

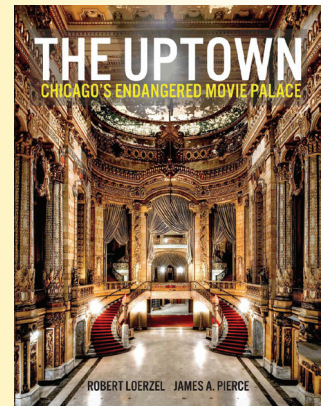
THE UPTOWN THEATER: CHICAGO'S ENDANGERED MOVIE PALACE THURSDAY, MARCH 12 AT 6:30 PM

WITH ROBERT LOERZEL AND JAMES A. PIERCE

Authors Robert Loerzel and James A. Pierce will talk about their new book on the history of the Uptown Theatre, which opened 100 years ago. One of America's largest and most lavish movie palaces, a theater that was "built for all time," it's been vacant and unused for more than 40 years. As they offer their insights into the building's past and potential, Loerzel and Pierce will share views of the Uptown throughout its ten decades.

Pierce, a journalist, WDCB-FM jazz radio host, and a founder of Friends of the Uptown, has been documenting the Uptown Theatre and advocating for its restoration since 1998.

Loerzel, a journalist, documentarian and photographer, is the author of *Alchemy of Bones: Chicago's Luetgert Murder Case of 1897*, and the documentaries *Union Stockyards* and *the Chicago River* for the WTTW series *Chicago Stories* and worked on WBEZ's *Curious City*. Loerzel and Pierce will also be selling and signing a limited quantity of books. The book can also be purchased at cityfilespress.com.



SHIPS THAT MADE CHICAGO HEADLINES

THURSDAY, APRIL 30 AT 6:30 PM WITH CHUCK BETZOLD

Chicago has had a rich maritime history for nearly 200 years. The city was once one of the busiest ports in America. Lake Michigan and the Chicago River have brought Chicagoans a variety of vessels for both commerce and pleasure. Many of them made newspaper headlines; some tragic, others quite whimsical.

Stories abound, from the early lake schooners to modern day freighters, and from houseboats on the Chicago River to excursion ships like the ill-fated *Eastland*.

Chuck Betzold is a local historian. He currently leads tours of Bohemian National Cemetery where he serves on their Board of Directors. Betzold was also a docent at Tribune Tower, where he worked as a graphic artist for the *Chicago Tribune* for over 30 years.

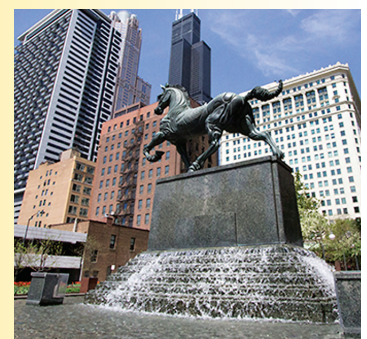


HISTORY OF CHICAGO'S FOUNTAINS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 AT 6:30 PM WITH GREG BORZO

Chicago is known for its lakefront and skyscrapers, da Bulls and da Bears, pizza and popcorn, but it should also be known for its 120 plus outdoor public fountains. These beautiful fountains splish and splash in fun, artistic, surprising ways. Many have fascinating stories to tell. Who built them and why? What do they represent? This lavishly illustrated presentation will tour Chicago's wet and wild side. Learn about these fountains' art and architecture, history and mystery.

An award-winning journalist, Greg Borzo has been a writer for the American Medical Association, the Field Museum and the University of Chicago. He's a tour guide and loves to share his enthusiasm for Chicago's myriad artistic, cultural and historical treasures. Borzo's books include *The Chicago "L"* and *Lost Restaurants of Chicago*.



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