

SOFA CHICAGO 2007: VISITOR INFORMATION

The 14th International Exposition of Sculpture Objects & Functional Art is a gallery-presented, international art exposition dedicated to bridging the worlds of design, decorative and fine art. Works by emerging and established artists and designers are available for sale by 100 premier galleries and dealers. View images

Location

Festival Hall, Navy Pier
600 E. Grand Ave., Chicago, IL 60611

Wheelchairs and Elevators

Wheelchairs are available at the Guest Services Desk inside the Family Pavilion, located near the West entrance, and at the East End Security Post. They are available at no charge, on a first-come, first-served basis. ID is required. All levels of the Navy Pier complex are accessible by elevators.

Dates & Hours

Friday, November 2	11 am – 8 pm
Saturday, November 3	11 am – 8 pm
Sunday, November 4	Noon – 6pm

- Photography is not permitted. Cameras must be checked at coat check for a fee.
- Backpacks, large purses, bulky coats and oversized personal items must be checked at coat check for a fee.
- Children under the age of 12 are free with an adult.

Tickets

One day admission \$15
Three-day admission \$25
Student & Senior tickets \$12 (valid id required)

Tickets are available at the door, cash and credit cards (VISA, American Express & Mastercard) are accepted.

Opening Night *Mise en scène*

Thursday, November 1 at SOFA

First Choice Preview: 5–7 pm, by invitation only
Public Preview: 7–10 pm, tickets: \$50, available at the door

Lecture Series

Friday, November 2
Saturday, November 3

Over 30 presentations at SOFA by renowned artists, collectors and arts professionals are planned. Admission is included with a valid SOFA ticket. The complete schedule will be posted here when available.

Catalog

Contains essays, gallery information, a list of represented artists and hundreds of color images of artwork. The catalog is for sale at the exposition for \$15. After the show, the current catalog and available back editions may be purchased here.

Special Exhibits/ Events

Exhibits are curated and presented by international arts organizations, including (in past & Events years) the World Ceramic Exposition Foundation (WOCEF), Korea, Association of Israel's Decorative Arts, and Crafts Council of Ireland. The Corning Museum of Glass Hot Glass Roadshow will demonstrate live hot glass blowing. Artist book signings are scheduled throughout the show. A schedule will be posted on sofaexpo.com as information becomes available.

Show Maps

Maps are available at ticket sales counters during the show or online, right before the show.

Dining at SOFA

Cafés in the show will offer spirits, sandwiches and light supper during show hours. Information on Navy Pier's restaurants and food court is available [here](#).

Getting There

Bus and train travel information is available at Chicago Transit Authority, 1.888.YOURCTA.

Taxis: Navy Pier has three taxi drop-off and pick-up points. Entrance 1 is closest to SOFA.

A daily free trolley runs between Navy Pier and State Street, along Grand Avenue and Illinois Street, Mon-Thu 10 am-9 pm; Fri-Sat 10 am-11 pm; and Sun 10 am-8 pm. Trolleys typically run every 20 minutes, pick-up points are indicated by 'Navy Pier Trolley Stop' signs along the route.

Parking

Paid parking is available on Navy Pier. Rates and additional parking lots are listed [here](#).

Travel/Hotel Info

American Airlines® is offering discounted air transportation to persons traveling to the exposition. Fares are subject to special rules, restrictions and availability. Contact American Airlines Meeting Services at 800.433.1790 for reservations and ticket purchase - refer to star file **A97H7AE**.

SOFA CHICAGO Hotels

Book your hotel now - Chicago will be hosting many city-wide conventions during November this year and rooms are going fast!

Indigo Hotel

1244 N. Dearborn Pkwy.
T: 312.787.4980
\$160/night*
www.hotelindigo.com

Holiday Inn City Centre

300 E Ohio
T: 312.787.6100
\$195/night*
www.chicc.com

Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers

301 E North Water Street
T: 312.464.1000
\$219/night*
www.sheratonchicago.com

The W Hotel (Lake Shore)

644 North Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, IL 60611
312.943.9200
\$239 night (plus tax)
www.whoels.com

*Listed prices do not include tax

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