

ABOUT THE TOUR!

Ten-year-old Wisconsin-native Mary Jane and her parents go on her first adventure to Chicago.

Listeners are encouraged to picnic with MJ in Palmer Square Park, tasting local favorites from sandwiches and empanadas (TropiCuba) to frozen, sweet treats (Mikos and The Freeze)!

As MJ visits her favorite cousin (and meets his new girlfriend), listeners are introduced to part of Chicago's historic boulevard park system with a refreshing walk around the neighborhood, exploring nature, art, and bikes (while MJ also observes if the couple can be a perfect match...)

Like MJ and her family, listeners from near and far are invited to experience not only the hustle and bustle of Chicago, but to also slow down to enjoy shared history and each other's company.

ADVENTURE PREP!

Before heading out on this exciting adventure, we recommend:

- ★ Listening to the podcast once before venturing out on your hike.
- ★ Downloading this map from chicagochildrenstheatre.org.
- ★ You may want to bring a speaker or wireless headphones so that everyone can listen together!

CAST, CREW, & CREDITS

Jacqueline Russell, Artistic Director
Will Bishop, Director of Production
Shawn Pfautsch, Producer

Mary Jane Leslie Ann Sheppard

ABOUT THE CREATOR!



Leslie Ann Sheppard (she/her) is excited to return to CCT! Previous CCT credits: The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show, Frederick, Jabari Dreams of Freedom and The Hundred Dresses.

Filmmaker, musician, teaching artist, writer, and producer, she's committed to creating art full of joy and hard truths. Last seen in THE TRAGEDY OF KING CHRISTOPHE at The House Theatre Chicago and MR BURNS, A POST-ELECTRIC PLAY at Theater Wit (BWW Chicago/Chicago Reader Best of 2021 nominated).

Select credits: Shattered Globe Theatre (Jeff Award/BTAA nominations), Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Northlight Theatre, Victory Gardens, The Hypocrites, and TimeLine Theatre Company. Regional/international: TheatreSquared, Kennedy Center, Singapore Symphony Orchestra, Pasadena Playhouse, Olney Theatre Center. TV/Film: Chicago Fire, The Birth of Gospel, Mob Doctor, Subordinate. Founder of Padded Corner Studios. Represented by Gray Talent Group. #BigGratitudeAttitude leslieannsheppard.com

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MAP & GUIDEBOOK



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2. TropiCuba
3000 W Lyndale

1. Start Here
Palmer Square

3. Picnic in the grass

5. Sculpture #1
"Recompense"

4. The Playground
(Velveteen Rabbit)

7. Sculpture #3
"The Amazing Larvae
of the Emerald Ash Borer"

6. Sculpture #2
"The Helping Hand"

8. The Freeze!
2815 W Armitage



MJ'S PALMER SQUARE PICNIC ADVENTURE

W Armitage Ave

N Humboldt Blvd

N Kedzie Ave



Glossary

Black box when related to theatre, an open, indoor space, usually painted all black, often used for experimental or low-budget performances.

Boulevard a road or street with a garden or park running down the center or the sides.

CTA Chicago Transit Authority for public transportation.

Curl Pattern and **Hair Porosity**
The natural variety of how human hair 1) grows out of the scalp, and 2) is able to absorb and retain moisture.

Emerald Ash Borer a green beetle that feeds on ash trees. It is native to Asia. In Europe and North America they are invasive and destructive.

Empanada a baked or fried pastry wrapped around a filling, originally from Spain and brought to Central and South America.

Freelance a person who doesn't work for one employer, but sells their work by the piece to other businesses or people.

Gothic a kind of architecture from 12th century France known for its pointed arches and ornamental wood and stone carvings.

Hammock a hanging bed made of cloth or rope, usually hung between two trees or poles.

Hipster a person who follows the latest trends in things like clothes, music, food, and hobbies.

Industrial Revolution Roughly 1760-1840. The growing use and development of mass-making goods in factories and building large structures with machines, water and steam power, and stronger materials like iron.

Italian Ice a frozen dessert made from fruit and ice

Larvae an early, usually wingless stage in an insect's development

Medical Missionary Someone who offers their professional medical help to underserved areas, usually (though not always) part of a religious community.

Public Policy Decisions and rules made by leaders in government that affect everyone.

Recompense To repay someone who has been hurt.

Tapestry a large woven fabric with designs, often depicting historical events, like a painting using cloth

Velveteen Rabbit A children's book by Margery Williams and illustrated by William Nicholson about a stuffed, toy rabbit that wanted to become a real rabbit.

Grab a bite like MJ!

TropicCuba

3000 W Lyndale St, Chicago, IL
773-252-0230 | tropicubachicago.com
Hours 9am-8pm

Miko's Italian Ice

2236 N Sacramento Ave, Chicago, IL
773-599-9306 | mikositalianice.com
Hours 12pm-10pm

The Freeze

2815 W Armitage Ave, Chicago, IL
773-384-5211
Hours 2:45pm-10pm

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