

CHI-TOWN SHAKEDOWN 2010 LOWDOWN

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Pre-Convention Tours

THURSDAY JULY 01 - 9:00 AM TO *1:00 PM
(*open ended - the Museum closes @ 8:00pm)

MILLENNIUM PARK WALKING TOUR & TICKETS FOR THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

The result of a unique partnership between the City of Chicago and the philanthropic community, Millennium Park is an award-winning center for art, music, architecture, and landscape design. A guided tour will take you through the park that features the work of world-renowned architects, planners, artists, and designers.

The park is anchored by the Frank Gehry designed Jay Pritzker Pavilion, the most sophisticated outdoor concert venue of its kind in the United States. You will discover the interactive Crown Fountain and the very popular “Cloud Gate” one of the world’s largest outdoor sculptures, referred to as “The Bean” by Chicagoans. The landscaped gardens are imaginatively designed like no other. Millennium Park has proven to be a great addition to Chicago. Since its opening in July 2004, the park has hosted millions of visitors, making it one of the most popular destinations in Chicago.

Following your walking tour, each guest will receive a ticket for admission to the Art Institute of Chicago, located next to Millennium Park, to explore at your leisure! The museum is the second largest art museum in America with its renowned collection of French Impressionists, a newly completed Modern wing, the Thorne Miniature rooms, paintings and decorative art from the Old Masters to Contemporary pieces. This is a must-see collection!

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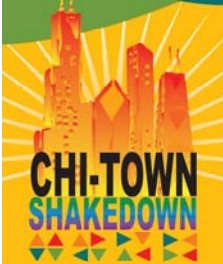
Walking tour from Hilton Chicago hotel
Narration given by professional tour guide
Ticket for admission to the Art Institute of Chicago
Wear comfortable walking shoes
On your own, lunch is available in Millennium Park, at the Art Institute, the Taste Of Chicago food fest across from the Museum, and local eateries on Michigan Avenue

\$56.00 per person

You can reserve a space for any of the pre-convention tours by linking to www.itlc.biz/Shakedown2010tours



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The Fun Badge Tour

Monday, July 5, 2010

Starting at 7:45AM, leaving at 8:30AM and returning to the hotel at 12:30PM

What is a Fun Badge Tour (FBT)?

Dancing in the streets! And a great city sightseeing tour thrown in for good measure! The FBT is a square dance event that occurs toward the end of convention. It is typically held the morning of the last day of convention, occasionally on the day after if the holiday falls on a Monday, as it does in 2010. So, what exactly happens on a Fun Badge Tour?

The tour starts at 7:45am with coffee and juice at the hotel. Fortified for the day, we get onto motor coaches to begin the tour. But we're not talking one or two coaches. Typically there are about six coaches with 50 people on each. That's 300 GLBT square dancers dancing in the streets and in public places. Quite the spectacle!

Each of the coaches will have a host (sometimes two) who will provide insight and information on the areas of the city through which you will be traveling. A script is carefully prepared so that the hosts will have historical and anecdotal facts at their finger tips. The hosts also provide some entertainment and facilitate debarking and embarking at the stops. The route from site to site is carefully chosen to provide the participants with fun and interesting facts about the host city

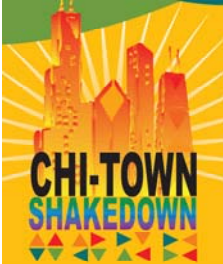
At each stop the coaches will unload and people square up in the space indicated by the host (more on the host in a minute). The caller(s) are set up and the dancing begins with extra whoop and holler to wake up anyone in the area who might still be asleep. Then back onto the coach and off to the next site. After a couple of stops, a box breakfast will be served to help keep the energy up.

So that's the dance and fun part. Why is it called the Fun Badge Tour? At the end of the tour, when you return to the hotel, each participant will receive a "dangle" or "badge" as they are commonly called. It is a great reminder of where you danced on the FBT.

I would urge you to sign up for FBT when you register for Shakedown or right now if you are already registered, as this event does sell out! Information and cost is available on the Shakedown web site



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Chi-Town Shakedown Registrations

Tell your friends...Registration rate goes up May 1

709 total

153 F (22%)
556 M (78%)

Mainstream - 11
Plus - 144
A1 - 12
A2 - 232
C1 - 111
C2 - 76

C3a - 45
C3b - 25
C4 - 21
non-dancers - 26
no level - 6

Alamo City Wranglers	4	Hotlanta Squares	23
Anywhere Squares	1	Independence Squares	19
Bloomin Squares	4	Iron City Squares	4
Boots In Squares	12	Lone Star Lambdas	9
BOQ	2	Midnight Squares	32
Boston Uncommons	4	No Affiliation/Other	60
Cadillac Squares	7	Oaktown 8's	1
Capital City Squares	7	Ocean Squares	1
C-Dogs	1	Ottawa Date Squares	2
Champlain Valley Rainbow Squares	6	Prime 8s	4
Chesapeake Squares	12	Puddletown Squares	22
Chi-Town Squares	55	Raleighwood Squares	1
Cleveland City Country Dancers	8	Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus	27
Cuesta Squares	3	Rosetown Ramblers	13
DC Lambda Squares	45	Sho-Me Squares	5
Delmarvalous Squares	2	Shoreline Squares	3
Desert Valley Squares	5	South Florida Mustangs	1
Diablo Dancers	11	Squares Across The Border	20
Edo 8s	4	Suncoast Squares	7
El Camino Reelers	34	T Squares	1
Finest City Squares	27	Temple Squares	1
Foggy City Dancers	13	Times Squares	53
Gateway Squares	11	Tinseltown Squares	14
Golden State Squares	13	Triangle Squares	35
Grand River Squares	15	Western Star Dancers	13
Heads to the Center	6	Wilde Bunch	20

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