

5 Things to Do: October 11 - 13

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Another weekend, more star power in Chicago and on the North Shore.

The Chicago International Film Festival kicks off this week, and comedic and literary luminaries are packing Evanston and Skokie venues this weekend. And if fall color is more your thing, you can spend some time outdoors with the kids this weekend, too. Here are five great ways to fill your calendar:

Chicago International Film Festival



Through October 24
Various locations, Chicago

The stars and those that direct them will be out this weekend walking the red carpet in Chicago. The festival features big names, low budgets, and everything in between. You can check out the schedule [here](#)—but we're already in line for Bruce Dern's "Nebraska" and Kate Winslet's "Labor Day."

Lewis Black



Friday, Oct. 11

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, Skokie

The king of dark wit is in town for one night only at the North Shore Center for Performing Arts. It's a stand-up set you don't want to miss!

Actors' Gymnasium: Circus in Progress

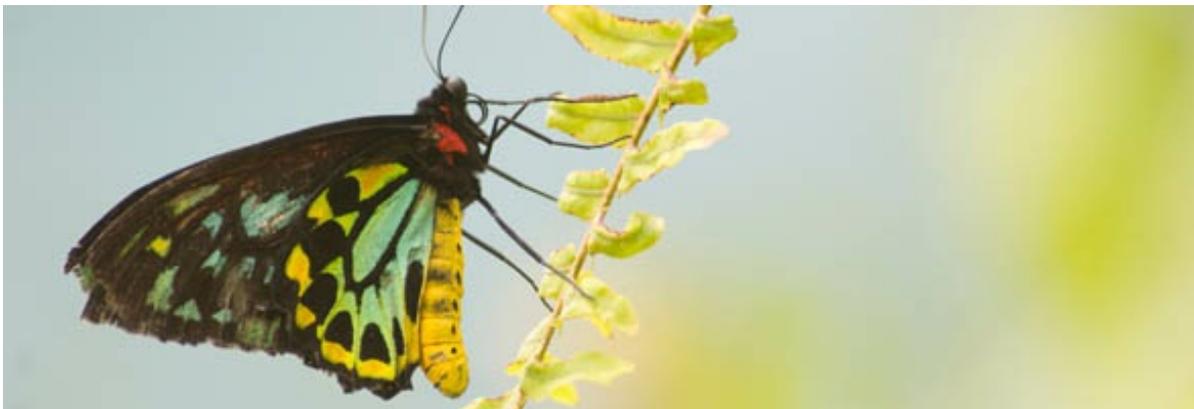


Saturday, Oct. 12

Noyes Cultural Arts Center, Evanston

No big top necessary—the Actors' Gymnasium brings circus arts to Evanston with their "Circus in Progress" show this weekend. Catch fantastic aerialist action from those literally, learning the ropes.

Leave No Child Left Inside: Urban Forests



Saturday, Oct. 12

2024 McCormick Blvd., Evanston

Get the kids outside this weekend—the Evanston Ecology Center offers top-notch programming every weekend, including child-friendly crafts and activities.

Chicago Humanities Festival: Delia Ephron and Junot Diaz



Sunday, Oct. 13
Cahn Auditorium, Evanston

Two amazing authors in one day: [Delia Ephron](#) and Junot Diaz take the stage in Evanston to talk about their work and their inspiration. It's a must for book lovers everywhere.