NOV. 7-9: Think Outside the Gallery Box

Like your hometown's best art fair on steroids, **SOFA** returns for its 21st year, with even more to love. This year adds an expanded lineup to CONNECT, the 575-square-foot student-designed spaces that serve as both artistic installation and visitor lounge. A nice break between browsing the contemporary artworks from more than 70 galleries hailing from as far as Canberra, Australia. Scheduled throughout the weekend are art-centric lectures like "Is it All About Beauty?" and "Encouraging Bamboo," along with special events. The don't miss? The Corning Museum of Glass Hot Glass Roadshow. F-Sa 11 am-7 pm; Su noon-6 pm. Admission \$20; three-day pass \$30; students and seniors \$15. Navy Pier, 800.563.7632, www.sofaexpo.com



Christkindlmarket

NOVEMBER 27
McDonald's
Thanksgiving
Parade For
more details:
wheretraveler.com

Great Things This Month

1 THROUGH NOV. 2 > "AMAZING GRACE"

The song is amazingly famous, but wait till you see the story of love and adventure that led the son of a slave trader to write it. Tickets from \$33. Bank of America Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St., 800.775.2000, www.broadwayinchicago.com

2 NOV. 15 > BOWIE CHANGES CONCERT

Part of the Museum of Contemporary Art's David Bowie Is exhibit, Bobby Conn channels Bowie's "Station to Station" album. 220 E. Chicago Ave., 312.397.4010, www.mcachicago.org

3 NOV. 21 > JERRY SEINFELD

The Emmy-winning comedian who turned a TV sitcom "about nothing" into everything, returns to standup. 7 and 10 pm. \$45-\$148. *Rosemont Theatre*, 800.745.3000

4 NOV. 21-DEC. 24 > CHRISTKINDLMARKET

Find one-of-a-kind, hand-blown, hand-painted ornaments at this European-style outdoor market. Open Su-Th 11 am-8 pm; F-Sa 11 am-9 pm. www.christkindlmarket.com

NOV. 22 > MAGNIFICENT MILE LIGHTS FESTIVAL

The festive tree-lighting parade led by Mickey and Minnie Mouse is capped off by fireworks. Free. Pioneer Court, 401 N. Michigan Ave. Parade Oak Street to the river. www.themagnificentmile. com/events/lights-festival/

6 NOV. 22-23 >

RANDOLPH STREET HOLIDAY MARKET

A mix of vintage and modern, antique and kitsch makes gift-shopping fun at this holiday version of the regularly scheduled market in the West Loop. *Plumbers Hall, 1340 W. Washington St., http://www.randolphstreetmarket.com*

TOP STOPS

- Dancing Pros: Live! at Cadillac Palace Theatre
- Professional/ amateur wine tasting contest at Geja's Cafe
- Lego Build at Chicago Architecture Foundation
- Chicago Bulls vs.
 Orlando Magic
- Barnum & Bailey at Allstate Arena
- Lincoln Square Fall Wine Stroll
- Tropical fish
 galore at Aquatic
 Experience at the
 Renaissance
 Schaumburg
- Puerto Rican Arts Alliance performs at Harris Theater
- Africa Umoja performance at Harris Theater
- "Alice" is back at the Lookingglass
- ChillFest music event in Wicker Park/Bucktown
- Opening night of Goodman Theatre's "A Christmas Carol"
- "Porgy and Bess" opens at the Lyric
- Chicago
 Sinfonietta's Día
 de los Muertos
 concert at
 Symphony Center
- "Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas" at Chicago Theatre
- Overnighter at the Museum of Science and Industry
- Dance Theatre
 of Harlem at
 Auditorium
 Theatre
- Santa House opens in Daley Plaza
- First night for ZooLights at Lincoln Park Zoo
- Vienna Boys Choir at Symphony
- Chicago Theatre hosts Celtic Thunder