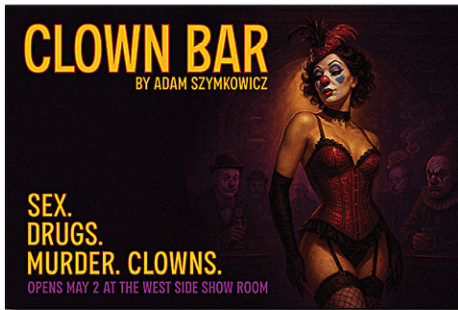


# THE ELEMENT things to do in Rockford: May 2025



## Westside Showroom Clown Bar

May 2-18, see link below for times  
1414 N Main Street, Rockford, IL

**Clown Bar** will plunge you into a gritty, darkly hilarious underworld where the gangsters wear greasepaint and every punchline could be your last. This outrageous neo-noir play follows former **clown turned cop** Happy Mahoney as he's dragged back to the seedy dive he once called home in order to solve his brother's murder.

**Speakeasy Takeover!** Give the password at the door as we transform the WSSR into a speakeasy! The bar will be open starting 1 hour before each performance. **Dress up as a Clown!** Audience members who come dressed as clowns get **\$5 of Clown Cash** good toward anything at the bar! Tickets and times: [wssr.org/clownbar](http://wssr.org/clownbar)



## Rockford City Market

Fridays from May 16 to Sept 5, 4-8:30PM  
100 N. Water St., Rockford, IL

This FREE rain or shine Market is located in the heart of downtown. In the summer, find us every Friday night (closed July 4) underneath the Rockford City Market pavilion and surrounding streets.

[rockfordcitymarket.com/rockford-city-market-fridays](http://rockfordcitymarket.com/rockford-city-market-fridays)



## Nicholas Conservatory Food Truck Tuesdays

Every Tuesday May 6-August 26, 4-9PM  
and Sept. 2-30, 408PM

1354 N 2nd St, Rockford, IL  
Enjoy **tasty eats** from as many as 15 local food trucks each week, while soaking in the beauty of the gardens! **Trolley rides** run throughout the night to help people enjoy the riverfront and get around the campus. [nicholasconservatory.com/](http://nicholasconservatory.com/)



## Hard Rock Casino

### George Lopez: Muy Catolico Tour

Sat, May 17, door open at 7PM  
7801 E State St, Rockford, IL

**George Lopez's** illustrious and multi-faceted career encompasses television, film, stand-up comedy, and late-night television. Lopez has broken ground for Latino comics by embracing his ethnicity, confronting racial stereotypes, and fighting for his community on and off the stage. [casino.hardrock.com/rockford/entertainment/hard-rock-live/george-lopez](http://casino.hardrock.com/rockford/entertainment/hard-rock-live/george-lopez)

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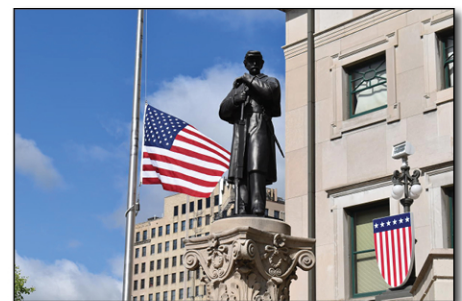
## Coronado Theater Beethoven's 9th Symphony

May 10, 7:30PM

314 N Main St, Rockford, IL

The RSO season comes to a triumphant close with **Beethoven's** joyous immortal classic, **Symphony No. 9**, performed by the **Nielsen Chorale**, world-class soloists, and your **Rockford Symphony Orchestra**, conducted by **Yaniv Attar**.

[coronado.asmrockford.com/event/beethovens-9th/tm\\_vvg18zbu5jpdtd/](http://coronado.asmrockford.com/event/beethovens-9th/tm_vvg18zbu5jpdtd/)



## 2025 Memorial Day Events, Downtown Rockford IL

Mon, May 26, 9AM-12PM

Veterans Memorial Hall

211 N Main St, Rockford, IL

The **parade** is a tradition **since 1870**, honoring our fallen by area veterans organizations, school bands, police and fire departments and organizations that continually support area veterans.

A **Memorial Day ceremony** follows the parade on the Wyman St. side of Veterans Memorial Hall and Museum. Afterward, the annual Navy Club Ship # 1's **Sinking of the Ship ceremony** will take place on the riverbank behind the new public library at State and Wyman.

[gorockford.com/event/2025-memorial-day-events-downtown-rockford-il/27931/](http://gorockford.com/event/2025-memorial-day-events-downtown-rockford-il/27931/)