

TOP TEN

1 ARTROPOLIS

Artropolis returns to the Merchandise Mart to celebrate antiques and contemporary art with three shows: Art Chicago, NEXT and the Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair, which hosts a preview gala sponsored by the Women's Board of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. **April 30-May 3; preview gala April 29.** Hours and ticket prices vary. *At the Merchandise Mart, 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, 312.828.0064, atropolischicago.com.*

2 AVENUE Q

The sassy adult puppet show musical about life in New York City returns to Chicago for a one-week engagement. Follow recent college grad Princeton as he searches for a job, a relationship and a purpose. The show is set to a Tony-winning musical score. **May 4-9.** Showtimes vary. Tickets \$25-\$100. *At the Bank of America Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St., 800.775.2000, broadwayinchicago.com.*

3 SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE FASHION SHOW

This runway show features cutting-edge garments by the next generation of up-and-coming designers, presented against the backdrop of Renzo Piano's stunning architecture in the acclaimed Griffin Court of the Art Institute of Chicago. **May 7.** 2PM, 7PM and 9PM. Tickets \$75-\$500. *At the Art Institute of Chicago's Modern Wing, 159 E. Monroe St., 312.899.7484, saic.edu.*

4 NOT JUST SONG AND DANCE

The Bangles perform at the AIDS Foundation of Chicago's spring gala, which is back after a four-year hiatus. The black-tie affair includes a cocktail reception, a four-course dinner and a silent auction. Proceeds benefit the Foundation's mission to lead the fight against HIV/AIDS and help people affected by the disease. **May 1.** 6PM to midnight. Tickets \$500. *At the Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave., 312.922.2322, aidschicago.org.*

5 MOSÈ IN EGITTO

The second-ever performance of this opera in Chicago, first performed in 1863 at McVicker's Theatre on Madison and State, comes via popular vote on the Chicago Opera Theater's website. COT presents a new edition by Rossini scholar Philip Gossett, featuring one of Rossini's premier works, "From Thy Starry Throne." **April 17, 21, 23, 25.** Showtimes vary. Tickets \$15-\$120. *At Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph Dr., 312.704.8414, chicagooperatheater.org.*



Guests at last year's Art Chicago.

6 CAMPFIRE BALL

Camp turns co-ed at this hip fundraiser, featuring creative cocktails, DJs and camp-themed food, including gourmet s'mores. Proceeds benefit Children's Oncology Services. **April 24.** 7PM to 11PM. Tickets \$100 at the door; \$75 in advance. *At N9NE Steakhouse & Ghostbar, 440 W. Randolph St., 312.235.6836, onestepcamp.org.*

7 DESIGN REVOLUTION ROAD SHOW

This traveling show of socially responsible products features work by SAIC alum Emily Pilloton, a recent guest on *The Colbert Report*. View items ranging from a toy for children with cerebral palsy to a portable water filter. **April 5-6.** 10AM to 4PM. Free. *At Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St., designrevolutionroadshow.org.*

8 THE ALEXIAN BALL DE FLEUR

Guests to this black-tie-optional gala receive a tour of the Field Museum's new Ice Age exhibit. Proceeds benefit the Alexian Brothers Hospital Network. **May 1.** 6:30PM to 1AM. Tickets \$400. *At the Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Dr., 847.385.7300, alexianfoundation.org.*

9 HEPHAESTUS: A GREEK MYTHOLOGY CIRCUS

See a seven-person high-wire pyramid in this circus-inspired show, a Lookingglass original at the Goodman Theatre. Performers from Ringling Bros. and more tell the tale of a Greek god thrown to Earth. **April 7-May 23.** Showtimes vary. Tickets \$20-\$70. *At Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St., 312.443.3800, goodmantheatre.org.*

10 SAGE GRILLE WINE DINNER

Peay Vineyards teams with Sage Grille to pair signature wines with six courses from executive chef Adam Grandt. Reservations required. **April 20.** 6:30PM. Tickets \$120 plus tax and tip. *At Sage Grille, 260 Green Bay Rd., Highland, 847.433.7005, sagegrille.com.*