



What's Going On in Philadelphia

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Summer is here!

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

Philly Phlash is Back!!- See all of Philadelphia for only \$2.00! New for this year, stops at the Philadelphia Zoo and the Please Touch Museum! What a perfect way to start the month of May!!

Phillyplash.com

Riverlink Ferry! Why settle for this side of river when you can venture out on the Delaware to see the Aquarium, Battleship and more! Why drive when you can ride?

Riverlinkferry.com

Broad Street Run! 10 Miles on our famed 14th street.. Come out and Support or join in the race! 5/3 broadstreetrun.com

Equality Forum-The Largest national and international GLBT civil rights forum right here in Philadelphia **4/27-5/3** equalityforum.com

Dad Vail Regatta– Catch the oldest collegiate regatta in the country every Mother's Day Weekend on the famed Boat-house Row 5/8-5/9 dadvail.org

Rittenhouse Row Spring Festival– From Street cafés to Fashion Shows, enjoy some fun in the sun in most prominent area of the city! 5/9 12-5pm rittenhouserow.org

Kensington Kinetic Sculpture Derby– think parade floats on wheels set to race kinetickensington.org/ 5/16

Italian Market Festival – Enjoy the flavors of Italy along with a halfball tournament 5/16-5/17 9thstreetitalianmarketfestival.com

Old City Stroll- Explore the shops, restaurants and galleries that make historic Philadelphia much more than just a Bell! 5/16-5/17 discoveroldcity.org

Summer in Love Concert Series– Enjoy, rock, hip hop and many more music genres as Love Park becomes a concert venue the entire month of May. 5/4-5/29 12-2pm

Devon Horse Show-Come see the oldest and largest horse show in the country! 5/21-5/30 thedevonhorseshow.com

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Once Upon a Nation Storytellers are Back!

Grab a flag from any of 13 story telling benches located throughout the Historic district. Hear a story, get a star and collect all 13 to get a free ride on the Liberty Carousel at Franklin Square! And it's all free!! 5/23- 7/7 11am-4pm or chose to Spend an evening with Historic Heroes– Thomas Jefferson and of course Ben Franklin– learn more at historicphiladelphia.org

Visitor Center OPEN—8:30-6pm 7 days but ***Beginning May 22– We will be open till 7pm!** 5/23– 12pm-2pm we will have a Cheesesteak competition on the lawn of the Visitor Center **FREE!!!**

Open House– Independence Hall and Liberty Bell– Weekends only 5pm-5:45pm

- 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

Museums / attractions

ART Museums

Philadelphia Museum of Art—Cezanne and Beyond -5/31
open 10-5 Tuesday-Sun/Friday – 8:45pm 215-763-8100

PAFA— 108th Student Exhibition 5/9-5/31/Prices Vary Tues-Sat 10-5pm Sun 11-5pm 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 Weekends, 215-299-1000 **Geckos: Tails to Toepads See Live geckos and much more! **5/30-9/7****

Franklin Institute— Galileo-World Premiere in Philly till 9/7 /Star Trek the Exhibition 5/16-9/20 Open 7 days 9:30-5pm 215-448-1200-open late for exhibits

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 – Audacious Freedom— the History of African Americans in Philadelphia from 1776-1876 Tues-Sat 10-5pm Sun 12-5pm 215-574-0380– **Re-opens 5/23**

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 **even meet former inmates and prison guards— Alumni Reunion 5/17** 215-236-3300

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

Kimbel Center-Building and Theater Tour— Leaves at 1pm from Lobby– 1hr tour Tues-Sun **Free!**

Masonic Temple-Gaze at the beautiful architecture inside this hidden treasure 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

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 215-581-3181

Rosenbach Museum— Explore a vast collection of literary masterpieces including the original manuscript of James Joyce's Ulysses! 215-732-1600

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/ Recreation

Philadelphia Phillies

5/1 Mets 7:05
5/2 Mets 3:40
5/3 Mets 1:35
5/8 Braves 7:05
5/9 Braves 3:40
5/10 Braves 12:35
5/12 Dodgers 7:05
5/13 Dodgers 7:05
5/14 Dodgers 1:05
5/25 Marlins 7:05
5/26 Marlins 7:05
5/27 Marlins 7:05
5/29 Nationals 7:05
5/30 Nationals 7:05
5/30 Nationals 7:05
5/31 Nationals 1:35

Susan Komen Race for the Cure!
Mother's Day at the Steps of the Art Museum! No better way to start the morning with over 10,000 other runners striving for a Cure!
ww5.komen.org

City Chase 5/16
Teams of two will scour the city on a scavenger hunt-Think fear factor meets the amazing race
citychaseusa.com

Regattas on the Schuylkill River

5/3– Philadelphia City Championships
5/8-5/9 Dad Vail Regatta
5/10 Dr. White Regatta
5/15-5/16 Stotesbury Cup Regatta– The Largest High School Regatta in the World!

Spring Regatta– Come see canoers and kayakers of all ages race on a 10,000 meter loop on the Schuylkill in these large Swan Boats 5/31
Swanboat.org

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

Asthma Walk 2009
- 5/ 2/2009 begins at Headhouse Square at 9am
Southstreet.com

- **Avenue X**—Two singers, one white, one black learn about prejudice and how to see past it through music @ Shakespeare Theater Company 2111 Sansom Street 5/29-6/21 11thhourtheatercompany.org
- **Camelot**- Chivalry, hope, romance still a classic @ Plays and Players 5/20-6/6 1714 Delancy Place playsandplayers.org
- **Chamber Shakespeare Series: Macbeth** Just because there is no Shakespeare festival this year doesn't mean you can't enjoy his work! @ Shakespeare Theater Company 2111 Sansom Street 5/13-5/24 phillyshakespeare.org
- **Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits**- A salute to the American Musical @ the Independence Studio 3 inside the Walnut Street Theater 9th Walnut 5/5-6/28 walnutstreettheater.org
- **Grey Gardens**– Follow the lives of the Aunt and Cousin of Jackie O– Yes that Jackie O! Suzanne Roberts Theater Broad and Lombard 5/22-6/28 philadelphiaatrecompany.org
- **Hamlet**- A new take on this classic Shakespeare play. St. Stephens Theater 10th Ludlow runs to 5/10 lanterntheater.org
- **Hysteria**-Sigmund Freud meets Dali Wow! It's definitely a comedy. @ The Wilma Broad and Spruce 5/13-6/14 wilmatheater.org
- **Jihad Jones and the Kalashinikor Babes**– comedy about stereotypes and what it takes to be famous or infamous @ the Adrienne 2020 Sansom runs to 5/10 interact.org
- **Let's Pretend We're Married**-Comedic cabaret about bliss of the wedding sort @ Second Stage at the Adrienne 2030 Sansom Street 5/26-6/14 1812productions.org
- **The Little Dog Laughed**– “Adult comedy”- boy meets boy, but already has a girl– What?? Come see it @Adrienne 2030 Sansom Street 5/6-5/30 flashpointtheatre.org
- **Moving Out** - No dialogue, just the music of Billy Joel—gotta love it! @ Academy of Music Broad and Locust 5/15-5/17 kimmelcenter.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 runs to 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
- **Seafarer**– It's Xmas Eve in Ireland and a game of poker goes horribly wrong @ the Arden 2nd between Race and Arch 5/14-6/14 ardentheatre.org
- **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

Music in Philadelphia!

Electric Factory Concert 7th Willow 215-627-1332	5/11 Beethoven's Emperor	5/13 All girl Led Zepplin	Tin Angel – above Serrano on 2nd Market 215-928-0978
5/1 Lady GaGa	5/12 KLR Trio	5/15 Atmosphere	World Café Live -@3025 Walnut Street 215-222-1400
5/3 Adele	5/12 Leonard Cohen	5/16 Exposure	The Khyber -Between Market and Chestnut on 2nd 215-238-5888
5/6 Franz Ferdinand	5/15 Guarneri Quartet	5/21 Movement	Tin Angel – above Serrano on 2nd Market 215-928-0978
5/9 Lamb of God	5/14-5/16 Divorak, Bartok, Enescu	5/22 Bonnie	Chris Jazz Café -1421 Samsom Street 215-568-3131
5/14 Jagermeister Music Tour	5/28-5/31 Dutoit conducts Brahams	5/23 Me without You	Ortlieb's Jazzhaus -847 N 3rd St 215-922-1035
5/16 The Shins	Tower Theater 610-352-2887	5/27 Testament	Painted Bride 2nd Vine 215-925-9914 www.paintedbride.org
5/19 The Prodigy	5/20 Keane	5/30 The Avett Brothers	
5/30 Dark Star Orchestra	TLA-4th South 215-922-1011	Susquehanna Bank Center 856-365-1300	
Kimmel Center/Academy of Music 215-893-1999	5/1 The Kills	5/8 The Killers	
5/1 Natalie MacMaster	5/7 Tragically Hip	5/10 Il Divo	
5/1-5/3 Philadanco	5/9 Ben Harper	5/15 Blackeyed Peas	
5/2 The Damnation of Faust	5/10 The Crystal Method	5/17 ZZ Top	
5/3 Jerry Blavat's Street Corner Harmony	5/13 The Damned	5/26 Coldplay	
5/7-5/9 Rattle conducts Bruckner	5/31 Buckethead	Wac Spectrum 215-336-3600	
5/8– Congo Kings	The Trocadero-10th Arch 215-922-Live	5/1-5/2 the Dead	
5/10-5/17 Peter Nero-Hooray for Hollywood			

-Family Fun

Free Comic Book Day 5/2 - Comic shops are giving away free comics– Be sure to stop by in Old City, South Street and Rittenhouse Square to get yours!

National Train Day -Celebrate National Train Day at 30th Street Station with live music, interactive exhibits and of course, trains. Nationaltrainday.com 5/9

Mother’s Day Celebration @ Macys– May 9 Mommy & Me– Fashion Show in the Grand Court with massages, manicures along with refreshments and much more! Only at the MACYS!

The Circus is in Town! Ringling Bros comes back to the Wachovia Spectrum from 5/13 to 5/25! See acrobats, elephants and of course, the clowns! wachoviacenter.com

Colonial Kids Quest [Colonial Kids Quest](#)

Children help solve the mystery of the missing Declaration of Independence with some delightful two-legged and four-legged Colonial friends.

May 23 – September 5: 11 am, Saturdays

\$16 per person, children 2 and under free. Duration: 60 minutes. Recommended for children 10 and under.

Israel Independence Day Festival @ Penns Landing 5/17 2pm-5pm Shop at Israeli marketplace. Enjoy a wide variety of food! Jewishphilly.org/israel61

Asian Heritage Month Celebration @ Franklin Square 5/30 11am-5pm Enjoy Asian arts, culture and cuisine and of course, the Liberty carousel! Free~!

Franklin Square Now Open! 10am-7pm Ride the Liberty Park Carousel, play mini golf or just enjoy the playground! Located at 7th Race onceuponanation.org

Celebrate the Murals

Take a free guided Mural Tour courtesy of Bank of America. To reserve a spot on May 30– call 215-685-0754

For weekly guided mural tours \$\$ (Every Sat and Sunday @ 12:30 beginning the first weekend of April Call 215-389-8687 for more details or 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 (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 (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. Fri and Sat only– Fun for the entire family* Weather Permitting onceuponanation.org

Museums on a Budget - Don’t forget Museum Week Apr 27-May 3– Discounts on Admission and Shopping

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

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

THEATER

5/5-5/6 Bob the Builder Live@ the Academy of Music Broad and Locust

5/20-5/21 American Theater Arts for Youth present the Wizard of Oz @ the Kimmel Center Broad and Spruce

Transportation to the Aquarium if you can’t catch the Ferry!. 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

HAPPENINGS IN MAY @ the Independence Visitor Center

Fri, 5/1	House Urban Affairs Committee Public Hearing	10am-12pm	Ballroom	
Sat, 5/2	Back on My Feet pre-race dinner	6:30pm-9pm	Ballroom	
Mon 5/4	Penn Program for Stress Management	6pm-9pm	Ballroom	
Tue 5/5	Prison Society cocktail party/fundraiser	3pm-8pm	Ballroom	
Wed 5/6	Philly Weekly 1st Annual Image Awards	7pm-10pm	Ballroom	
Thur 5/7	Regional Housing Legal Services Anniversary Party	5:30pm-8:30pm	Ballroom	
Fri 5/8	Breakfast with Ben school group	9:45am- 11:15am	Ballroom	
Mon 5/11	Penn Program for Stress Management	6pm-9pm	Ballroom	
Wed 5/13	Vistage Meeting	8am-6pm	Ballroom	
Sat 5/16	Coghlan/ Jackson Wedding	6pm-11pm	Ballroom	
Mon 5/18	Penn Program for Stress Management	6pm-9pm	Ballroom	
Tue 5/19	Nationwide Financial Meeting	9am-4pm	Ballroom	
Wed 5/20	Mayor's Committee on Homelessness	10:30am-12pm	Ballroom	
Thu 5/21	Breast Cancer Meeting	6pm-8pm	Ballroom	
Fri 5/22	Community Legal Services panel discussion	9am-1pm	Ballroom	
Sun 5/24	Skettino Wedding	2pm-8pm	Ballroom	
Mon 5/25	Penn Program for Stress Management Class	6pm-9pm	Ballroom	
Sun 5/31	Diamonds & Denim Fashion Show	10am-9pm	Ballroom	

Convention Center Happenings

-4/30-5/4 American Association of Museums

5/1-5/3 Paradise City Fine Art Festival

5/9-5/10 Magic the Gathering

5/13 Al Dia Newspaper Inc Job Fair

5/17 -5/20 American Society for Microbiology

5/22-5/23 Black Doll Show & Sale