

- **How:** \$5. Go to <http://event.uchicago.edu/cal/event/showEventMore.rdo> for more information.

2) Smart Museum of Art Family Day: “Check out China!”

- **When:** Sunday, November 16, 2008, 1:00-4:00 PM
- **Where:** Smart Museum of Art, 5550 South Greenwood Ave.
- **Why:** Come learn about Chinese culture through hands-on activities such as sumi-e ink painting and watch Chinese dance. These activities are open to all, but recommended for children ages 4-12.
- **How:** Free. See <http://smartmuseum.uchicago.edu> for more information.

3) Smart Focus: “The River in Chinese Landscape”

- **When:** Sunday, November 23, 2008 @ 2:00 PM
- **Where:** Smart Museum of Art, 5550 South Greenwood Ave.
- **Why:** Join Christina Yu, Ph.D. candidate in Art History at the University of Chicago on a tour of the special exhibit “Displacement: The Three Gorges Dam and Contemporary Chinese Art” as well as the Museum’s permanent exhibits to explore the role of the river in traditional Chinese landscape painting.
- **How:** Free. See <http://smartmuseum.uchicago.edu/displacement> for more information.

French

November:

1) Workshop: “Cajun and Zydeco dance with Louis Stallone”

- **When:** Saturday, November 8, 2008 @ 3:00 PM
- **Where:** Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave.
- **Why:** Learn how to the traditional Cajun two-step and waltz and much more!
- **How:** \$23 (register at <http://www.oldtownschool.org/classes/register/Registration.php?class=63654>)

2) Lecture: “Les Grands Prix Littéraire: One Book—One Francophone Chicago French Literature Program”

- **When:** Saturday, November 8, 2008 @ 2:00 PM
- **Where:** Alliance Française de Chicago, enter at 54 West Chicago Avenue
- **Why:** Discuss award-winning novel *Rues des boutiques obscures* by Patrick Modiano with moderator Dr. Alison Rice.
- **How:** Free. See

<http://www.af-chicago.org/app/Calendar.asp?event=357&type=0> for information on where to purchase the novel and for pre-registration.

3) Performance: “Toumani Diabaté”

- **When:** Friday, November 14, 2008 @ 7:30 PM
- **Where:** Old Town School of Folk Music, Gary and Laura Maurer Concert Hall, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave.
- **Why:** Toumani Daibaté, a Malian griot or wandering musician, will perform on the kora, a 21-string harp unique to West Africa.
- **How:** \$22/ticket (buy tickets online at <http://oldtownschool.tix.com/Schedule.asp?OrganizationNumber=1741>)

4) Workshop: “Being a Chef: Soufflés”

- **When:** Saturday, November 15, 2008, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM
- **Where:** the Alliance Française kitchen, 810 North Dearborn Street
- **Why:** Come learn how to make a wild mushroom soufflé, mini-cheese soufflés, a chocolate soufflé and much more in this hands-on workshop!
- **How:** \$75 for members (Remember, CPS French teachers receive a discount on membership), \$85 for non-members (Register at 312- 337-1070).

5) Performance: “Pine Leaf Boys”

- **When:** Sunday, November 16, 2008 @ 7:00 PM (free Cajun dancing lessons @ 6 PM)
- **Where:** Old Town School of Folk Music, Gary and Laura Maurer Concert Hall, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave.
- **Why:** Listen and dance to Cajun, Creole, and Zydeco music.
- **How:** \$22/ticket (buy tickets online at <http://oldtownschool.tix.com/Schedule.asp?OrganizationNumber=1741>)

German

November:

1) Chicago Humanities Festival Lecture: “Inventing Kindergarten,” presented by Norman Brosterman

- **When:** Saturday, November 1, 2008, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM
- **Where:** the Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton Street
- **Why:** Learn about the foundational philosophies of kindergarten and how certain famous artists’ kindergarten experiences might have inspired their successful careers.
- **How:** Free for educators. To register, go to <http://www.chfestival.org/index.cfm?fa=fallfest.progdtl&pid=2872>

2) Kaffee, Kuchen Und Kino: *Daus Haus in Montevideo (1963)*

- **When:** Saturday, November 8, 2008 @ 1:00 PM (doors open at 12 PM)
- **Where:** the Dank Haus (German-American Cultural Center), Brandenburg Room, 2nd floor, 4740 North Western Avenue
- **Why:** Come watch a classic German language film and enjoy coffee and pastries!
- **How:** Free. Cake and coffee is available for \$6.

Italian

November:

- 1) **Chicago Humanities Festival Performance: "Ars Antigua: The Birth of Opera"**
 - **When:** Saturday, November 8, 2008, 3:30-4:30 PM
 - **Where:** The Art Institute of Chicago, Fullerton Auditorium, 111 S. Michigan Avenue
 - **Why:** Chicago's Ars Antigua will perform music by the 16th century Florentine Camerata, the creators of opera, as well as music by Henry Purcell.
 - **How:** Free for educators. To register, go to <http://www.chfestival.org/index.cfm?fa=fallfest.progdtl&pid=2831>.

Japanese

November:

- 1) **The Center for East Asian Studies at the University of Chicago: "Noriyuki Sawa's "Fairy Tales"**
 - **When:** Friday, November 7, 2008, 7:00-8:00 PM
 - **Where:** Francis X. Kinahan Theater, Reynolds Club, Third Floor 5706 S. University Ave, Chicago, IL. 60637
 - **Why:** Watch the Midwest premiere of Master puppeteer Noriyuki Sawa's "Fairy Tales" performance.
 - **How:** Free. E-mail Sarah Arehart at sarehart@uchicago.edu for more information.

Korean

November:

- 1) Chicago Humanities Festival Lecture: "Korean Reunification: From Idea to Reality"
 - **When:** Wednesday, November 5, 2008, 6:30 PM-7:30 PM
 - **Where:** Loyola University Chicago, Rubloff Auditorium, 25 E. Pearson St.
 - **Why:** Listen to a panel of scholars and experts discuss issues and barriers to Korean reunification, as well as sources of and paths to hope.

- **How:** Free for educators. To register, go to <http://www.chfestival.org/index.cfm?fa=fallfest.progdtl&pid=2775>

Latin

November:

- 1) **The University of Chicago First Friday Lectures: “Some Home Truths about Homer’s *Iliad*”**
 - **When:** Friday, November 7, 2008 @ 12.15 PM
 - **Where:** Chicago Cultural Center, Cassidy Theater, 78 E. Washington St.
 - **Why:** Come explore Homer’s *Iliad* in new and exciting ways!
 - **How:** FREE. Call the Chicago Cultural Center at 312-744-6630 for more information.

Spanish

Ongoing:

- 1) **October 31, 2008-April 19, 2009: The Aztec World Exhibit (Field Museum),**
Field trips are free for CPS schools with pre-registration

November:

- 1) **World Kitchen: “Terrific Tamales”**
 - **When:** Saturday, November 1, 2008, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM
 - **Where:** Gallery 37 Center for the Arts, 66 E. Randolph St.
 - **Why:** Explore the rich diversity of tamales and their fillings as you make pumpkin, mole, chocolate tamales, and much more!
 - **How:** \$30. Pre-registration required. To register, call 312-742-TIXS or go to <https://secure.ticketsage.net/SelectPerformance.aspx?pid=55267> to register online.
- 2) **Performance: “Nahui Ollin”**
 - **When:** Saturday, November 1, 2008 @ 12:00 PM
 - **Where:** Field Museum
 - **Why:** Watch a performance of indigenous ceremonial dances from Mexico using native instruments.
 - **How:** Free with Museum admission (teachers are admitted free with their ID)
- 3) **Performance: “Chicago Youth Symphony”**
 - **When:** Saturday, November 1, 2008 @ 1:00 PM
 - **Where:** Field Museum
 - **Why:** Listen to young musicians play works by such composers as Marquez, Copland, Moncayo, and Falla.
 - **How:** Free with Museum admission (teachers are admitted free with their ID)

4) Chicago Humanities Festival Performance: “Latino Music Festival: Baroque Band”

- **When:** Sunday, November 2, 2008, 3:00 PM-5:00 PM
- **Where:** Chicago Cultural Center, Preston Bradley Hall, 77 E. Randolph St.
- **Why:** Listen to the Baroque Band play a selection of Baroque music from across Latin American on period instruments.
- **How:** Free, no reservations required

5) Chicago Humanities Festival Lecture: “Mark Doty, Achy Obejas: Queer Lyrics”

- **When:** Sunday, November 2, 2008, 3:30-4:30 PM
- **Where:** Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St.
- **Why:** “Lambda Literary Award–winning authors Doty and Obejas will read from and discuss their latest work. Doty, the celebrated poet and memoirist, has written movingly on love and loss in modern gay life. Obejas, an esteemed Chicago-based journalist, novelist, and translator, writes about the tension between public identity and private experience in the United States and her native Cuba.”
- **How:** Free for educators, register at <http://www.chfestival.org/index.cfm?fa=fallfest.progdtl&pid=2903>

6) Chicago Humanities Festival Performance: “Latino Music Festival: Chicago Composers Showcase”

- **When:** Thursday, November 6, 2008, 7:00-9:00 PM
- **Where:** Instituto Cervantes of Chicago, 31 W. Ohio Street
- **Why:** Listen to musicians play music composed by various local Latino composers such as Gustavo Leoni and Elbio Barilari.
- **How:** \$15/ticket (For reservations call 312.335.1996 or visit latinoculturalcenter.org).

7) Public Discussion: In Commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Chicago: “Reflections on Latin American Studies: 1968-2008”

- **When:** Friday, November 7, 2008, 6:00-7:30 PM
- **Where:** The Quadrangle Club, 1155 E. 57th Street
- **Why:** Join a public discussion on Latin American Studies from 1968-2008 with Dain Borges, John Coatsworth, Friedrich Katz.
- **How:** Free, RSVP to Josh Beck @ jbeck@uchicago.edu .

8) World Kitchen: “Goin’ South”

- **When:** Saturday, November 8, 2008, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM
- **Where:** Gallery 37 Center for the Arts, 66 E. Randolph St.
- **Why:** Learn how to make recipes from Brazil, Argentina, and Ecuador in this hands-on cooking class/demonstration.

- **How:** \$30. Pre-registration required. To register, call 312-742-TIXS (8497) or go online to <https://secure.ticketsage.net/SelectPerformance.aspx?pid=55268> .

9) Performance: “Choco Orta, the Sonero tradition lives on”

- **When:** Wednesday, November 12, 2008 @ 8:30 PM
- **Where:** Old Town School of Folk Music, Gary and Laura Maurer Concert Hall, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave.
- **Why:** Listen to Choco Orta sing in the sonero or improvised tradition of traditional salsa.
- **How:** \$10/ticket (call 773-728-6000 for box office)

10)Workshop: “Day of the Dead Food Series: Atole vs. Champurrado”

- **When:** Saturday, November 15, 2008, 12:00-2:00 PM
- **Where:** National Museum of Mexican Art
- **Why:** Learn about the differences between atole and champurrado while learning to make your own! You will receive your own do-it-yourself kit!
- **How:** \$25 non-members/\$20 members. For more information, call 312-738-1503, X3842 (Education Department)

11)Family Workshop: “Creating Codices”

- **When:** Saturday, November 15, 2008 @ 10 A.M.
- **Where:** Field Museum
- **Why:** Dolores Mercado, Associate Director of Education at the National Museum of Mexican Art will teach participants about the meaning of different Aztec codices. Participants will create their own codex.
- **How:** To register, call 312-665-7400. Fee: \$7, members \$4

12)Documentary: “*Children in No Man’s Land*,” A Film by Anayansi Prado

- **When:** Thursday, November 20, 2008, 6:30-9:00 PM
- **Where:** Northwestern University, McCormick Tribune Center Forum, 1870 Campus Drive, Evanston, IL 60208
- **Why:** This documentary follows the plight of the thousands of unaccompanied minors that cross the U.S.-Mexican border every year in search of their mothers working in the United States. Stay after the screening for a discussion with Anayansi Prado.
- **How:** Free. Call Gregory Jue at 847-467-7114 for more information.

General cultural/linguistic interest

November:

1) The Chicago Filipino American Film Festival

- **When:** November 7-9, 2008, Various screening times
- **Where:** Various locations throughout the city

- **Why:** Watch movies by Filipino and Filipino American filmmakers.
- **How:** Go to <http://www.cfaff.org/index.htm> for more information.

2) Cultural Connections: “Time to Spare” (Bronzeville/Black Chicagoan Historical Society and Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago)

- **When:** Saturday, November 8, 2008, 12:30-3:00 PM
- **Where:** Lincoln Square Lanes, 4874 N. Lincoln Avenue (2nd floor)
- **Why:** “Join us to explore the past and present of Filipino American and African American bowling in Chicago, including the little known historic connections the sport created between these groups.”
- **How:** Register by calling 773-830-1481 or by e-mailing culturalconnectionsevents@gmail.com Fee=\$10. A sampling of traditional food will be served.