

**Town and Country
Art News
THE EARLY EDITION
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This month's edition is a bit early to give you time to see these great offerings. Check the dates! CXW is the weekend of October 3-6, our Writer's Theater offering ends October 27th and the weather is now perfect for the Franz West: Millennium Park and Augmented Chicago: Inaugural Realities.

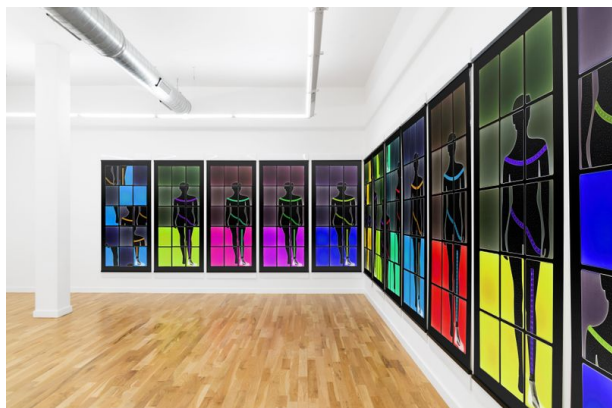
Writer's Theater

Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812, now at Writers Theatre through October 27 and highly recommended by our very own Elaine Tinberg. Based on a scandalous slice of Leo Tolstoy's epic novel War and Peace, this innovative musical spectacle took Broadway by storm with its "electropop opera" score, receiving two Tony Awards and 12 nominations. Katie Spelman and Matt Deitchman, the team behind WT's hit production of Once, reunite to bring this modern spin on a literary classic to Chicago for the first time. Elaine's recommendation is enough for me but for those of you who need a little more....the Chicago Tribune gave it four stars and their complete review can be viewed at <https://www.chicagotribune.com/2024/09/16/review-natasha-pierre-the-great-comet-of-1812-is-simply-superb-at-writers-theatre/>



Chicago Exhibition Weekend CXW

The second annual Chicago Exhibition Weekend (CXW 2024) features 50 participating galleries and creative spaces across the city from October 3-6, spotlighting Chicago's vibrant cultural landscape and artistic spirit for locals and visitors alike. Building off the success of last year's edition, which attracted 5,000 attendees over three days, CXW 2024 will expand its footprint with 50 participating galleries, demonstrating the vitality and diversity of the city's growing commercial art



scene. The weekend will bring together art collectors, enthusiasts, and local community members to engage with Chicago's cultural community, helping artists and gallerists cultivate new collectors, broaden their audiences, and heighten global visibility for the local arts ecosystem. This event is held across the city. Gertie and EXPO CHICAGO is citywide spacing Chicago's art galleries and creative spaces. <https://www.cwx24.co/about>

Franz West: Millennium Park and Augmented Chicago: Inaugural Realities

Interesting, fun, joyous and delightful! There is plenty of physical art and for the Augmented Realities portion you will need to your smartphone and download a free app at the garden to see original artwork in the garden on your phone! It is different, it is fun and it is amusing to say the least. Plus all the permanent art has been spiffed up so see the garden's fall colors and all the art quickly before the weather changes. I think Lori Waxman explains it best at: <https://www.chicagotribune.com/2024/09/12/review-is-this-art-for-real-augmented-chicago-joins-new-artwork-in-millennium-park/?clearUserState=true>

