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Samantha Martin and The Amazing Acro-Cats

Saturdays - March 6, 13 & 20

Skokie Theater

7924 N. Lincoln Avenue, Skokie

See the Amazing Acro-Cats Live and in Purr-son as they perform over 30 tricks and feats of agility. Audiences are astounded as they watch these fantastic felines push carts, ride skateboards, roll barrels, ring bells, turn on lights, walk tight ropes, jump through hoops and much more! You'll also hear the new synthesized sounds of the all cat band, The Rock Cats, a trio that plays guitar, drums and piano to their own unique style of music! The Amazing Acro-Cats are part of Amazing Animals by Samantha, a private educational zoo owned and operated by Samantha Martin, a Chicago-based animal trainer and feline specialist. Her animal troupe has appeared on numerous national television shows including TMZ, The Tonight Show and Animal Planet, as well as films, commercials and print advertising campaigns. For more information and tickets, please call 847-677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com

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A Life at Northlight Theatre

March 18 - April 25

Northlight Theatre - North Shore Center for the Performing Arts

9501 N. Skokie Blvd., Skokie

John Mahoney stars in this evocative play about the evolution of friendships in a small

Irish town. As Desmond Drumm nears retirement, his memories come to life, reminding him of the triumphs and tragedies of his youth and prompting him to mend relationships with a childhood friend and the love interest that had charmed them both. But as scenes from the past shed light on the misunderstandings of today, Desmond must realize that his lifelong ability to use his great intellect and acerbic wit as a means of self-defense has come at a cost. For more information and tickets, please call 847-673-6300 or visit www.northshorecenter.org.

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Lifting as We Climb: Evanston Women and the Creation of a Community

Opens March 19

Evanston History Center in the Charles Gates Dawes House

225 Greenwood Street, Evanston

A new exhibit highlighting the many contributions women and women's organizations have made to the Evanston community will open this month at the

Evanston History Center. According to Lori Osborne, Director of the Evanston Women's History Project (EWHP), Evanston women were ahead of their times and were always thinking of ways to advance themselves, other women, and the community in which they lived. Through this exhibit, she hopes that Evanston residents and visitors will realize that important history happened here and that Evanston women were at the forefront of national movements in temperance, women's suffrage and equal rights. The exhibit is open to the public Thursday-Sunday from 1-4 pm. For more information, please call 847-475-3410 or visit www.evanstonwomen.org

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Discount Dining After the Show!

Now through May 31, 2010

Westfield Old Orchard

1-94 at Old Orchard Road, Skokie

What could be more delicious than catching a show and then enjoying special savings at one of Westfield Old Orchard's fantastic eateries? Now through May 31, diners presenting a same-day ticket stub from Northlight Theatre or Centre East (located at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie) or the AMC Garden Cinemas (located at Westfield Old Orchard) will get tasty savings at some of Westfield Old Orchard's most popular restaurants including California Pizza Kitchen, Corner Bakery, McCormick & Schmick's, Champ's Americana, Johnny Rockets and Maggiano's Little Italy. Offers range from free appetizers and sweets to \$5 off and a 10% discount for qualifying purchases. Diners at Johnny Rockets can purchase AMC movie tickets at the special price of \$7.50 per person. For more information, please call 847-674-7070 or visit www.westfield.com/oldorchard



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Japanese Garden Spring Weekend

Saturday and Sunday, March 27 & 28

Chicago Botanic Garden

1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe

Come celebrate spring by writing a seasonal haiku, making a cherry blossom



hanging scroll, and trying other hands-on activities like a suminagashi demonstration, during the Japanese Garden Spring Weekend (11 am - 4 pm each day). During the 2-day event, you'll also enjoy storytelling, musical performances, and a walk in the Japanese Garden, which is comprised of three islands. Designed as a stroll garden with curving paths and much symbolism in the plants and hardscape elements, the garden is a year-round favorite and is a tribute to the beauty of pure form. For more information, please call 847-835-5440 or [click here](#).

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