

Chicago events, curated by Gapers Block: July 25, 2015

31st Annual Book Fair @ Newberry Library

Book lovers, line up to get your hands on more than 120,000 books in 70 different categories, including cookbooks, literature, children's series, biographies and foreign language this weekend. Pop over to the annual [Newberry Library Book Fair](#) for \$2 or less books and plenty of extras like music, movies, sports memorabilia and rare collectibles. Entry is free! July 23-26 at The Newberry, located at 60 W. Walton St. The sale is from noon to 8pm on Thursday and Friday, and 10am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday.

Summer Circus Intensive Performance Showcase@The Actors Gymnasium

The circus students of [The Actors Gymnasium](#) will perform their Summer Intensive Performance Showcase today and Sunday, featuring 2 completely unique shows. The Actors Gymnasium shows are lively, full of themes, costumes and innovative work by the circus artists. Both shows are directed by Sylvia Hernandez-DiStasi. The Intensive II is Saturday, July 25, 2015 4:30 & 7:30 pm, and Intensive I is Sunday, July 26, 2015 1:00 & 4:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased [online](#) for \$15. The Actors Gymnasium is located at Noyes Cultural Arts Center 927 Noyes Street, Evanston

Stupid Fucking Bird @ Victory Gardens Theater

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Circus Showcase @ Aloft Raises Funds for Family's Medical Bills

For one night only at Aloft, a circus showcase fundraiser for the Sol family will help raise money to cover the medical costs incurred from treatments for lymphoma. Eat fancy-appetizers, buy one-of-a-kind art and delight in various performances, including one from Hanna and Josef Sol to their parents. MC Mary Beth Brennan (of Chicago's The Baby Magic and Girls Rock! Chicago) will host, featuring duo trapeze by Skye E. Geerts and Greta Humphrey, dance by Courtney Prokopas, Juggling Pogo-a-Go-Go by Chloe Zabicki and Kelly McDowell, aerial silks by Jensine Fitzgibbons, duo trapeze and clown acts by Pete Gilbert and Carmen J. Kingsley, single-point trapeze work by Chloe, lyra by Kristi Taff and a unique trapeze act by Whitney Battle. [Tickets](#) are \$20 for a chair, \$15 for a picnic-style floor seat. There will be no sales at the door. Doors open at 5PM, show starts at 6PM. Aloft is located at 2041 W Carroll Chicago.

CALEB Cares: Comedy for a Cause @ CIC Theater

CIC Theater in conjunction with improv troupe CALEB will present the variety show *CALEB Cares: A Night of Comedy for a Cause* benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The show goes on from 7 to 10pm tonight at 1422 W. Irving Park Rd. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased [online](#). The night will consist of an open bar cocktail reception (beer/wells/wine) followed by a variety show featuring improv by CALEB, music by Zack Shornick and The Pathetic Men, magic by Stephen Hanthorn, sketch by Your Dark Embrace, and stand-up by two-time Chicago Women's Funny Fest headliner Jenn Noyes.

The Kates @ Book Cellar

[The Kates](#) all-female comedy review returns to the Book Cellar, 4736-38 N. Lincoln Ave., tonight at 7pm. The lineup features Kristin Ryan, Kaitlyn Grissom, Beth Schmidt, Colleen Brennan, Mary O'Connor, Lainie Lenertz, Sarah Gallagher, Dorris McTyre, Jennifer Lavoie, Adrienne Gunn. Kelsie Huff hosts. \$10 suggested donation at the door.

Christopher Lee Tribute @ Patio Theater

Terror in the Aisles presents [a tribute to actor Christopher Lee](#), featuring *Dracula* (1958), *Wicker Man* (1973) and *Death Line* (aka *Raw Meat*), tonight starting at 7pm at the Patio Theater, 6008 W. Irving Park Rd. *Death Line* director Gary Sherman will be in attendance. [Tickets are \\$10](#).

Aura Curiatlas Physical Theater @ Links Hall

The [Aura Curiatlas Physical Theater](#) will be performing their new piece, DREAM LOGIC, at 7pm tonight. The company combines acrobatics, dance, and theatre to create compelling storytelling through movement. DREAM LOGIC will present a series of short stories fused with comedy, ritual, romance, and struggle. [Tickets](#) will be \$16 online, \$20 at the door, and will be \$12 for students and seniors. Links Hall is located at 3111 N. Western.

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Masculus dance @ Athenaeum Theatre

[LEVELdance](#) will stage *Masculus*, a 90-minute main stage dance performance tonight at the Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport. *Masculus* is a predominantly male cast featuring seven top contemporary dancers. *Masculus* investigates different male archetypes, personalities, and physicality, and showcases four choreographers' views on masculinity. Tickets are \$25-30 and can be bought [online](#) or by calling (773-935-6875) or visiting the Athenaeum box office.

Deafheaven @ Subterranean

To prepare themselves for their set at [Wicker Park Fest](#), metal group [Deafheaven](#) will playing a 10:30pm set at [Subterranean](#), 2011 W. North Ave. Joining the San Francisco-based group will be local group [RLYR](#), which consists of members of [Pelican](#) and [Locrian](#). Tickets are [\\$16 online](#).