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## Italian Expo at Navy Pier

Have you ever wondered how to experience Italy without even having to go to O'Hare or Midway? For the attendees of the fourth annual [Italian Expo](#), no plane tickets or passports were needed; just a trip downtown was all that was necessary for a fabulous Italian getaway.



Held this weekend at Navy Pier and hosted by the Italian American Chamber of Commerce-Midwest (IACC), the Expo focused on the country's Lombardy region, (*Lombardia* in Italian), over 100 vendors and organizations from both Italy and the United States provided Chicagoans with a true taste of the country widely known for its rich and diverse culture.

For Fulvio Calcinardi, IACC's Executive Director, Italian Expo allowed attendees a chance to truly experience Italy in Chicago and provided the opportunity to see "gorgeous fashion, cutting-edge product design and hand-crafted masterpieces, all of which and more can be enjoyed right here in Chicago during Italian Expo."

"Gorgeous fashion," for both men and women, was indeed available for Expo-goers. For fashionistas, a real runway show featuring designs by Boris Powell and Maison de LaCour was a highlight; in addition, fashion by local designers including Agga B. and Miriam Cecilia Carlson were also on display.



Models in designs by Eberts Powell

Visitors weren't the only ones thrilled to be part of Italian Expo, vendors shared in the excitement, as well. For Jennifer Bridgeforth, artist and owner of [Phoenix Gallery](#) in Chicago, returning to exhibit at the Expo meant broader gallery exposure. "The whole experience I've had with Italian Expo has been wonderful, we've had an opportunity to bring a different and more diverse base to our clientele," she said.

Kathryn Alvera, Managing Partner of Atelier in Chicago's River North district, was also excited to be part of the festivities. "Being able to exhibit at Italian Expo is wonderful because all the best products in the world come from Italy – at least that's what we Italians say!" said Alvera.



Artists' and vintage apparel section at Italian Expo

Other Italian Expo highlights include unique sculptures, paintings, crafts, jewelry and other visual art, all of which gave visitors a true, authentic Italian experience, right here in Chicago.

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#### Pirate Party @ Pumping Station: One

Pumping Station: One, the Chicago hackspace, presents a pirate-themed costume party tonight at its 182 (35th N. Elston). The fun begins tonight at 8pm. Full information available at its [Pumping Station, One Website](#).

#### Camilla Ha's final Chicago performance @ Reversible Eye Gallery

Chicago-based award-winning artist/illustrator/collagist [Camilla Ha](#) presents "The Cosmos Inside of Black Leather," a multimedia event featuring mixed-media prints, interactive installations, wall paintings, and video projection. Ha, a prominent artist in Chicago for over 10 years, has created this event as a farewell before relocating to New York. She will perform in collaboration with [Steve D'Elia](#), and the evening's event will also include readings by [Gregory Jackson](#) and Gabriel Wallace, a performance by [James Carter](#), and dancing with DJ Alex Valentine and Ezed Bevela. The event begins at 8 p.m. at Reversible Eye Gallery, 1182 N. California. The non-performance elements of the piece will be on display through September 20. Admission is free. More information at [reversibleeye.com](#).

#### The Christians UK @ Double Door POSTPONED!

Originally the last true survivors of the Manchester scene, [The Christians UK](#) (drop the UK, if you're outside the U.S.) are still making headbait music together after more than 20 years in the industry. The band is currently touring in support of their eleventh studio album, "95 to the Truck" which is set for U.S. release on September 14. Down again at Sun, show starts at 8pm. Tickets are \$20. For more information call (773) 489-5168 or visit [TheChristians.com](#). This show has been postponed due to illness. [Check us out!](#)

#### Diabolique @ Film Center

[The Film Center](#) ([http://www.filmcenter.com](#)) is presenting a retrospective of the work of French director Jean-Georges Cocteau, and today screens his most famous film, *Orphée* from 1950, with *Summe Segue* and *Vous Cocteau*. The film screens this afternoon at 5pm, and again on the evening of Monday, September 20 at 8pm. Full information on the retrospective at the [Film Center Website](#). Film Center: 144 N. Dear, (312) 586-3300.

#### Sappho's Salon @ Women & Children First

Tonight's [Sappho's Salon](#) (7523 N. Clark St.) tonight's [Sappho's Salon](#): a *Prohibition-Night of Lesbian Drag Queens* takes place tonight. Your 87-10 (holding male fee), will get you wine, food, and the unique work of [Sappho's Salon](#), the comedy and crowd-punk ensembles of [Sappho's Salon](#), and Sappho's house DJ Spin/DNA's tracks. The "Sappho's" starts at 7:30.

#### Creature Comfort Benefit @ Atlantic Pub

Tonight's benefit for the Friends of Chicago Animal Care and Control at the Atlantic Pub (592 N. Lincoln Avenue), live music and a silent auction starts at 7pm. Minimum suggested donation of \$15.00.

#### Rocky Horror Picture Show @ Music Box Theatre

Cell shows *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* returns to the Music Box Theatre for a midnight screening. Come do the Time Warp again with fans of the film while watching the energy musical on the big screen. Screening starts at midnight at the Music Box Theatre (3733 N. Broadway). Tickets are \$9.75.

#### Justin Townes Earle @ Lincoln Hall

Blues-rock artist (and former Chicago resident) [Justin Townes Earle](#) celebrates the release of his latest album *Harlem River Blues* tonight at Lincoln Hall. Expect his racy and some great guitar action. [Amelia Lee Mitchell](#) opens. Music starts at 8pm. Tickets are \$13 (adv) \$15 (door). [Lincoln Hall](#) is located at 2424 N. Lincoln Ave., 773-528-2262. [Check us out!](#)

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#### The Zines On Toast Show @ Quimby's

Portland resident [Jill White](#) is the author of the popular *Stolen Charms Revolution*, a guide how to get started with zines, as well as her long-running zine, *Prosecco*. She is joined on her by five others from the UK. Tonight, they will share accounts of UK, zine culture, London Zine Symposium, and more at Quimby's Bookstore, 814 West North Avenue, beginning at 8pm. For more information, visit [http://www.zines.com](#).

#### Italian Expo @ Navy Pier

Celebrate the northern Italian region of Lombardy at this showcase of art and design, food and agriculture, business and tourism at Navy Pier this weekend. General admission tickets for the [Italian Expo](#) are \$12 each. The Expo runs from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm today and from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm tomorrow.

#### Gordon McAlpin Book Signing

Gordon McAlpin signs copies of *Midnight: Days Two Show*, the best collection of his [writings](#), today at [Third Coast Comics](#), 4234 N. Broadway. Book open to 7pm. He'll also be a special guest at Chicago Comic Book Month, which starts at 7pm in the comic shop.

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## La Dolce Vita in Sweet Home Chicago!



If you want a real taste of Italy right here at home, *correre* on down to Navy Pier for the Italian Expo! The expo runs today through Sunday, September 19th, and will feature a fashion competition, fashion shows, cooking demonstrations and tastings, plus numerous vendors and entertainers for your delight.

Participating designers include Alma Wieser, Borris Powell, C/FAN Designs, FURIO, Horacio Nieto & Arlo Menswear, Maison de LaCour, Miriam Cecilia Carlson, Veil and a special runway show of the Roberto Pesce Collection at Atelier.

Chicago's top chefs of Italian cuisine will also compete in a cooking competition, including Luca Corrazina (312), Vincenzo Geraci (Coco Pazzo), Chris Macchia (I Monelli), Angelo Grimaldi (Italian Village), Robert Reynaud (Macello), John Coletta (Quartino), and Michael Serratore (Trattoria Isabella).

Tickets may be purchased online at [www.italianexpo.us](http://www.italianexpo.us) or on site with door prices slightly higher.

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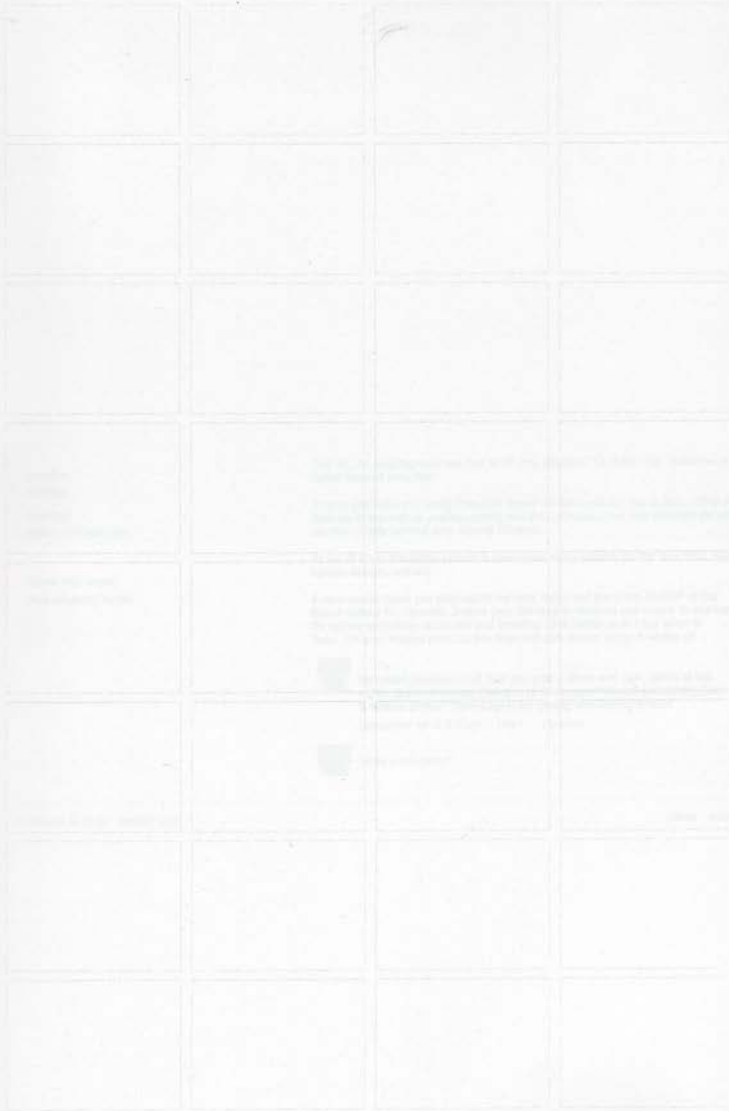
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Ciao all...an amazing time was had by all who attended "La Dolce Vita" yesterday at the Italian Expo at Navy Pier.

Twenty plus folks and family members joined me for a one day trip to Italy...What a time we all had eating...eating...eating and yes...drinking... our way throught the entire country of Italy without even leaving Chicago.

As we all know the Italian culture is synonyous with a passion for the best food, wine, fashion designs and art.

A very special thank you goes out to my dear freind and the SOUL QUEEN\* of the Italian culture Ms. Maureen Jenkins (yes she lived in Florence and I went to visit her) for setting everything up so well and including Chat Daddy or as I say when in Italy...I'm a un Italiano nero...to the expo and gala dinner. Enjoy & Grazie all!

 **Maureen Jenkins** LOVE that you took a photo with Gov. Quinn at last night's Italian American Chamber of Commerce-Midwest Anniversary Gala & Awards Dinner! Thanks again for coming and sharing it here!  
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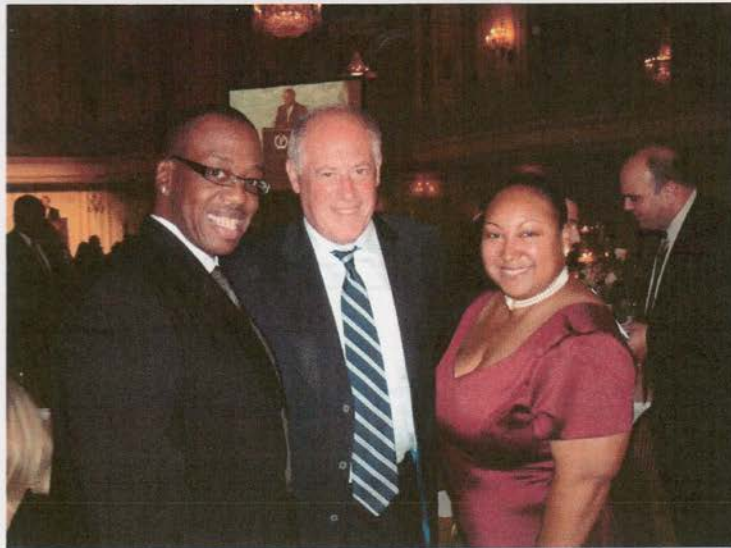
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### Italian Expo

Location: Navy Pier, Festival Hall A  
Navy Pier, Festival Hall A

event\_description: Take a tour of Italy and experience La Dolce Vita without event leaving the country at the fourth annual Italian Expo during the weekend of September 17-19 at Navy Pier's Festival Hall A.

Food, wine, fashion, design, tourism, art and entertainment are showcased as the cultures of Italy and Chicago collide at Italian Expo, featuring: a fashion competition between emerging designers, a culinary arts demonstration and competition among 16 of Chicago's top Italian chefs, and an art competition with various artists of the Chicago Arts District. Each competition will allow the public to participate in and vote on their favorites for an ultimate interactive experience.

Over 100 companies and vendors from Italy and the U.S. will be present displaying and selling their products from Italy for three days only. We welcome all to enjoy this event by tasting delicious Italian food and wine, viewing fashion runway shows of Italian apparel and fine jewelry, and discovering luxury cars & motorbikes, travel and tourism information on all Regions of Italy.

For more information, please visit <http://www.italianexpo.us> or call (312) 553-9137.

### 22nd Annual Viva! Chicago Latin Music Festival

Location: Millennium Park

This vibrant Latin music festival showcases local, national and international talent in the various Latin music genres that include salsa, reggaeton, mariachi, norteña, Spanish pop y más. Many artists are Grammy award winners and nominees.

More info at <http://www.vivachicago.us>

### OakToberfest

Location: Downtown Oak Park

Downtown Oak Park embraces the summer season turning to fall at OakToberfest. The 19th annual fall festival will be held September 17 and 18, and will take place on Marion St. and North Blvd. This free two-day event will offer seasonal food from local restaurants, specialty micro-brews, great wines, music and a children's area featuring a root beer garden.

Local restaurants will vend their special fall recipes for this event. Available fall cuisine includes, ribs, smoked corn on the cob, brats, pulled pork, and more. Vendors will be selling food along North Blvd. throughout the event.

Hand-crafted microbrews such as Samuel Adams Octoberfest, Fat Tire, Harvest Moon, Sierra Nevada Pale Ale, and Leinenkugel's Oktoberfest will be offered for event goers to enjoy. Those over the age of 21 will receive a wrist band, and will be able to purchase a souvenir mug. Premium wines from Trader Joe's will also be featured.

Six bands will be performing both Friday and Saturday evening covering many different styles of music from Blues to Cajun music. Friday's line up consists of the Rick Simcox and the Tone Questers performing from 5 to 6 p.m., Reyna Larson performing from 6 to 7:45 p.m. and Paul Cebar performing from 8 to 10 p.m. Live music continues Saturday night starting with Localvores performing from 2 to 3:45 p.m., Chevere de Chicago from 4 to 5:45pm, Way Side Winders from 6-7:45 and CJ Chenier and Red Hot Louisiana Band from 8 to 10pm.

A children's area will be located on Marion St. on Saturday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. The area will feature fun family events such as zucchini races, where children will be able to create and race their own zucchini cars, karaoke and Wonder Works Children's Museum as well as the other great activities. There will also be a root beer garden sponsored by Trader Joe's offering old fashion root beer and other old time favorites.



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Janet E.  
Chicago, IL

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A really great way to immerse yourself in Italian culture!!! I came here on a Fri  
impressed with the amount of vendors here. There's supposedly 100 vendors  
U.S. selling Italian products.

The expo is set up so that you end up making a complete circle in Festival Hal  
to be only one entrance which was also the exit.

They had free tastings, wine tastings, cooking demonstrations, a runway show  
travel agents to help plan your trip to Italy, and plenty of shopping for Italian gc  
There was even one vendor that gave away bread! He gave me two loaves of  
bread!!! YUMMIE! Definitely a lot to see, do, and eat here!

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## Italian American Chamber of Commerce of Chicago

by admin on September 17, 2010

### EXPERIENCE "LA DOLCE VITA" AT ITALIAN EXPO 2010 Sept. 17-19 at [Chicago's Navy Pier](#)

CHICAGO-Chicagoans and visitors to the Windy City can tour [Italy](#) and experience La Dolce Vita, or "the sweet life" in Italian, without picking up their passports or trekking to O'Hare Airport. The only travel involved is to downtown Chicago's Navy Pier (600 E. Grand) for the fourth annual Italian Expo, held Sept. 17-19, in Festival Hall A.

Italian Expo visitors can experience the vibrant Italian and Italian American cultures through three competitions: a culinary arts cook-off featuring 16 of Chicago's top Italian chefs, an art competition with various local artists showcasing their masterpieces, and a fashion competition between emerging local designers. Each competition will allow Expo guests to vote on their favorites for an interactive cultural experience. In addition, guests will sample and see the best Italian products, including foods not yet available in the U.S., learn about its regions. And with free admission for children 12 and under, this year's Expo is affordable to everyone. Tickets are \$15 at the door, but are available for pre-sale online at [www.italianexpo.us](#) for just \$10 until Sept. 16 only. The Expo will be open from 2:30-9pm Friday, 11am-9pm Saturday, and from 11am-6pm Sunday.

"Italian Expo will bring an exciting weekend of entertainment for adults and kids for a true Italian experience. Italy's 'La Dolce Vita' is about celebrating the world's most beloved foods and cooking, gorgeous fashion, cutting-edge product design and hand-crafted masterpieces, all of which and more can be enjoyed right here in Chicago during Italian Expo," said Fulvio Calcinardi, Executive Director of the Italian American Chamber of Commerce-Midwest (IACC).

The IACC has hosted this event at Navy Pier for the past four years, attracting thousands of visitors to this authentic showcase of [Italian culture](#) and style. More than 100 companies and vendors from Italy and the United States will introduce, display and sell their products at the Expo, featuring the best of Italian and Italian-inspired cuisine, wine, fashion and jewelry, tourism, art and entertainment.

A preview of Italian Expo will be on display throughout September at the Chicago Arts District's "showPODs" on South Halsted, between 18th and 19th Streets, in Pilsen. The high-exposure, compact showPOD spaces, which will include Italian-themed installations, sculptures and paintings from Italian and American artists, offers gallery-goers a non-traditional but rich art experience.

Please contact Gina Shermetaro at (312) 553-9137 or [gshermetaro@iacc-chicago.com](mailto:gshermetaro@iacc-chicago.com) or visit [www.italianexpo.us](#) for more information.

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**On Saturday, September 18, 2010, 11:00am at Navy Pier**  
**Address: 600 East Grand Avenue, Chicago, IL | Cost: \$10 in advance \$15 at the door**

Take a tour of Italy and experience "La Dolce Vita" without event leaving the country at the fourth annual Italian Expo during the weekend of September 17-19 at Navy Pier's Festival Hall A.

Over 100 companies and vendors from Italy and the U.S. will be present displaying and selling their products from Italy for three days only. We welcome all to enjoy this event by tasting delicious Italian food and wine, viewing fashion runway shows of Italian apparel and fine jewelry, and discovering luxury cars & motorbikes, travel and tourism information on all Regions of Italy.  
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## Italian Expo

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