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THROUGH MARCH 31

Spring into Science, Discovery Center Museum, 711 N. Main St., Rockford, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., $8, free for members and children age one or under. Keep your brain engaged over spring break with fun creative activities and live science demonstrations. Play with numbers, explore colors, and turn everything into art. Included with Museum admission. Information: (815) 963-6769.

THROUGH APRIL 2

76th Young Artist Show: High School Division, Rockford Art Museum, 711 N. Main St., Rockford, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., daily, $7 adults, $3 students/seniors, free for members and children under 12. Teachers at 20 schools within 50 miles of Rockford Art Museum submitted nearly 1,100 pieces for consideration by this year’s jurors, who chose 146 pieces representing 107 students from 16 area schools. On view are paintings, prints, drawings, sculptures, photography, digital and mixed media and more. Information: (815) 968-2787.

THROUGH-APRIL 8

Songs for a New World, Presented By Usual Suspects, Nordlof Center Black Box Theater, 118 N. Main St., Rockford, $18, presented 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 and 8 p.m. Sunday. These are the stories and characters of today, the Songs for a New World. The first musical from Tony Award winner, Jason Robert Brown (Parade, Bridges of Madison County), this moving collection of powerful songs examines life, love and the choices that we make. Information: (815) 513-8685.

THROUGH APRIL 16

75th Anniversary Exhibit - "Rediscover Burpee”, Burpee Museum of Natural History, Woodward Hall, 737 N. Main St., Rockford, through April 16, 2017, $10 adults, $9 children. This new exhibit celebrates the 75-year history of Burpee Museum and is an opportunity for the community to rediscover the treasure trove of artifacts, specimens, and memorabilia in the museum collection alongside newly developed exhibits. Visitors will go back in time to see what makes Burpee Museum a local treasure and unique among the country’s best natural history museums.

THROUGH MAY 21

Simply Spring: The Butterfly Exhibit, Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens, 1354 N. 2nd St., Rockford, daily except Monday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. $6-$8 for adults, discounts for seniors, veterans and youth. Experience the magical world of butterflies by visiting a special butterfly house where you will be surrounded by live butterflies exploring a tropical environment. Information: (815) 987-8858.

THROUGH MAY 29

RAM Exhibition: The Others, Rockford Art Museum, 711 N. Main St., Rockford, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., daily, $7 adults, $3 students/seniors, free for members and children under 12. The Others explores 50 iconic selections by 44 seminal artists from the 200-piece Francis and June Spiezer Collection of Rockford Art Museum, critically acclaimed as the most significant collection of Chicago art that exists today. The Spiezers also amassed a brilliant grouping of studio glass from around the world. Information: (815) 968-2787.

MARCH 30

The Road to Monroeville: Visiting the Hometown of Harper Lee, Cherry Valley Public Library, 755 E. State St., Cherry Valley, free but registration required, 6 p.m. How does the life and town of Harper Lee, author of “To Kill a Mockingbird,” parallel the life of fictional Scout Finch and her hometown of Maycomb, Alabama? See where fiction and non-fiction intersect as Matt Hagemann, Language Arts teacher at Rochelle Township High School, presents a travelogue of his visit to Monroeville in June 2016. Registration required at (815) 332-5161.

Travel to Cuba, presented by Rockford Urban Ministries at JustGoods Fair Trade Store Gallery, 201 7th St., Rockford, free, 7 p.m. Stanley Campbell and friends will present a travelogue of their recent trip to Cuba. Rockford Urban Ministries, whom. Campbell works for, sponsored an educational tour in February that included 17 people from the Rockford area. Many will also present their impressions and photos of that embargoed island. Information: (815) 964-7111.

MARCH 31

Special Presentation: Red, Tony Award Winning Play by John Loga presented by Artists' Ensemble Theater, Rockford Art Museum, 711 N. Main St., Rockford, $30, 7:30 p.m. Artists' Ensemble, in a special partnership with Rockford Art Museum, presents a memorable one-night-only performance of the Tony Award-winning play. The evening will begin with a pre-show talk by Rockford Art Museum Curator Carrie Johnson on the work of painter Mark Rothko, the subject of the play. Then Ensemble members Stephen F. Vrtol III and David A. Gingerich will perform a stage reading of the play. An audience talk-back and an informal reception will follow the performance. There are limited tickets available for this event. Information: (815) 394-5004.

MARCH 31-APRIL 1

Snow White, presented by Rockford Dance Company, Hononegah Performing Arts Center, 307 Salem St., Rockton, Friday 7 p.m., Saturday 1 and 7 p.m., $27 adults, $22 children ages 12 and younger. Most people are familiar with the story of Snow White; however, very few have seen it performed on stage with the riveting choreography by acclaimed Rolando Yane. Information and tickets: (815) 963-3341.

APRIL 1

Sing along with Susan Sailor, Nordlof Center, J.R. Sullivan Theater, 118 N. Main St. Rockford, 11 a.m. Salidor returns to the library with her songs for young children. Registration is NOT required. Information: (815) 965-7606.

Arne Johnson 10 Mile & 5K, presented by Rockford Road Runners, Harlem High School, 9929 N. Alpine Rd., Machesney Park, 7:30 a.m. 10-mile walk, 8:30 a.m. 10-mile run, 8:40 a.m. 5-kilometer run, $25. All proceeds will go to Annie's Locker.

Concerts on the Creek - Randy Sabien, Spring Creek United Church of Christ, 4500 Spring Creek Rd., Rockford, 7 p.m., free. Randy Sabien returns with his full band for an evening of extraordinary jazz fiddling wizardy. Refreshments and Mama Mia's cuisine are available. Information: (815) 877-2576.

Rockford Symphony - I Hear A Symphony: Motown`s Greatest Hits, Coronado Performing Arts Center, 314 N. Main St., Rockford, 7:30 p.m. Celebrate the Billboard hits of Motown with the Rockford Symphony Orchestra and Broadway singing stars Mandy Gonzalez, Joy Lynn Jacobs and Destan Owens performing great hits such as “I Heard It Through The Grapevine,” “ABC,” “My Girl,” “Stop In The Name Of Love,” “Respect” and so much more. Information: (815) 965-0049.

APRIL 1-2

Home & Garden Showcase, Forest Hills Lodge, 1601 West Lane Rd., Loves Park, Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., free admission and parking. Over 100 companies will offer homeowners and apartment dwellers the chance to comparison shop for an array of products and services all in one place. See the latest trends in landscaping, decks, backyard ponds and waterfalls, remodeling, neat gadgets for the garden enthusiast and more. Information: (815) 871-7469.

APRIL 5

Alton Brown: Eat Your Science Tour, Coronado Performing Arts Center, 314 N. Main St., Rockford, 8:30 p.m., $42-$123. The food show host and television personality has gained legions of fans with his off-beat humor and infectious energy and has taken his epicurean antics to theaters across America for his new stage show Alton Brown Live: Eat Your Science. Information: (815) 968-0595.

APRIL 6

2017 Summer Science Open House, UIC Health Sciences Campus - Rockford Robert J. Vickrey Auditorium, 1601 Parkview Ave., Rockford, free, $4-6 p.m. Presentations by research mentors for the Summer Science Internship Program are scheduled. For questions regarding the program call Biomedical Sciences at (815) 395-5680 or email Daryl Messenger at daryl.messenger@thermofisher.com