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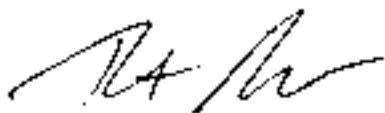
SEATTLE CENTER

2011 FESTIVALS AND EVENTS GUIDE



2011 is a transformative year for Seattle Center, with perhaps the most extensive changes planned for the 74-acre site since the 1962 Seattle World's Fair. As we prepare for The Next Fifty, the Fair's 50th anniversary celebration in 2012, we look ahead to the next fifty years as we dramatically alter interior and exterior spaces to suit 21st Century desires. Use the Seattle Center 2011 Festivals and Events Guide to plan your visits throughout the year and you'll see many of the exciting changes begin to take shape.

The Festivals and Events Guide highlights programs produced by Seattle Center, along with many of the annual campus-wide events. It includes information about the 50th anniversary of the 1962 Seattle World's Fair and on all of the organizations and amenities. I hope you will enjoy reading through the Guide and please keep it as a useful reference throughout the year.



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Seattle Center Director



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Rendering of future Memorial Stadium

Seattle City Council in 2008 adopted a forward-looking and far-reaching plan crafted by a 17-member citizens committee to guide future redevelopment at the 74-acre Seattle Center.

The Century 21 (C21) Master Plan calls for almost \$600 million in capital investment on the campus over the next 20 years, creating a mix of attractions, activities and open space that are environmentally sustainable, engaging and inspirational.

As in the past, the redevelopment will be supported by private and public funding. Projects completed to date include:

- Broad Street Green
- Seattle Center Skatepark
- Theater Commons

The tending and transformation of this place will ensure that future generations treasure Seattle Center as a destination where people gather for solace, contemplation, community and celebration.

Learn more about the C21 Master Plan at seattlecenter.com.

2011 Seattle Center Festivals and Events Guide

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subject to change.



WTDWTD:

"Why they do what they do"

Each event in the Festál series of cultural festivals has inspired leadership, people who selflessly give of their time, talent and treasure to produce these wonderful celebrations - for your enjoyment and growth. The producers are highly motivated to bring a vibrant image of their culture to Seattle Center. The events are largely supported by their own ethnic communities and are widely enjoyed by thousands of others.

The producers, boards and other volunteers do this as a service to our larger community. They understand the value of bringing arts, businesses, families, community services, food, ethnic films, hands-on activities, history, exhibits, fashion, forums and travel together in one location. They know it helps to bring our diverse community together for a shared cultural identity.

Several of the long standing festivals, the Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival, The Italian Festival and Seattle Fiestas Patrias, the Latino celebration, have been at Seattle Center for more than 20 years! Some of the leaders have been involved just as long. Some call this a labor of love and this is true – it is an opportunity to build and strengthen a community. It becomes a way to engage in society at a grass roots level that has lifelong impact.

As you enjoy the performances, good food and great exhibits, take a moment to think of those who give of themselves to make it all possible.



Steve Sneed
Managing Artistic Director
Cultural Programs

JAN 29 – 30	Tết Festival Vietnamese Lunar New Year
MAR 12 – 13	Irish Festival
APR 1 – 3	Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival
MAY 1	Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration
MAY 7	Spirit of West Africa
MAY 21	A Glimpse of China Chinese Culture and Arts Festival
MAY 27 – 30	Northwest Folklife Festival
JUN 4 – 5	Pagdiriwang Philippine Festival
JUN 11 – 12	Festival Sundiata African-American Festival
JUN 18	Iranian Festival
JUL 10	Bastille Day A French Celebration!
AUG 14	BrasilFest
AUG 20 – 21	Tibet Fest
SEP 11	Live Aloha Hawaiian Cultural Festival
SEP 17 – 18	Seattle Fiestas Patrias
SEP 24 – 25	The Italian Festival
OCT 8 – 9	Arab Festival
OCT 15 – 16	TurkFest
OCT 23	CroatiaFest
OCT 29 – 30	Dia de Muertos A Mexican Celebration to Remember Our Departed
NOV 5	Hmong New Year Celebration



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

JAN 15

The Celebration offers awards, dramatic readings and entertainment in honor of this inspirational leader. A Concert for Peace features the music of blues great Billie Holiday. The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Peace Award honors youth in Seattle who have energized the dream and ideals of Dr. King by promoting peace, community leadership, justice and civil rights for all citizens. seattlecenter.com/mlk

FESTÁL 2011 TẾT FESTIVAL VIETNAMESE LUNAR NEW YEAR

JAN 29 – 30

What can you do? Craft bookmarks and buttons, create an apricot blossom boutonniere, and express your inner artist through painting workshops. Revisit 1,000 years of the rich and proud Vietnamese history at this festive New Year celebration. Commemorate the past and commit to new resolutions as you immerse in this extraordinary culture through dance, visual and martial arts, workshops, children's stories and hands-on activities. tetinseattle.org

FESTÁL 2011 THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



FESTÁL 2011 IRISH FESTIVAL

MAR 12 – 13

What can you do? March in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, shop for authentic Irish products, and create Celtic arts and crafts. The weekend features non-stop Irish music, exuberant, award-winning dance, and children's activities. Festival-goers may trace their roots in genealogy workshops, learn the Irish Language, and take in colorful cultural exhibits and contemporary Irish short films. irishclub.org



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APR 1 – 3

FESTÁL 2011 SEATTLE CHERRY BLOSSOM & JAPANESE CULTURAL FESTIVAL

What can you do? Learn the game GO, play with Japanese toys, and participate in a tea ceremony demonstration, while you explore Seattle's deep connections with Japan and celebrate the beauty of spring. The event is a feast for the senses. Delicious food, Taiko drumming, Japanese artisan demonstrations, skateboard routines, and artwork present both a modern and ancient view of this complex culture.

seattlecenter.com/festal

MAY 3 – 4

ARTSPRING! 2011

ArtSpring! offers a variety of free arts experiences for youth and adults with and without disabilities, including an art exhibit. Mornings focus on K-12 arts education with visual art stations and performing arts workshops. Afternoons and evenings showcase inclusive music and dance performances by and for the youth of our community and performers with disabilities in family-friendly entertainment.

creativeactivities.org

SEATTLE CENTER WHIRLIGIG!

This lively child-focused festival transforms Center House into a veritable “house of bounce” with eye-popping décor, face painters, balloon artists, and an attractive assortment of inflatable rides for children 12 and under. Minimal ride fees apply: \$1.50 for a single ride, \$4.50 for a toddler zone day pass, \$7.50 for a main floor day pass, and Thursdays are FREE. seattlecenter.com

APR 8 – 24

SEATTLE CENTER TEEN TIX

This innovative arts access program offers teens ages 13 – 19 a FREE membership pass that will get them \$5 tickets to the best performing, visual and literary arts throughout the region. Teen Tix members have the opportunity to connect to the thriving arts scene via a weekly e-newsletter, Special Events, Teen Reviewers Corps, Young Critics Workshop, and much more.

seattlecenter.com/teentix

YEARLONG



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APR 22 – 24

WORLD RHYTHM FESTIVAL

This total immersion into world music offers three days of drumming and dance, where participants engage in an amazing range of world musical traditions including African, Middle-Eastern, Latin, Indian, Brazilian, North American and more. Performances, workshops, drum circles, an international marketplace, and an extravagant Carnival Finale keep the rhythm flowing for adults and children alike. swps.org

MAY 1

FESTÁL 2011 ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

What can you do? Enjoy the rich cultures of the region's Asian-Pacific Islander communities through song, dance, art and displays. The festival launches Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Seattle with spectacular lion dances, colorful costumes and traditional dress, youth drill teams, martial arts, Taiko drums, and incredible artists from around the state. It also provides access to community resources and children's arts and crafts. seattlecenter.com/festal

FESTÁL 2011 SPIRIT OF WEST AFRICA

What can you do? Take part in ritual and celebratory African drumming, witness the healing powers of musicians trained since birth to serve their communities, participate in a Guianese dance workshop, and search for treasures in the West African marketplace. The traditions of six West African countries come to life through this spirited festival of live music, dance performances, film, art and games. thionediop.com/thione/SOWA_2010.html

GIANT MAGNET

Giant Magnet presents the 25th Anniversary International Children's Festival featuring authentic global performances – theatre, music, dance, puppetry and circus arts – that engage the imagination and inspire audiences of all ages to discover, explore and learn. The 2011 Festival features professional companies from China, Ecuador, India, Scotland, Tasmania, and the United States. giantmagnet.org

MAY 7

MAY 10 – 14



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MAY 19 –
JUN 12

SEATTLE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Now in its 37th year, the Seattle International Film Festival is the largest and most highly-attended film festival in the United States, showcasing more than 400 films from over 60 countries to an audience of 150,000 attendees annually. Listed by *Variety* as one of the world's "50 unmissable film festivals,"

SIFF continues to be recognized as one of the top festivals in North America. siff.net

MAY 21

FESTÁL 2011 A GLIMPSE OF CHINA CHINESE CULTURE AND ARTS FESTIVAL

What can you do? Learn Chinese folk dances, create delicate artworks, and share in cultural traditions covering 5,000 years of Chinese history in this celebration of one of the world's oldest cultures. The festival showcases the distinct culture of China through visual and performing arts and gift booth exhibitions, including Chinese music, dance and puppet performances, works by nationally acclaimed artists, seminars, and interactive activities. chinaartandculture.org

MAY 27 – 30

NORTHWEST FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL (A PART OF FESTÁL 2011)

One of the largest free folk festivals in the country, the annual Northwest Folklife Festival features over 7,000 diverse performers, participatory dances, workshops, crafts, food and more. Join in the weekend to celebrate 40 years of presenting the rich cultural heritage of the Pacific Northwest this Memorial Day weekend throughout the grounds at Seattle Center. nwfolklife.org

JUN 4 – 5

FESTÁL 2011 PAGDIRIWANG PHILIPPINE FESTIVAL

What can you do? Learn how to wear the malong, dance the rhythmic tinkling, and partake in delicious Filipino cuisine. This annual celebration of the arts and culture of the Philippines commemorates the end of Spanish rule in 1898 and highlights the beauty of the country and its people with colorful costumes and pageantry, Filipino bands, hands-on children's activities, Philippine weaving exhibits, and martial arts. festalpagdiriwang.com



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JUN 11 – 12

FESTÁL 2011 FESTIVAL SUNDIATA AFRICAN-AMERICAN FESTIVAL

What can you do? Participate in African dance workshops, learn the rhythms of traditional drumming, explore the outdoor food vendors, and experience the richness of Black culture during a weekend filled with continuous live entertainment. The festival celebrates the arts and educates the community about people of African descent who form a melting pot of cultures and ethnicities. festivalsundiata.org

JUN 18

FESTÁL 2011 IRANIAN FESTIVAL

What can you do? Partake in an Iranian tea house, sample traditional Persian food, join the Iranian community at an evening dance party, and participate in Iranian children's play. The festival offers an array of new experiences as it unites a multifaceted community. Music and dance performances, Rumi poetry, puppet shows and face painting provide a glimpse into this culturally opulent and enticing culture. ica-seattle.org

SEATTLE PRIDEFEST 2011

The largest LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans and Queer) gathering in the Pacific Northwest fills Seattle Center with music, dance and colorful performers. The festival, which seems to grow each year to better serve the community, begins immediately following the downtown Pride Parade. Indulge in the food and arts offerings, beer gardens, and non-profit activism and help PrideFest celebrate the great diversity of our community. seattlepridefest.org

JUN 26

10TH ANNUAL SEATTLE INTERNATIONAL BEERFEST

An international "beer paradise" overtakes Mural Amphitheatre and Lawn with lagers, ales, and attendees who come to celebrate the world's most legendary brewing styles and the nations that made them famous. Seattle International Beerfest (SIB) showcases over 150 world-class beers from countries around the globe. Specializing in hard-to-find rare and exotic styles, SIB has been called the most sophisticated beer festival in the country. seattlebeerfest.com

JUN 1 – 3



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JUL 4

NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

Over 500 Individuals from more than 80 countries will be sworn in as United States citizens at a ceremony filled with friends, family, cheers and celebration. Dignitaries, elected officials and patriotic music will welcome the new citizens. The ceremony includes a roll call of represented countries and the Spirit of Liberty Award for outstanding community service. Produced by the Ethnic Heritage Council.

ethnicheritagecouncil.org

JUL 8 - 10
DEC 3 - 4

URBAN CRAFT UPRISING

Choose from a wide variety of hand-crafted clothing, jewelry, gifts, bags, wallets, buttons, aprons, children's goods, toys, housewares, paper goods, candles, journals, art, food, and much, much more. The items are carefully chosen to ensure the most original and unique crafts and arts, as Urban Craft Uprising strives to build a community of artists by connecting them with their fans. Admission is FREE!

urbancraftuprising.com

FESTÁL 2011

BASTILLE DAY | A FRENCH CELEBRATION!

What can you do? Swoon over Citroën cars, sip wonderful wines, browse for fabulous French products, and parlez français at this annual celebration of French culture and regional presence. The Celebration, which marks the French national holiday, offers French delicacies and pastries, cooking demonstrations, children's games, and sports competitions. Enjoy the many musical and theatrical performances, arts and crafts projects, and hands-on workshops. seattle-bastille.org

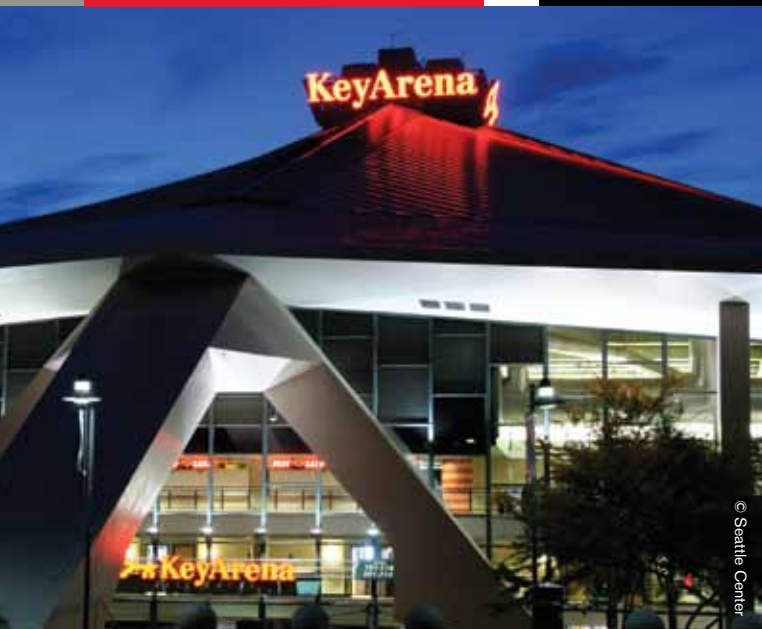
JUL 10

COMCAST BITE OF SEATTLE

The Comcast Bite of Seattle fills Seattle Center grounds with over 450,000 visitors each year. Nicknamed "the Northwest's Premier Restaurant Showcase," the Bite's main focus is local culinary talents and so much more. Aside from the over 60 restaurants, visitors enjoy nine entertainment stages, live cooking demonstrations with the city's finest chefs, a wine tasting, family area, and much more. comcastbiteofseattle.com

JUL 15 - 17

KeyArena



Seattle's large events and entertainment gathering place, KeyArena at Seattle Center, invites you to take in a show, cheer on your favorite team or participate in a free community experience. From the Seattle Storm, 2010 WNBA Champions, to award-winning performers, sports events and more, you'll find excitement, suspense and celebration - there's something for everyone at KeyArena. **KeyArena.com**

Upcoming Events

MAR 1 | Free Ice Skate in KeyArena



Seattle Storm

The 2010 WNBA Champions, the Seattle Storm, will take to the court again at KeyArena in 2011. The schedule runs May – September.

Seattle University Men's Basketball

Cheer on Division I status Seattle University Men's Basketball, led by Coach Cameron Dollar, at KeyArena. Go Redhawks!

JAN 6 vs. Eastern Washington

JAN 8 vs. Cal State-Northridge

FEB 5 vs. Portland

FEB 9 vs. Utah Valley

FEB 15 vs. UC Davis

FEB 22 vs. Washington

MAR 10 vs. Portland State

Rat City Rollergirls

Rat City Rollergirls kick off their 2011 Season at KeyArena on January 15. Don't miss the hard-hitting derby action that will keep you on the edge of your seat!

JAN 15 • FEB 19 • MAR 19 • APR 16 • MAY 14 • JUN 18 • JUL 11

Upcoming Shows

FEB 20 | Harlem Globetrotters

FEB 25 | Stars on Ice

FEB 26 | Eric Clapton

APR 29 – 30 | PBR (Professional Bull Riders)

MAY 22 | WWE Presents Over The Limit

OCT 28 – 29 | Women of Faith

NOV 9 | Michael Jackson/Cirque du Soleil

Check **KeyArena.com** for more upcoming events.

Seattle Center Campus Map



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McCaw Hall at Seattle Center, home of the Seattle Opera and Pacific Northwest Ballet, accommodates concerts, comedy, film, corporate events and social gatherings. This performance and meeting facility includes a 2,900 seat state-of-the-art auditorium, 380-seat lecture hall, café, elegant lobbies, two private event rooms, and a 17,800-square foot promenade plaza.

seattlecenter.com



SEATTLE OPERA

Founded in 1963, Seattle Opera has developed into one of the leading opera companies in the United States. Under the leadership of General Director Speight Jenkins, the company is recognized internationally for its theatrically compelling and musically accomplished performances. seattleopera.org

JAN 15 – 29 *The Barber of Seville* by Gioachino Rossini

FEB 26 – MAR 12 *Don Quixote* by Jules Massenet

MAY 7 – 21 *The Magic Flute* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

JUL 30 – AUG 20 *Porgy and Bess* by George Gershwin

OCT 15 – 29 *Carmen* by Georges Bizet

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BALLET

The Company of nearly 50 dancers presents more than 100 performances each year of full-length and mixed repertory ballets at McCaw Hall and on tour. The Company has visited Europe, Australia, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Canada and throughout the United States, with celebrated appearances at Jacob's Pillow and in New York City and Washington DC. pnb.org

FEB 4 – 13 *Cinderella*

MAR 18 – 27 *CONTEMPORARY 4*

APR 8 – 17 *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

JUN 3 – 12 *Giselle*

SEP 23 – OCT 2 *All Christopher Wheeldon*

NOV 4 – 13 *Balanchine / Stravinsky*

NOV 25 – DEC 27 *Nutcracker*

SIFF CINEMA

SIFF Cinema is located in the Nesholm Family Lecture Hall in McCaw Hall at Seattle Center. It is the year-round extension of the Seattle International Film Festival presenting new international films, mini-Festivals, archival films and more. Discover extraordinary films year-round! siff.net

PRELUDE

Located at the south end of the Kreielsheimer Promenade (entry level lobby), Prelude Café offers full-meal service two hours before performances and snacks, beverages and desserts during 1st intermissions. savormgmccawhall.com



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AUG

SEATTLE CENTER MOVIES AT THE MURAL

Grab a blanket and head to the Mural Amphitheatre for this top-rated outdoor summer movie series.

Experience cinematic drama, adventure and romance shown on a 45-foot screen with the Space Needle standing above. The FREE movies begin at dusk – so arrive early, stretch out on the lawn and watch the sun set and the big screen come to life.

seattlecenter.com/moviesatthemural

AUG

KEXP & SEATTLE CENTER PRESENT CONCERTS AT THE MURAL

KEXP and Seattle Center join forces for a fourth year to present Concerts at the Mural, a FREE summer concert series. Concerts at the Mural offers an eclectic mix of up-and-coming artists and nationally recognized acts – perfect for the culturally curious who seek to discover the best of today's independent music scene.

seattlecenter.com/concertsatthemural

SEATTLE TATTOO EXPO

Tattoos, music, art and more make up the three-day celebration of tattoo art and culture. The Expo (STE) features over 200 of the world's most renowned tattoo artists and innovators showcasing their talents through seminars, demonstrations and on-site tattooing for Expo attendees. STE unites tattoo, visual arts and music on stage, in print and on the physical landscape of those who embrace tattoo.

seattletattooexpo.com

AUG 12 – 14

FESTÁL 2011 BRASILFEST

What can you do? Learn how Brazilians celebrate Carnaval, the festival theme in 2011, march in a colorful parade, dance, sing, eat, and be amazed. BrasilFest fills Seattle Center with a sultry display of South American soul, Brazilian style, and celebrates the cultural diversity of this dynamic country. Dance to the rhythmic Brazilian beats, watch contemporary Brazilian film, and join in hands-on children's activities. brasilfest.com

AUG 14



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FESTÁL 2011 TIBET FEST

AUG 20 – 21

What can you do? Join in a group dance, create a Sand Mandala and learn about this fascinating and unique culture at the “roof of the world.” Tibet’s ancient and modern history is woven into Tibet Fest through a mix of traditional performance and modern song and music. Tibetan dance, arts and crafts, a children’s corner, foods and herbal medicines illuminate the culture’s historic roots. washingontibet.org

BUMBERSHOOT®: SEATTLE’S MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

SEP 3 – 5

The Perfect End to Your Summer! Since 1971, Bumbershoot®: Seattle’s Music & Arts Festival has drawn artists representing the best in music, film, comedy, spoken word, dance, theatre, performance and visual arts to Seattle Center over Labor Day weekend. One of North America’s largest urban music and arts festivals, Bumbershoot attracts 100,000 visitors from near and far to revel in regional favorites and international superstars across all arts disciplines. bumbershoot.org

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FESTÁL 2011 LIVE ALOHA

SEP 11

HAWAIIAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL

What can you do? Weave a lei, taste poi, play Hawaiian games, and walk through an ancient Hawaiian house. The festival provides a feast for the senses as visitors journey through the sights, sounds and tastes of Hawaii. Experience the festive spirit of the islands, while you learn their true history through live performances, exhibits, hands-on cultural workshops, a Hawaiian marketplace, food and children’s activities. seattlelivealohafestival.com



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SEP 17 – 18

FESTÁL 2011 SEATTLE FIESTAS PATRIAS

What can you do? Sample from a selection of traditional Latin American food vendors, dance to live mariachi music on two stages, and join in a children's soccer clinic. Fiestas Patrias, "Patriotic Holidays," showcases the richness and diversity of traditional Latin American art, food, music, dance, regional dress, sports and children's activities. The theme for 2011 is "Vive tu Vida" – Get Up Get Moving!
seattlefiestaspatrias.com

SEP 24 – 25

FESTÁL 2011 THE ITALIAN FESTIVAL

What can you do? Stomp grapes, toss a pizza, learn to cook Italian food, and compete in a bocce tournament. The Festival celebrates the joy of "all things Italian" – from opera and popular music to pasta and wine. Celebrity chefs, Italian marionettes, folkloric dances and Neapolitan love songs honor the "old country" and recognize the remarkable contemporary contributions of this vibrant and artful culture.
festaseattle.com

BRICKCON 2011 Building a Community!

View hundreds of models created by LEGO® enthusiasts from around the world. Join us in celebration as BrickCon enters its 10th year of providing inspiring displays of creativity, wonder and amazement and help us Build a Community! Seattle Center Exhibition Hall. brickcon.org

OCT 1 – 2

FESTÁL 2011 ARAB FESTIVAL

What can you do? Learn, share, discover! Sample Middle Eastern food, dance to Arab music, play Backgammon (a popular game in the Middle East), and engage in the culture through exhibits, films, children's music and dance workshops, and panel discussions on current and historical events and issues. This rich and complex world stretches across 22 countries and two continents. Experience it all at Arab Festival. arabcenter.net

OCT 8 – 9



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OCT 15 – 16

FESTÁL 2011 TURKFEST

What can you do? Savor a cup of Turkish tea or coffee, taste Turkish cuisine, and make new friends in the Turkish community, while you experience how the Ottoman culture influenced the Balkans in terms of food, music, dance, costumes, and language. This educationally enriching, entertaining and engaging festival of friendship celebrates the multiple cultures that link modern Turkey to the East and West. turkfest.org

OCT 23

FESTÁL 2011 CROATIAFEST

What can you do? Join in folkdance lessons and a dance party, learn the arts of Croatian cuisine and wine tasting and purchase your favorite ethnic crafts and products. CroatiaFest celebrates the vitality and distinctiveness of this Eastern European treasure. Acclaimed dance ensembles and musicians, intricate costumes, art exhibits, foods, tourist information and historical displays showcase Croatia's rich past and dynamic present. croatiafest.org

OCT 29 – 30

FESTÁL 2011 DIA DE MUERTOS | A MEXICAN CELEBRATION TO REMEMBER OUR DEPARTED

What can you do? Create sugar skulls and paper skeletons, explore expressive community altars, and march in a musical procession lit by candles to remember the dearly departed. The celebration joins together tradition and art to keep alive the very deepest of Mexican culture, where indigenous and Spanish roots intertwine through spectacular sand paintings, special foods, face painting, exquisite rituals, and music and dance. tallermexicano.org

NOV 5

FESTÁL 2011 HMONG NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

What can you do? Gain insights into the customary courtship ritual of ball tossing and participate in flower cloth sewing sessions. This Celebration marks the end of the harvest season and the coming of the New Year, when the community gathers and friends share stories. It showcases local Hmong dancers, musicians and artists in ways that illuminate and preserve the unique Southeast Asian highland culture. hmongassociationofwa.org

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For six months in 2012 we'll celebrate the 50th anniversary as we again stand front and center on the world stage.

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TheNextFifty.org



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Seattle Center is our community gathering place, where we connect, celebrate, grieve, play, learn, and relax. The low-cost public programs, open space, art, celebrations and places we value at the Center thrive due to support from the community. With your help, Seattle Center Foundation makes the difference. Join us!



SEATTLE WORLD'S FAIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

In 1962 the world turned its eyes to Seattle for the World's Fair. In 2012, our community will once again look forward to "The Next Fifty" years for our region. From April 21 to October 21 we will convene at Seattle Center to celebrate this legacy and envision our future. The planning and participation begins today: www.thenextfifty.org

SHARING GIFT BOX

Every holiday season, Seattle Center Foundation teams up with local organizations to give you the opportunity to fulfill the needs and wishes of low-income children, teens and senior citizens. Your gift, whether it's a blanket for a senior or a bus ticket for a homeless teen to his grandmother's house, makes a difference. Select a wish, buy a gift, and make the holidays meaningful for someone in need! sharing-gift-box.org

SEATTLE CENTER WINTERFEST

Connect to the sights, sounds and spirit of the season at Seattle Center Winterfest. Thousands of twinkling lights, an ice rink and a spectacular New Year's Eve celebration are just some of the features that make this festival a seasonal tradition. seattlecenter.com/winterfest

FRIENDS OF SEATTLE CENTER

Did you know there are 30 organizations that call Seattle Center home in addition to the many public programs offered here? Sign up as a Friend of Seattle Center and enter to receive monthly prizes to experience ALL that Seattle Center has to offer – FOR FREE.

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NOV 5 –
DEC 19

NOV 25 –
DEC 31

Races, Runs and Walks at Seattle Center



St. Patrick's Day Dash

MAR 13 | stpatdash.com

March of Dimes – March for Babies

APR 30 | marchforbabies.org

Komen Puget Sound Race for the Cure 5K

JUN 5 | komenpugetsound.org/komen-race-for-the-cure

Firecracker 5000

JUL 3 – 4 | promotionevents.com

Seattle Oyster Race

JUL 23 | oysterracingseries.com

Start! American Heart Walk

OCT 15 | starheartwalk.org

2011 Seattle Marathon and Kids Marathon

NOV 26 – 27 | seattlemarathon.org

More Events at Seattle Center

Seattle Australia Day Gathering and BBQ Competition

JAN 22 | anzas.org

2011 Travel Show

JAN 29 – 30 | seattletravelshow.com

Seattle Gem and Jewelry Show

MAR 11 – 13 JUN 24 – 26 NOV 18 – 20
intergem.com

Emerald City Feis

MAR 25 – 27 | emeraldcityfeis.com

Veg Fest 2011

MAR 26 – 27 | vegofwa.org/vegfest

2011 Northwest Pinball and Game Room Show

JUN 3 – 5 | nwpinballshow.com

GreenNote Festival

JUL 9 – 10 | greennote.us

Marine Aquarium Expo “SEAMAX”

JUL 23 – 24 | marineaquariumexpo.com

Jet City Comic Show

SEP 24 | jetcitycomicsshow.com

Seattle Tea Festival

OCT 1 – 2 | nwteafestival.com

Seattle Antiquarian Book Fair

OCT 8 – 9 | seattlebookfair.com

Northwest Chocolate Festival

OCT 22 – 23 | nwchocolatefestival.com

Other Seattle Center Public Programs and Events

AstroZone

JAN 8 | cis.rit.edu/~jnspci/IMASCI/astrozone/

Pacific Northwest Yo-Yo Championships

FEB 19 | northwestyoyo.com

Free Ice Skate in KeyArena

MAR 1 | seattlecenter.com

Seattle Bot Battles 9

APR 10 | westernalliedrobotics.com

Women in Trades

MAY 6 | wawomenintrades.com

Summer Fitness

JUN - AUG | Tuesdays & Wednesdays
seattlecenter.com

Spirit Walk

JUN 11 | sihb.org

Hispanic Seafair

JUL 24 | hispanicseafair.org

Seafair Pre-Parade Activities

JUL 30 | seafair.com

Wooden O Shakespeare in the Parks

JUL 31 | seattleshakespeare.org/woodeno

Indigenous Peoples Day

AUG 13

Center House/Food Court

Center House, a former National Guard armory built in 1939, today serves as a gathering place for the region. It plays host to our city's cultural festivals and holiday celebrations, entertains children and families, and is home to diverse community organizations, theater companies and The Center School. The Children's Museum, Seattle shares the base of the building with Center House Theatre. One floor up, live entertainment is showcased on Center Stage, while the food court offers an eclectic mix of international foods. Stop by Center House for Fun, Food and Entertainment. Open daily from 11am. seattlecenter.com/foodcourt

Bubbles Inc.

Cafe Beignet

Center House Bistro & Bar

Center House Deli

Hi's Fruit Stand

Kabab Corner & Greek Deli

Magic Dragon

Orange Julius Grill

Pizza Haven

Quincy's Charbroiled Burgers

Rico Burrito

Royal Thai Kitchen

Seattle Fudge

Starbucks Coffee

Steamer's Seafood Cafe

Subway

Teriyaki Tokyo

The Frankfurter



Arts and Attractions

[Book-It Repertory Theatre](#) | [book-it.org](#)

[EMP](#) | [empsfm.org](#)

[Fountains](#) | [seattlecenter.com](#)

[Intiman Theatre](#) | [intiman.org](#)

[KCTS 9](#) | [kcts9.org](#)

[Northwest Craft Center](#) | [northwestcraftcenter.com](#)

[Pacific Northwest Ballet](#) | [pnb.org](#)

[Pacific Science Center](#) | [pacsci.org](#)

[Pottery Northwest](#) | [potterynorthwest.org](#)

[Seattle Center Monorail](#) | [seattlemonorail.com](#)

[Seattle Center Skatepark](#) | [seattlecenter.com](#)

[Seattle Children's Theatre](#) | [sct.org](#)

[Seattle Opera](#) | [seattleopera.org](#)

[Seattle Repertory Theatre](#) | [seattlerep.org](#)

[Seattle Shakespeare Company](#) | [seattleshakespeare.org](#)

[Seattle International Film Festival \(SIFF\)](#) | [seattlefilm.org](#)

[Space Needle](#) | [spaceneedle.com](#)

[Teatro ZinZanni](#) | [dreams.zinzanni.org](#)

[Theater Commons at Seattle Center](#) | [seattlecenter.com](#)

[Theatre Puget Sound](#) | [tpsonline.org](#)

[The Children's Museum, Seattle](#) | [thechildrensmuseum.org](#)

[The VERA Project](#) | [theveraproject.org](#)

Campus Amenities

CenterFlash

Join CenterFlash today at [seattlecenter.com](#). It's FREE! Sign up for CenterFlash email alerts and be the first to know about upcoming Seattle Center events including concerts, festivals, exclusive VIP offers, contests and more! [seattlecenter.com/centerflash](#)

Seattle Center Parking

Seattle Center offers three convenient and affordable parking garages. When you park at these facilities, your fees support Seattle Center free programs and campus grounds: Mercer Garage at 3rd Ave. N. and Roy St.; 1st Ave. N. Garage between 1st and Warren St. and John and Thomas; and the 5th Ave. N. Garage along 5th Ave. between Harrison and Republican Streets. [seattlecenter.com/transportation](#)

Seattle Center Monorail

Ride the Seattle Center Monorail and take the fastest route between Westlake Center and Seattle Center. The Monorail leaves every 10 minutes. Winter hours are: 8:30am – 11:00pm Sunday through Thursday and 8:30am – 11:00pm Friday and Saturday. Spring, summer and autumn hours will be 8:30am – 11:00pm seven days a week. Visit [seattlemonorail.com](#) for rider alerts regarding late closings for special events. [seattlemonorail.com](#)

Seattle Center Skatepark

Seattle Center Skatepark is open daily during daylight hours for public skateboarding and for special skating sessions as announced – featuring a surface area of 10,000 square feet, unbreakable glass art installation and state-of-the-art skating elements. [seattlecenter.com/skatepark](#)

We're Listening!

You can help Seattle Center better serve your needs and desires. It's easy – just take our online survey at [tellseattlecenter.com](#) and tell us what you think.

Wi-Fi

FREE Wi-Fi service is available at Seattle Center. For more information on location "hot spots" and to access the wireless connection, go to [seattlecenter.com/wifi](#).

Seattle Center Vision and Mission



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We are the premier urban park,
home to the finest cultural and educational
organizations, sports teams, festivals, community
programs and entertainment facilities.

Our mission is to delight and inspire the
human spirit in each person and bring together
our rich and varied community.

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