



Official Visitor Center for the Greater Philadelphia Region

# What's Going On in Philadelphia

A L E E @ I N D E P E N D E N C E V I S I T O R C E N T E R . C O M

## When worlds collide

- Happenings at the IVCC during the month of Apr
- Museums
- Concerts & Performances
- Family & Sporting Events

**Galileo @ the Franklin— The World Premiere comes only to Philadelphia!** Learn about the man who changed the face of Modern Science 400 yrs ago **4/4-9/7** fi.edu

**World Irish Dancing Championships @ the Kimmel Center-** First time the championship takes place outside of Scotland and Ireland and they pick Philadelphia! Tickets only \$30 a day for adults and \$15 for seniors— **4/5-4/12** worldirishdancing.com

**.Phillies Home Opener!!** The World Series Champs open their Season against the Braves at the Bank **4/5 @ 8pm** How sweet it is! [Phillies.com](http://Phillies.com)

**Easter Promenade on South Street!** Put on your Sunday Best— Time for the Annual Stroll where dressing up comes with \$\$\$ Best dressed couple, pet and more!— 1pm @ the Headhouse **4/12** southstreet.com

**The 48th Annual Philadelphia Antiques Show** comes to the Navy Yard for 4 glorious days—Go antiquing! **4/18-4/21** philaantiques.com

**The 114th Annual Penn Relays—** The Oldest Track Relays in the Country Held at the historic Franklin Field @ the University of Pennsylvania **4/23-4/25** [thepennsrelays.com](http://thepennsrelays.com)

**Equality Forum-**The Largest national and international

GLBT civil rights forum right here in Philadelphia **4/27-5/3** [equalityforum.com](http://equalityforum.com)

**Dining Out for Life— Thurs 4/ 30—** Over 200 restaurants will donate 33% of your bill to fight AIDS. [diningoutfor-life.com/philadelphia](http://diningoutfor-life.com/philadelphia)

**Cherry Blossom Festival of Greater Philadelphia till 4/7** As the beautiful blossoms come into bloom, enjoy sake tasting, sushi tasting and so much more! [Phillycherryblossom.org](http://Phillycherryblossom.org)

**Cinefest 2009 runs 4/6** Over 250 films from 45 different countries including narrative, experimental and documentary films! Come watch— [philly-cinefest.com](http://philly-cinefest.com)

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**Tipplers Tour-**Colonial Pub Crawl in Old City— Drinks and History! Great Combination— Thursdays beginning Apr 16 [onceuponanation.org](http://onceuponanation.org)

**Independence After Hours-**3 course meal at City Tavern, Private tour of Independence Hall and Lights of Liberty all for one great price! Beginning Apr 17 [onceuponanation.org](http://onceuponanation.org)

**Lights of Liberty—** there is only one sound and light show in Philly-It's back— See and Hear the Revolution- begins Apr 17 [onceuponanation.org](http://onceuponanation.org)

**Visitor Center Now OPEN—8:30-6pm 7 days**  
\*Reminder that you must get your tickets from the Visitor Center to tour Independence Hall!

- Come see the new and improved Visitor Center. Expanded café, LED screens, touch screen kiosks, all to serve you better
- Join us every Saturday for Breakfast with Ben! Enjoy eggs, toast and a bit of ham with Ben Franklin himself only at the Center! Saturdays beginning at 9am \$25 for adults \$15 for children
- GPS Ranger— Take a self guided tour of historic Philadelphia in any language! With a pocket GPS with both audio and video— it's all you need! Just \$15.95!

**Museums / attractions**

**Museum Week— 4/27–5/3— Enjoy 7 days of discounts for the whole family! Check each museum for details**

**ART Museums**

**Philadelphia Museum of Art—Cezanne and Beyond -5/17** open 10-5 Tuesday-Sun/Friday – 8:45pm 215-763-8100

**PAFA— /Prices Vary Tues-Sat 10-5pm Sun11-5pm 215-972-7600**

**Institute of Contemporary Art – Changing Exhibits W-F 12-8pm Sat-Sun 11-5pm Free! 215-898-7108**

**SCIENCE Museums**

**Academy of Natural Science— 10-4:30 Weekdays 10-5 Week-ends, 215-299-1000 **Hadrosaurus Foulki—Dinosaur exhibit** see the first dinosaur ever discovered!**

**Franklin Institute— Galileo-**

**World Premiere in Philly till 9/7** Open 7 days 9:30-5pm 215-448-1200-open late for exhibit last month for **Narnia!**

**UPenn Museum Archaeology and Anthropology— Painted Metaphors— Pottery and Politics of the Ancient Maya** Tue-Sat 10-4:30pm Sun 1-5pm- 215-898-4000

**-SPECIAL INTEREST-**

**African American Museum – CLOSED till 5/22 Installations**

**Atwater Kent Museum- Closes till 2010 for renovations**

**City Hall- Tour including Tower** M-F @12:30pm Tour \$10 for just the tower-\$5 dollars (9:30-4:30pm) call to schedule appointment– 215-686-2840

**Chemical Heritage Foundation** located at 315 Chestnut –Making Modernity Open 10am-4pm M-F Learn how chemistry affects our everyday lives. **Free!**

**Comcast Center-Stands at** 975 feet tall with 57stories – view the Comcast Experience—the largest LED screen in the world!

**Eastern State Penitentiary** Tour the first penitentiary in the country and their newly restored synagogue 215-236-3300

**Independence Seaport Museum—Skin and Bones Tattoos in the Life of the American Sailor Opens 4/24—** till 7 days 10am-5pm Free between 10-12noon on Sundays

**Kimmel Center-Building and Theater Tour—** Leaves at 1pm from Lobby– 1hr tour Tues-Sun **Free! Not offered 4/5-4/13**

**Masonic Temple-Still open** even through construction 11, 2, and 3pm- \$8.00 M-F/ Sat-10,11am

**Mutter Museum-M–F 10am-5pm Sat/Sun-10am-5pm 215-563-3737—** See oddities galore and explore the darker side of human nature

**National Constitution Center- M-F 9:30-5pm Sat 9:30-6pm Sun 12-5pm, 215-409-6700 **America I AM- 5/3— Wonderful exhibit on black history****

**National Liberty Museum-Great Family Place** Tuesday-Sunday 10-5pm Admission Sundays– Free for all 215-925-2800

**Please Touch Museum!** Now open at Memorial Hall– open M-Sat– 9 to 5pm Sun 11am-5pm Children and Adults 15 dollars

**Rosenbach Museum— Sendak on Sendak** Exhibit on the famed children’s author of “Where the Wild Things Are!” T-Sun 10-5pm \$

**Simeone Foundation-fancy sports cars? Or rather model sport cars? Take a trip right off the airport to fuel your love of cars For more info **log on to simeonefoundation.org****

**SPORTS IN PHILADELPHIA!**

**Philadelphia Flyers– Wac Center**  
4/3– Toronto 7pm  
4/7 Florida 7pm  
4/12 NY 5pm

**Philadelphia 76ers-Wac Center**  
4/2 -Milwaukee 7pm  
4/4 Detroit 7pm  
4/10 Cleveland 7pm  
4/14 Boston 8pm

**Philadelphia Wings**  
4/5– NY 2:30PM  
4/11– Toronto 7:30pm

**Philadelphia Phantoms**  
4/1 Albany 7:05pm  
4/5 Norfolk 5:05pm  
4/10 Hershey 7:05pm

**Philadelphia Phillies Opening Night- 4/5 Atlanta 8pm**  
4/7 Atlanta 7:05pm  
4/8 Atlanta 3:05pm  
4/17 SD 7:05pm  
4/18 SD 7:05pm  
4/19 SD 1:35pm  
4/20 SD 7:05pm  
4/21 MIL 7:05pm  
4/22 MIL 7:05pm  
4/23 MIL 1:05pm  
4/27 WSH 7:05pm  
4/28 WSH 7:05pm  
4/29 WSH 7:05pm

**Be on the lookout for the playoff series for the Flyers and the Sixers!!**

Regattas on the Schuylkill River  
4/5– Manny Flick  
4/18 Kerr Cup/Colonial Athletic Association Regatta  
4/19—Manny Flick  
4/26 NCAA East Regional Championship  
4/26– Catholic League Championships

West River Drive reopens to the Public! Saturdays and Sundays– April to October

- **American Buffalo**— a bleak portrait of the American Dream where enterprise is equivalent to scam Plays and Players 1714 Delancy Street 4/9-5/3 www.theatrexile.org
- **Born Yesterday**— to help him lobby special interest, Harry's finance Billie gets a crash course on politics, history and love! Walnut Street Theatre 9th Walnut 3/10-4/26 walnutstreettheatre.org
- **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang**— you'll believe a car can fly @ the Academy of Music Broad and Locust 4/7-4/12 kimmelcenter.org
- **Chicken**— Cockfighting, yes it's a comedy Second Stage @ the Adrienne 2020 Sansom 4/9-4/26 newcitystage.org
- **Criminal Hearts**- A new American screwball about breaking into homes, hearts, and minds runs till 4/19 Independence Studio inside the Walnut 9th Walnut walnutstreettheatre.org
- **Hamlet**— A new take on this classic Shakespeare play. St. Stephens Theater 10th Ludlow 4/3-5/10 lanterntheater.org
- **Hot N Throbbing**— Sex, violence and power— true story? Studio 5 @ Walnut Street Theatre 9th Walnut 4/9-5/2 lunatheater.org
- **Jihad Jones and the Kalashnikov Babes**— comedy about stereotypes and what it takes to be famous or infamous @ the Adrienne 2020 Sansom 4/10-5/10 interact.org
- **Raised in Captivity** - dark comedy about prison, prostitutes and \_\_\_ well you'll just have to find out Red Room @ Society Hill Playhouse 8th Lombard 4/15-5/9 societyhillplayhouse.org
- **Say Goodnight Gracie**- Take a guided tour through an American century with George Burns. Society Hill Playhouse 8th Lombard societyhillplayhouse.org runs through 5/31
- **Something Intangible**— a play about two brothers trying to make it while dealing with reality and each other Arden Theatre 2nd Street between Arch and Race 4/9-6/7 ardentheatre.org
- **A Year with Frog and Toad**-Unlikely friendship between a cheerful frog and a grumpy toad and the life lessons they learn throughout the four seasons in one year. Arden Theater 2nd between Arch and Race 3/4-4/19 . ardentheatre.org

Speaking of theater, **Isaiah Zagar, the man behind the Magic Gardens will be seen not in live theater but on the motion picture screen. Staring on April 17, "In a Dream" a film documenting the storied history of his life, his family and of course his work will be shown at the Ritz Theaters broadcasting this unique Philly treasure for all to see. For more details log on inadreammovie.com**

## Music in Philadelphia!

<b>Electric Factory Concert 7th Willow</b> <b>215-627-1332</b>	4/19-4/20 Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia	4/11 North Mississippi All Stars	<b>Tin Angel</b> — above Serrano on 2nd Market 215-928-0978
4/3 Shinedown	4/19—4/26 Peter Nero with Diane Schurr	4/22 Gavin DeGraw	<b>World Café Live</b> -@3025 Walnut Street 215-222-1400
4/4 Chris Cornell	4/24-5/3 Opera Company of Philadelphia	4/24 Travis	<b>The Khyber</b> -Between Market and Chestnut on 2nd 215-238-5888
4/8 Jeff Beck	4/30 Philadanco	4/30 Bloodhound Gang	<b>Tin Angel</b> — above Serrano on 2nd Market 215-928-0978
4/11 Black Label Society	<b>Tower Theater 610-352-2887</b>	<b>The Trocadero-10th Arch 215-922-Live</b>	<b>Chris Jazz Café</b> -1421 Samsom Street 215-568-3131
4/17-4/18 Disco Biscuits	4/3 Robin Thicke	4/4 Brian Jonestown Massacre	<b>Ortlieb's Jazzhaus</b> -847 N 3rd St 215-922-1035
4/19 Lamb of God	4/7 Death Cab for Cutie	4/13 The Faint & Ladytron	<b>Painted Bride</b> 2nd Vine 215-925-9914 www.paintedbride.org
4/22 Third Eye Blind	4/8 SEAL	4/18 New Found Glory— <b>Sold out!</b>	
<b>Kimmel Center/Academy of Music— 215-893-1999</b>	4/10 Indigo Girls	4/25 Mogwai	
4/2 Steve Harvey	4/18 Flight of the Concorde	4/30 Alkaline Trio	
Till 4/ 5— Riverdance	4/29 Denis Leary	<b>Wachovia Center-215-336-3600</b>	
4/2-4/4 Previn Plays and Conducts	<b>TLA-4th South 215-922-1011</b>	4/15 Fleetwood Mac	
4/17-4/18 Masur Conducts	4/2 The New Deal	<b>Wachovia Spectrum 215-336-3600</b>	
	4/5 Katy Perry	4/25 Kings of Leon	
		4/28-4/29 <b>Bruce Springsteen</b>	

## -Family Fun

**Franklin Square** Reopens April 1! 10am-7pm Ride the Liberty Park Carousel, play mini golf or just enjoy the playground! Located at 7th Race [onceuponanation.org](http://onceuponanation.org)

**Free Library Book Festival**– 2 days of stimulated talks by awarding winning writers, children’s entertainment and live music and bustling literary marketplace! Apr 18-19 [freelibrary.org](http://freelibrary.org)

### **Celebrate the Murals**

Take a free guided Mural Tour courtesy of Bank of America. To reserve a spot on Apr 25– call 215-685-0754

**For weekly guided mural tours \$\$ ( Every Sat and Sunday @ 12:30 beginning the first week-end of April Call 215-389-8687 for more details or [muralarts.org](http://muralarts.org)**

**Ghost Tour- 90 minute Haunted Walking Tour of Philadelphia– 10 Years and still going! Fridays and Saturdays @ 7:30pm 5th Chestnut (Signers Garden) [ghosttour.com](http://ghosttour.com) (Rain or Shine)**

**Spirits of 76 Ghost Tour– 75 minute walking ghost tour with more than 20 sites including a free glowstick! Friday and Saturday @ 7:30pm @ Cosi 4th Chestnut [spiritsof76.com](http://spiritsof76.com) (Rain or Shine!)**

**Lights of Liberty– Join the revolution! Don headsets as you walk through historic Philadelphia enjoying a sound and light show like none other. Begins Apr 17– Fun for the entire family\* Weather Permitting [onceuponanation.org](http://onceuponanation.org)**

### **Museums on a Budget**

**Please Touch Museum**– Extended hours on the first Wed of every month 5-7pm only \$2 dollar admission for everyone! Did you know they have installed the giant piano from the movie “Big” It’s there! [pleasetouchmuseum.org](http://pleasetouchmuseum.org)

**Franklin**– free admission every third Wed from 5-8pm– One of the premier science museums in the country, it’s home to Ben Franklin’s inventions, an IMAX theatre, planetarium and Galileo! [Fi.edu](http://Fi.edu)

### **THEATER**

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4/7-4/12 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang– you’ll believe a car can fly @ the Academy of Music Broad and Locust

4/20-4/21 American Theater Arts for Youth present Cinderella @ the Kimmel Center Broad and Spruce

Three classic tales for your family to enjoy! [Kimmelcenter.org](http://Kimmelcenter.org)

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**Transportation to the Aquarium– The Ferry is over for the season. Guests must take the PATCO Line to Broadway (Round trip is \$2.50) then follow signs for the Riverline– Purchase a one way for \$1.35/ validate it then get off at the Aquarium. There is a shuttle service from there to the Battleship!**

**\$28.50– FLAT RATE TO AIRPORT FROM CENTER CITY– ADD 1 dollar to each additional guest! \$3. 20 for one person the minute you get in. Add two people and the party of three has to pay 5.20 before you even leave the cab..**

**New Parking Rates inside the Visitor Center —The height is “6’ 6”**

- up to 1/2= \$4.25
- up to 1hr= \$8.00
- up to 1/12hr= \$11.00
- up to 2hrs= \$14.75
- up to 10hrs= \$16.25
- up to 24hrs= \$17.75

**Megabus/ Boltbus- Dirt cheap transportation to NY. Can only be purchased online From \$1 to \$14. with >50 cent surcharge/ Make sure you go to 30th Street Megabus.com and boltbus.com**

**D.C- how does \$30 dollar roundtrip sound- Only one place to catch it– Chinatown!! [2000coach.com](http://2000coach.com)**

## HAPPENINGS IN APRIL @ the Independence Visitor Center

Tuesday, 4/7	Sun Prairie Orchestra Performance	10am-11am	Ballroom	
Wednesday, 4/8	Mayor's Committee on Homelessness	10:30am-12pm	Ballroom	
Saturday, 4/11	Max & Me Wedding Tasting	12pm-3pm	Ballroom	
Wednesday, 4/15	Likeable Lawyer	8am-5pm	Ballroom	
Thursday, 4/16	Likeable Lawyer	8am-5pm	Ballroom	
Friday, 4/17	Likeable Lawyer	8am-5pm	Ballroom	
Saturday, 4/18	Dream It Ventures Seminar	8am-4pm	Ballroom	
Monday, 4/20	Max & Me Venue Crawl	4pm-5:30pm	Ballroom	
Monday, 4/20	PENN Program for Stress Management	6pm-9pm	Ballroom	
Wednesday, 4/22	Team Builders Plus Bike Building workshop	1pm-5pm	Ballroom	
Friday, 4/24	Taunton High School Band	11:30am-12:20pm	Ballroom	
Saturday, 4/25	Women Organized Against Rape	10:30am-4pm	Ballroom	
Monday, 4/27	PENN Program for Stress Management	6pm-9pm	Ballroom	

## PA CONVENTION CENTER

4/1-4/2 AIIM on Demand  
 4/4-Jack & Jill of America  
 4/6 Institute of Internal Auditors Spring Conference  
 4/7 Dispute Resolution Institute  
 4/11 King Games  
 4/12 World Spirit Federation  
 4/14-4/16 Philadelphia Academies Inc.  
 4/15 PA BAR Employment Law Institute 2009  
 4/16-4/18 DVAEYC Early Childhood Education Conference 4/16-4/18  
 4/18 Pokemon Regional Championship  
 4/23 -4/25 American College of Physicians  
 4/30 RIE (Respect is Earned)  
 4/30 -5/4 American Association of Museums