

Windy City after 7 p.m.

Here's where to go for a night out on the town

11 Alinea

1723 Halsted St.

(312) 867-0110 | alinea-restaurant.com

Alinea offers an innovative and impressive dining event that is sure to be completely different from anything you've experienced. Owner-chef Grant Achatz pairs progressive flavors in wondrous presentations on unique serving pieces built specifically for his cutting-edge cuisine. Don't expect a quick dinner — the current 20-course menu will likely take about four hours to complete.

Hours: 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Wednesday – Friday; 5 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Saturday

12 Blue Man Group

At Briar Street Theater

3133 N. Halsted St.

(773) 348-4000 | blueman.com

The critically acclaimed Blue Man Group creates experiences that defy categorization. Blue Man Group's multimedia performances feature three bald, blue characters who take the audience on a journey that is funny, intelligent and visually stunning. Blue Man Group is accompanied by a live band whose haunting tribal rhythms help drive the show to its unforgettable peak.

Hours: Call the box office for show times.

13 ComedySportz

929 W. Belmont

(773) 549-8080

comedysportzchicago.com

ComedySportz is the longest-running short-form improv show in Chicago. Now in its 22nd year, ComedySportz is a completely improvised show in which a red and blue team battle for your laughter. Audience interaction at each show influences every scene, song or game played on stage.

Hours: Call the box office for show times.

14 Funky Buddha Lounge

722-728 W. Grand Ave.

(312) 666-1695 | funkybuddha.com

Centrally located in the heart of Chicago, the Funky Buddha Lounge has become the destination of a wide-ranging cross-section of



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discerning patrons. Within its stylized ambiance that set the mood of cultured decadence, you can relax with friends in an environment of sophisticated privacy or blend in with the crowd dancing to soundscapes created by Chicago's leading DJs.

Hours: 9 p.m. – 2 a.m. Sunday – Thursday; 9 p.m. – 3 a.m. Saturday

15 The Hancock Observatory

875 N. Michigan Ave., 94th floor

(888) 875-8439 | hancock-observatory.com

The 94th-floor observatory, more than 1,000 feet above Chicago at the John Hancock Center, features an open-air Skywalk, the Midwest's highest open-air experience; Sky Tours, which take you on a personal audio tour of Chicago; Soundscope 3-D "talking" telescopes that create realistic sound effects; a Chicago history wall; and a theme park-style ticketing area that recreates the construction of the John

Hancock Center.

Hours: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.; last ticket sold at 10:30 p.m.

16 Lyric Opera of Chicago

20 N. Wacker Drive

(312) 332-2244 | lyricopera.org

Lyric Opera of Chicago, founded in 1954, is one of the world's greatest opera companies. Lyric's eight-opera season starts in late September and concludes in late March, offering more than 75 performances of opera classics and 20th-century repertoire over that time span. "A Masked Ball" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be playing during Scientific Sessions 2010.

Hours: Performances are at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

17 Rosa's Lounge

3420 W. Armitage Ave.

(773) 342-0452 | rosaslounge.com

This family owned and operated blues lounge opened in 1984 and remains a favorite among locals. Rosa's family of blues performers ranges the entire spectrum of styles, from traditional legends such as David Honeyboy Edwards, Homesick James and Pinetop Perkins to Chicago

modernists like Billy Branch, Melvin Taylor and Sugar Blue.

Hours: 8 p.m. – 2 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 8 p.m. – 3 a.m. Saturday

18 Rumba

351 Hubbard St.

(312) 222-1226 | rumba351.com

The glitz and glamour of pre-revolutionary Havana come alive at this trendy dinner and dance destination. Rumba offers Latin-American fusion cuisine, an in-house humidor and live Latin sounds from cha-cha to Afro-Cuban.

Dinner hours: 5 – 10 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; 5 p.m. – 11 p.m. Thursday; 5 p.m. – midnight Friday and Saturday
Dancing hours: 5:30 p.m. – 10 p.m. Wednesday; 7 p.m. – 11 p.m. Thursday; 7:30 p.m. – 2 a.m. Friday; 7:30 p.m. – 3 a.m. Saturday

19 Second City

1616 N. Wells St.

(312) 337-3992 | secondcity.com

This renowned comedy house launched the careers of Dan Aykroyd, John Belushi, Bill Murray, Mike Myers and Gilda Radner. A resident troupe writes and performs original comedy shows for two stages.

Hours: Call the box office for show times.