Chicago Happenings 12/8 – 12/9

Allen Ruppersberg: No Time Left to Start Again/The B and D of R:
Saturday and Sunday 10:30am – 5pm

Art Institute of Chicago
111 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60603
http://www.artic.edu/exhibition/allen-ruppersberg-no-time-left-start-againthe-b-and-d-r-n-r
(8 minute drive from the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place)

Artist Allen Ruppersberg is a pioneer of Conceptual Art and has developed work throughout the 1970s and 1980s. Over the last several years, Ruppersberg has become a more well-known name after his participation in the MoMA in New York City and most recently in Light Years: Conceptual Art and the Photograph, 1964-1977 at the Art Institute of Chicago.

In No Time Left to Start Again/The B and D of R ’n’ R, you’ll see classic photos from his personal collection of American popular musicians. These include blues singers of the 1930s and guitar legends of the 1950s and 1960s. He also has a selection of obituary notices for rock legends sprinkled among the laminated photocopies.

Chicago Blackhawks vs. St. Louis Blues Hockey: Sunday 6pm
Chicago Landmarks Before the Lens:
Saturday 9am-6pm, Sunday 10am-6pm

Chicago Cultural Center
78 E. Washington Street
Chicago, IL 60602
312-744-6630
(10 minute drive from the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place)

This ongoing exhibition presented by the Commission on Chicago Landmarks features 72 black and white photographs of 24 landmarks and historic districts by Richard Nickel, Barbara Crane, Bob Thall, and Stephen Beal.
**Christkindlmarket:**
Saturday 11am – 9pm, Sunday 11am – 8pm

Daley Plaza  
50 W. Washington Street  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312-494-2175  

(9 minute drive from the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place)

One of the most timeless Christmas celebrations takes place within the quaint Main Market Square of Nuremberg, Germany. The Christmas Market is a lively and bustling village of stalls in which more than two million come to enjoy the holiday spirit. Thanks to Chicago's international communities, you can enjoy the unique villages of Christkindlmarket right in downtown!

You and your family will marvel at the detail in which Chicago's Christkindlmarket has emulated its Nuremberg model - right down to the red and white-striped rooftops. The tradition begins on November 21st with the Christkind, a lovely angel who bears gifts for good children, at the Annual Grand Opening Ceremony. Johanna Heller, who was the Christkind for the Nuremberg markets in 2009-10, is Chicago's Christkind for 2012.

Set under the shadow of an enormous, 70-foot fir tree, Chicago's largest open-air Christmas festival features a variety of vendors selling authentic German products that cannot be found anywhere else in town. Hand-blown ornaments, clothing, jewelry, beer steins and other wooden handicrafts are displayed in charming stalls with inviting owners. Your little ones will love the unique collections of toys, nutcrackers and cuckoo clocks.

And what German festival is complete without its famous pastries and treats? Savor the aroma of roasted nuts, sweet cakes and potato pancakes. Sink your teeth into a traditional schnitzel or take a sip of Gluewhein, or a hot spiced wine to keep those bellies warm! Chocolates and candies imported from Germany are the perfect way to cap the evening.

The market runs from November 21st - December 24th and is open 11am - 8pm from Sunday through Thursday and 11am to 9pm on Friday and Saturday. It is located at Daley Plaza on 50 W. Washington Street. For more information, call (312) 494-2175 or email info@christkindlmarket.com.
House of Blues World Famous Gospel Brunch:
Sunday 10am and 12:30pm

329 N. Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60654
(12 minute drive from the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place)

Gospel Brunch is a soul-stirring, foot stomping one-of-a-kind event. Start your day with a delicious all-you-can-eat family style buffet featuring a tasty mix of morning favorites and House of Blues specialties. From omelette stations and homemade waffles to fried chicken and macaroni and cheese, there's a little something for everyone.

Then the music starts. Amazing and uplifting, their live gospel music features the best local and regional gospel acts and is guaranteed to get you out of your seat waving a napkin and singing along. It's truly an event you will never forget.

Loop Value: The How Much Does It Cost? Shop:
Saturday and Sunday 9:30am-5pm

Chicago Architecture Foundation - ArcelorMittal CitySpace Gallery
Chicago Architecture Foundation
224 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60604
http://www.architecture.org/page.aspx?pid=3015
(8 minute drive from the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place)

Americans care deeply about the health of their families, the vitality of their neighborhoods, and the price they pay for their lifestyles. But few people understand how their everyday habits shape the world. Loop Value: The How Much Does It Cost? Shop demonstrates that we can design our lives for health and happiness.

How Much Does It Cost? contrasts sticker price with the costs that we really pay for the products we buy. The exhibition takes you on a shopping trip through a dozen colorful departments, ranging from Gardening to Electronics to Shoes to Pets. In each, you will discover hidden costs while learning how your values shape the future of you community.
Maxwell Street Market: Sunday 7am-3pm

Desplaines Street & Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL 60607
(7 minute drive from the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place)

This Chicago tradition of bargains and bargaining with an international flavor takes place every Sunday throughout the year.

Million Dollar Quartet:
Saturday 5pm and 8pm, Sunday 3:30pm and 6:30pm

2540 N. Lincoln Avenue
Chicago, IL 60614
773-935-6100
(15 minute drive from the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place)

MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET is the new smash-hit musical inspired by the 1956 recording session that brought together rock 'n' roll icons, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley for the first and only time.

That legendary night is brought to life in this thrilling musical which features a score of hits including "Blue Suede Shoes,""Great Balls of Fire,""Walk the Line,""Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On,""Hound Dog" and more! Don't miss your chance to be a fly on the wall of fame... at MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET!
One of a Kind Show and Sale:
Saturday 10am-7pm, Sunday 10am-5pm

The Merchandise Mart
222 Merchandise Mart Plaza
Chicago, IL 60654
http://www.oneofakindshowchicago.com/
(10 minute drive from the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place)

A refreshing alternative to traditional retail, this annual show is the ideal place to find one-of-a-kind gifts for everyone on your holiday list. Head to the Merchandise Mart where more than 600 talented artists from across North America bring handmade creations -- including ceramics, sculptures, paintings, jewelry, glass and furniture -- to Chicago. Browse the items, chat with artists, attend demonstrations and join in a crafting workshop, all while enjoying gourmet cafes, fashion shows and live music.

It's Chicago's most "ONEderful" time of year.

The Nutcracker:
Saturday 2pm and 7pm, Sunday 2pm

Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University
50 E. Congress Parkway
Chicago, IL 60605
http://www.joffrey.org/nutcracker2012
(7 minute drive from the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place)

Celebrate the 25th anniversary of America's No. 1 Nutcracker! A grand production with Tchaikovsky's glorious score played live by a full orchestra, this is sure to be an evening of pure enchantment.
**Who Do We Think We Are?:**
Saturday 8pm and 11pm, Sunday 7pm

The Second City Mainstage
The Second City
1616 N. Wells Street
Chicago, IL 60614
(13 minute drive from the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place)

The Second City has reached a major landmark - its 100th Revue. Titled *Who Do We Think We Are?*, this powerhouse comedy show explores what makes us human. Election season is coming up, and this cast doesn't shy away from showing what they think about politics, including local and personal problems. On a lighter note, you'll be reminded what to be excited about in life, like the little joys that make us smile. This clever combination creates an unforgettable show that would make the cast of Revue #1 proud.

**Winter Wonderfest:**
Saturday 10am-10pm, Sunday 10am-5pm

Navy Pier
600 E. Grand Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611
(9 minute drive from the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place)

Experience the winter season inside 170,000 square feet of family-friendly holiday fun, including the simulated snowmobile ride Glacier Run and the Chicago Blackhawks indoor ice-skating rink.