CHI-TOWN SHAKEDOWN LOWDOWN

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Pre-Convention Tours

We asked the members of Chi-Town Squares to brainstorm a list of "must-see" places in Chicago. The resulting list has become our Pre-Convention Tour package. You can reserve a space for any of these tours by linking to www.itlc.biz/Shakedown2010tours If you arrive early for the Pride celebrations, join Chi-Town Squares as we march in the GLBT Pride Parade on Sunday June 27, 2010; we would love for you to join us. If you want to get out and see some of what Chicagoland has to offer before the dancing begins...check out these tours

This issue will feature our tours for Wednesday June 30, 2010

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30 - 8:00 AM TO 1:00 PM FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT HOME & STUDIO AND UNITY TEMPLE

Journey to the nearby suburban neighborhood of Oak Park where Frank Lloyd Wright's legend began. During a 45-minute private tour through his Home and Studio, an expert docent will recount the story of Wright's work and life in Oak Park, the location where he and his family spent the first 20 years of his career, from 1889-1909. You will learn more about Wright's famous "Prairie style" architecture and the meaning behind it. Next, you will take a relaxing stroll through the neighborhood's Historic District, which boasts 25 other Wright buildings — the world's largest concentration of Wright-designed structures! The neighborhood is filled with dozens of other spectacular private Victorian and Prairie style homes that you will see on your walk. Before leaving Oak Park, you will visit Unity Temple, a National Historic Landmark, and the first public space created by Wright in 1908. Frank Lloyd Wright said, "Unity Temple makes an entirely new architecture...and is the first expression of it. That is my contribution to modern architecture. And that, to me, is modern architecture."

Roundtrip motorcoach from Hilton Chicago



Includes:

Professional tour guide to accompany group

Admission and private tour of the Wright Home & Studio and Unity Temple

Historic neighborhood walking tour led by an expert docent

\$81.00 per person





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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30 – 1:30 PM TO 4:30 PM CHICAGO ARCHITECTURAL CRUISE - ROLLING ON THE RIVER

Discover the beauty and rich architectural history of world-famous buildings with a cruise down the Chicago River! You will see it all, from the gothic greatness of the Tribune Tower, the forward-thinking Marina City, to the tallest building in America – Willis (Sears) Tower. During your 90 minutes on board, sit back, relax and listen as your expert narrator guides you through the development of Chicago's magnificent skyline. This tour spotlights more than 50 architecturally significant sites where you will discover a new perspective on the city with unparalleled views! Snacks and beverages are available for purchase on board.



Check out the other fabulous tours at www.chicago2010.com



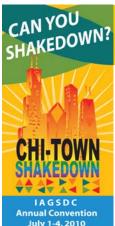
CALLER CORNER

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Ross started calling in 1970. He has called professionally since 1975. He works mainly with the Advanced and Challenge Programs. He has called at major festivals across the United States, Canada and Europe. He is now "Semi-Retired" and lives in Florida.

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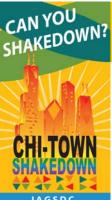
Chi-Town Shakedown Registrations

....so far!

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654 total	Mainstream - 8	C3a - 43
	Plus - 135	C3b - 20
140 F (21.4%)	AI - 17	C4 - 18
514 M (78.6%)	A2 - 209	non-dancers - 21
	CI - 110	no level - 4
	C2 - 69	

Alamo City Wranglers	2	Hotlanta Squares	17
Anywhere Squares	1	Independence Squares	17
Bloomin Squares	2	Iron City Squares	5
Boots In Squares	10	Lone Star Lambdas	8
BOQ	1	Midnight Squares	26
Boston Uncommons	4	No Affiliation	71
Cadillac Squares	7	Oaktown 8's	- 1
Capital City Squares	7	Ocean Squares	2
C-Dogs	I	Ottawa Date Squares	2
Champlain Valley Rainbow Squares	6	Prime 8s	4
Chesapeake Squares	12	Puddletown Squares	20
Chi-Town Squares	50	Redwood Rainbows	2
Cleveland City Country Dancers	8	Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus	27
Cuesta Squares	3	Rosetown Ramblers	14
DC Lambda Squares	44	Sho-Me Squares	5
Delmarvalous Squares	2	Shoreline Squares	3
Desert Valley Squares	4	Squares Across The Border	20
Diablo Dancers	10	Suncoast Squares	6
Edo 8s	4	T Squares	1
El Camino Reelers	32	Temple Squares	1
Finest City Squares	25	Times Squares	47
Foggy City Dancers	12	Tinseltown Squares	10
Gateway Squares	П	Triangle Squares	34
Golden State Squares	13	Western Star Dancers	12
Grand River Squares	8	Wilde Bunch	17
Heads to the Center	4		



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THE HILTON IS WAITING FOR YOU

The Chi-Town Shakedown hotel, the Hilton Chicago, has a fantastic and rich history. It may be the only hotel in the world with both a Greek temple and a heliport on its roof.

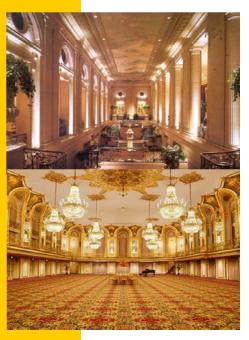
When it was opened in 1927, it had over 3,000 rooms and was the largest hotel in the world. It also had the largest ballroom. The hotel back then was named The Stevens Hotel, built by the Chicago family of James and Ernest Stevens. Ernest's son, John, was 7 years old when it opened. He remembers meeting Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart. Little Johnny went on to become the current senior member of the Supreme Court – John Paul Stevens.

The hotel's location is perfect for exploring Chicago. Directly across the street from the front door is Grant Park, one of the most beautiful urban parks in the country. Just beyond the park lies Lake Michigan. Behind the hotel is Chicago's Loop, with its wealth of restaurants, stores, bars, and museums.



The list of guests who have stayed at the hotel is impressive. Every President from Harry Truman to Bill Clinton has stayed there. And from the entertainment world, there's Elvis, The Beatles, and most importantly, Liza Minelli – all have stayed at the Hilton Chicago.

During World War II a different kind of guest stayed in residence. Soldiers and sailors, both on their way to and returning from the war front were in residence.



The Hilton Chicago has long been used by Hollywood. The hospital heliport for the TV series "E.R." is actually the Hilton's. The hotel was also the set for the last 25 minutes of the Harrison Ford movie "The Fugitive". Also, "My Best Friend's Wedding", "Home Alone II", "The Road To Perdition", and a number of other movies have been filmed here.

The Hilton Chicago has lots of amenities to keep you fresh for dancing. Stuff like internet access, 27" flat screen TV, and coffee makers are in all rooms. And if you can't stand to leave Fido at home, it's a pet friendly hotel with a dog park right across the street.



Convention room rates are:

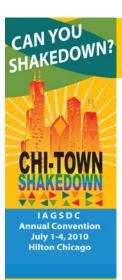
\$139.00 per night (standard single/double occupancy)

\$159.00 per night (standard triple/quad occupancy)

\$169.00 per night (double/double rooms with 2 bathrooms)

You can see more of the hotel by visiting their website <u>Hilton Chicago</u>, and make your hotel reservations <u>here</u> or call 877-865-5320. You can also link to the Hotel directly from our website <u>www.chicago2010.com</u> More questions? Feel free to call them at 1-312-922-4400.

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Don't see what you need an answer to? Send a message to any of us and we will have the appropriate person contact you.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

This is a preliminary schedule to help you plan your travel. REMEMBER, Monday, July 5 is a national holiday in the USA

June 29, 30 & July I: Pre-convention Tours

Thursday, July 1: Trail's End Dance

rob@chicago2010.com

Friday, July 2: Opening Ceremonies / Grand March

Square Dancing At All Levels

Country Western Dancing in the Evening

Saturday, July 3: Brunch / Square Dancing At All Levels / Fireworks! /

Honky Tonk Queen Contest

Sunday, July 4: Square Dancing At All Levels / Club Photographs

Cocktails / Banquet / Closing Ceremonies

Monday, July 5: Fun Badge Tour

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