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10 Things to do this weekend

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SIP. Do you have royal wedding fever? Head to CRUMPETS AND COUTURE at the Four Seasons Hotel for afternoon tea (and champagne), a fashion show and a rebroadcast of the ceremony. That means you get all the pomp and circumstance but you don't need to get up before dawn to watch. April 29, 3 p.m. Cost is \$55, reservations requested. 120 East Delaware Pl., (312) 649-2349, www.fourseasons.com/chicagofs.

FEEL. Got a kid who loves fire trucks, big rigs and other wheeled objects? Take him (or her) to Fields Chrysler Jeep Dodge for the Women's Board of Kohl Children's Museum's TOUCH A TRUCK FAMILY FESTIVAL. More than 25 vehicles, including construction equipment and trolleys, will be available for exploration. May 1, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for a family of up to six people, \$5 per additional person, VIP tickets are an extra \$15 per family and get you in an hour early. Proceeds benefit Kohl Children's Museum. 670 Frontage Road, Northfield, (847) 832-6600, www.kohlchildrensmuseum.org/truck.



WATCH. Saint Sebastian Players brings five guest DJs to its production of STEEL MAGNOLIAS. This weekend the special guest is WFMT-FM's George Preston. The show goes on in the St. Bonaventure Church building. April 29 and April 30, 8 p.m., May 1, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for students, \$7 for seniors and kids. 1625 W. Diversey Pkwy., (773) 404-7922, www.saintsebastianplayers.org.

LEARN. Living a life without gluten doesn't mean never eating a favorite food again. At least that's the message the organizers of the GLUTEN AND ALLERGEN FREE EXPO at the Wyndham Hotel would like to spread. The event includes cooking classes, lectures, meals and more. April 29 – May 1, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tickets are \$175. 3000 Warrenville Rd., Lisle, (630) 505-1000, www.gfafexpo.com.

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DANCE. Live demonstrations, lessons, dinner and a silent auction will give gala-goers something about which they can kick up their heels at the MUCH ADO ABOUT TANGO event at the National Museum of Mexican Art. The gala includes the opportunity to browse the museum's galleries. April 29, 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. (museum galleries will be open 6 p.m. – 7p.m.) Tickets are \$90 at the door, proceeds benefit Literacy Works. 1852 W. 19th St., (773) 543-2784, litworks.org.



PAMPER. The annual POWER OF THE PURSE: IT'S ALL ABOUT ME luncheon lets women treat themselves to a day of indulgence at Ridgemoor Country Club. Shop from among 25 vendors, catch a fashion show and enter a raffle featuring more than 20 purses. May 1, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$65, proceeds benefit Rainbows for All Children. 6601 W. Gunnison St., Harwood Heights, (847) 952-1770, www.events.org/POP.



BROWSE. Architectural Artifacts hosts the SPRING SHOW, an alternative juried show of jewelry, ceramics, textiles and other works by more than 60 artists. In addition to the pieces for sale, there will be a silent auction of items donated by participating artists. Proceeds from the auction will be donated to Zephyr Dance. May 1, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free admission. 4325 N. Ravenswood Ave., (773) 348-0622, www.architecturalartifacts.com.

REMEMBER. Local author Wendy McClure will sign copies of THE WILDER LIFE: MY ADVENTURES IN THE LOST WORLD OF LITTLE HOUSE ON AT THE PRAIRIE at the Book Stall at Chestnut Court. Her newest book is an irreverent tribute to the classic series; some of her other book signings have featured period activities like butter churning. April 29, 6:30 p.m. Free. 811 Elm St., Winnetka, (847) 446-8880, www.thebookstall.com.

VIEW. Whether your tastes run contemporary, modern or antique, you'll find the art of your choice when the ART CHICAGO, NEXT AND THE MERCHANDISE MART INTERNATIONAL ANTIQUES FAIR trilogy opens. Media run the gamut from painting to photography to video installations. April 29 and April 30, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., May 1, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per day or \$25 for a multi-day pass. 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, (312) 527-3701, www.artchicago.com/...



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LISTEN. Country heartthrob DIERKS BENTLEY's newest single is about having a good time on a Friday night. So, it stands to reason that's what he'll offer when he plays with Josh Thompson at the UIC Pavilion this weekend. April 30, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$26 - \$31. 525 S. Racine Ave., (312) 413-5740, www.uicpavilion.com.



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