

Will You be in Chicago June 13-17?

(and in Milwaukee June 17-20?)



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Here's what to do NOW!

1. RENEW your membership
2. Choose a HOTEL
3. REGISTER EARLY and save \$\$

1. Renew NOW and beat the June 1 dues increase!

A. Renew through May 31 ONLY: one year/\$55 or two years for \$110.
YOU CAN RENEW ONLINE at www.americantheatrecritics.org and then go to “Renewals and Membership” link.

2. Choose a hotel: (rates honored Tue. June 12 through Sun. June 17):

A. Red Roof Inn, 162 E. Ontario Street

-www.redroof-chicago-downtown.com/

-\$119.99/night one bed or two (+16% taxes/fees)

One block east of Michigan Avenue; short walk to lakefront, Water Tower and the Museum of Contemporary Art; one-bed and two-bed standard rooms available; free local phone calls; complimentary Wi-Fi; complimentary morning coffee in lobby. Off-site parking EXTRA. Standard room pictured below.



B. Club Quarters 75 E. Wacker Drive

-www.clubquarters.com (Wacker & Michigan location)

-\$144/night one bed or two (+16% taxes/fees)

Across the Chicago River from the Wrigley Building and Trump Tower. Complimentary Wi-Fi, fitness room, bottled water, club room with newspapers, magazines, coffee/tea. Standard Room pictured below. Superior Rooms (w/kitchenette and larger work table) @ \$169 +tax. Off-Site parking EXTRA.



Conference Highlights (confirmed)

-Opening Reception in the gardens of Millennium Park, hosted by City of Chicago. Mayor Rahm Emmanuel anticipated (Wednesday, 5-7PM).

-First come-first served: 20 tickets for taping of NPR's *Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me* at the Chase Auditorium (Wednesday 7:30PM)

-*The Marvin Gaye Story* (working title), new musical biography at Chicago's newest performing arts venue, the \$19 million Black Ensemble Cultural Center (Thursday, 7:30PM).

-Off-Loop Theatre Day, hosted at Theater Wit and Stage 773: panels, dinner and up to six shows by Off-Loop theatre troupes (Friday).

-World premiere musical at Lookingglass Theatre Company, winner of the 2011 Regional Theatre Tony Award, in the historic Water Tower Pumping Station. See the building Oscar Wilde called "a castellated monstrosity!" See the water pumps! See the Opening Night of *Eastland*, about the worst maritime disaster in Great Lakes history (Saturday).

-Perspectives in Criticism keynote address by a distinguished, nationally-known theatre critic or a senior Chicago theatre artist.*

-Three hosted continental breakfasts; two hosted casual dinners.

-Media Kit (DVD or flashdrive) on Chicago's more-than-200 varied Loop and Off-Loop theatres, courtesy of the League of Chicago Theatres.

-Passport to Chicago: very special press pass good for 12 months for multiple visits to Chicago's most popular tourism sites and museums (with FREE TIME to use it during the Conference!), courtesy of the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture.

-Unlimited one-week pass for all Chicago Transit Authority buses and rapid transit trains (the "El").

*National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Rocco Landesman, previously announced as the Perspectives in Criticism speaker, had to withdraw due to a travel conflict.

REGISTRATION

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ATCA Chicago 2012
c/o Abarbanel
1440 W. Foster Avenue
Chicago, IL 60640

We strongly suggest you visit both hotel websites before making your decision. Both hotels are just off Michigan Avenue, equally convenient to attractions and transportation and less than 10 minutes' walk from each other.

1. MY HOTEL (please CHECK your choice):

_____ A. **RED ROOF INN**: book NOW directly at **1-866-257-5990**;
Ask for "American Theatre Critics Association" rate.

_____ B. **GUEST QUARTERS**: Circle room choice and **send request to Jonathan Abarbanel** for confirmation:

standard one bed standard two beds superior room

2. CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (you must be PAID UP in order to register):

Paid-up ATCA Member: \$125 (thru April 30 ONLY) How many? _____
Non-Member: \$145 (thru April 30 ONLY) How many? _____

I AM ENCLOSING A CHECK FOR \$_____ for myself (paid-up ATCA member) and _____ guest(s), payable to ATCA CHICAGO 2012.

3. _____ I want to attend *Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me* on Wednesday night (two ticket max). I understand I might be giving up seeing a helluva good show. I also will be happy to see that show if the *Wait, Wait* tickets are all gone. I'll need 1 2 tickets.

4. This conference will use PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION most of the time, which will require walking several blocks to the nearest CTA bus or train line. However, alternative transportation will be provided to those who need it.

A. I'm OK with walking _____ B. I'll need alternative transportation _____

5. MILWAUKEE ADD-ON, June 17-20: visit Ten Chimneys, beautiful country estate of The Lunts; theatre tour; Harley-Davidson Museum and more! Stay at the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee. DETAILS at MILWAUKEE LINK on START PAGE.

_____ Yes! I/we want to see Milwaukee! I/we will travel by: car train