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2009 FESTIVALS & EVENTS

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The Adventures of Mr. Potato Head®

January 24-May 10

The much-loved, silly MR. POTATO HEAD becomes an explorer, scientist, and undersea adventurer with a change of his "parts." Strong National Museum of Play, (585) 263-2700, www.museumofplay.org.



Truth Beauty: Pictorialism and the Photograph as Art **February 7-May 31**

100+ hauntingly beautiful photographs created within the Pictorialist movement, featuring masterworks from photographers such as Alvin Langdon Coburn, Edward Steichen, and Alfred Stieglitz. George Eastman House, (585) 271-3361, www.eastmanhouse.org



A-Mazing Sea

March 19-May 3

Take a virtual trip into the ocean through an interactive maze with surprises around every corner. Climb into a sea turtle shell, crawl through a whale's mouth, and reach into an octopus cave! Rochester Museum & Science Center, (585) 271-4320, www.rmssc.org.



The Russian National Ballet Theatre in Swan Lake

April 4

An exciting, new production of the highest classical elements of the Bolshoi and Kirov Ballet companies, presented by Nazareth College Arts Center Renovation Tour. (585) 389-2170, www.naz.edu/artscenter/.



The Ladies Man

April 7-May 3

Dr. Hercule Molineaux finds he is unable to fulfill his marital duties to his beautiful young wife, Yvonne. To avoid confession of this embarrassing fact, the Dr. tells a lie – and from one single untruth tumbles a cascade of convoluted deceptions and outrageous misunderstandings. (585) 232-4382, www.gevatheatre.org.



Rent

April 21-26

A modern take on the classic Puccini opera, La Boheme. The unforgettable story of a group of young artists learning to survive, falling in love, finding their voices and living for today. Rochester Broadway Theatre League, (585) 325-7760, www.rbtll.org.



Imagine RIT: Innovation and Creativity Festival

May 2

A free event showcasing a fusion of art, technology, new ideas for products and services, creative artistry, faculty and student research, plus carnival rides for the kids. www.rit.edu/imagine.



The RPO Performs The Wizard of Oz

May 3

PLUS, Cinematic Symphony: Oz and Beyond with Eastman House and RPO. This is a special concert featuring the classic Wizard of Oz film accompanied by the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra at the Eastman Theatre, followed by a unique fundraising event at George Eastman House. (585) 454-7311, www.rpo.org.



Lilac Festival

May 8-17

Thousands of fragrant lilacs and spring flowers, arts and crafts show, children's activities, free daily entertainment, horticultural exhibits and more. Highland Park, (800) 677-7282, www.lilacfestival.com.



Rochester High Falls International Film Festival

May 13-18

A celebration to honor the accomplishments of women in film and video with new independent films, panel discussions with film makers, master classes, gala receptions and award ceremonies. (585) 279-8312, www.rochestersmoviefest.com.



Fairport Canal Days

June 5-7

The Village of Fairport hosts one of the biggest canal festivals, with food, music and fun. www.fairportcanaldays.com.



Xerox Rochester International Jazz Festival

June 12-20

One of the nation's most popular and most respected music festivals, more than 600 musicians gather from around the world to perform in approximately 100 concerts. (585) 454-2060, www.rochesterjazz.com.



Wegmans Rochester LPGA

June 22-28

The world's best women golfers participate in a week long, international competition, proceeds benefit the Children's Success Fund. (585) 427-7100, www.rochesterlpga.com.

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Rochester Harbor and Carousel Festival

June 26-28

A celebration of Rochester's waterfront held at Ontario Beach Park, this festival includes entertainment, children's activities, and a gigantic fireworks display. Call 311 or (585) 428-5990, www.cityofrochester.gov.



Buffalo Bills Training Camp

July-August

Check out the Buffalo Bills in action at St. John Fisher College. Watch the team as they get ready for the 2009 season. (800) 441-5942, www.buffalobills.com.



Corn Hill Arts Festival

July 11-12

The streets of the historic Corn Hill neighborhood feature an eclectic variety of arts and crafts for sale, a range of live music and other entertainment. (585) 262-3142, www.cornhill.org.



Monroe County Fair

July 15-19

Agricultural exhibits, farm animal competitions, technology and space exhibits, concerts, motor sports and amusement park attractions. Monroe County Fair & Expo Center, (585) 334-4000, www.mcfair.com.



Park Avenue Summer Arts Festival

August 1-2

Music, arts and crafts exhibits, outdoor dining and unique shopping draw people of all ages to a one-mile stretch of Rochester's unique Park Avenue. (585) 473-4482 www.rochesterevents.com.



2009 Tour De New York

August 8-13

The world's most elite professional cyclists race through the streets of Rochester, Western NY and the Finger Lakes at over 30 miles per hour – all in an entertaining atmosphere that's free for the entire family! (585) 546-4030, www.tourdenewyork.com.



89th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment

August 22

Also known as the Susan B. Anthony Amendment, a commemoration of the passage of the 19th amendment to the Constitution in 1920. There will be activities and vendors in the park on Madison Street and in the Carriage House, as well as tours of the Anthony House. (585) 235-6124, www.susanbanthonyhouse.org.



Drum and Bugle Corps Championship

September 4-6

Musicians and dancers compete in the 45th annual Drum Corps Associates World Championships at PAETEC Park. (585) 787-4308, www.dcacorps.org.



The M&T Bank Clothesline Festival

September 12-13

Live entertainment from gospel to hula to blues, fine art and crafts. Dancers and musicians, art class demonstrations, fun food, Gallery Store, and original work from hundreds of New York State artists. Memorial Art Gallery, (585) 276-8900, www.mag.rochester.edu.



Oktoberfest (Irondequoit)

September 18-20, 25-27

A celebration of German heritage with authentic food, beverages and music. 585-336-6070, www.irondequoit.org.



Rochester River Romance

October 9-11

A host of outdoor activities held at the peak of the fall foliage season spotlights our amazing natural water resources. Activities are programmed along the Genesee River Corridor from the Erie Canal to Lake Ontario, including one of the finest regattas in the Northeast. Call 311 or (585) 428-5990, www.cityofrochester.gov.



Imageout Film Festival

October 9-18

This 10 day film festival of over 40 domestic and international full and short length films and videos, now in its 17th year, plays an important role in enriching the lives of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people, their family, friends and allies. (585) 271-2640, www.imageout.org.



Landmark Society: Ghost Walk

October 16-17, 23-24

This ever popular Halloween event grips audiences with true, gory talks from Rochester's past told by "resurrected Rochesterians" in period costumes. (585) 546-7029, www.landmarksociety.org.



Seneca Park Zoo: ZooBoo

October 17-18, 24-25

A Merry-Not-Scary Halloween event where kids dress in their favorite costumes and enjoy 10 trick or treat stations, kid-friendly entertainment, amazing animal presentations and more. (585) 336-7200, www.senecaparkzoo.org.



Yuletide in the Country

Dec 4-6, 11-13 & 18-20

A 19th century style celebration of the season with festive holiday traditions, tours and activities. Genesee Country Village & Museum, (585) 538-6822, www.gcv.org.



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