



# CABINET OF CURIOSITY

INTIMATE. GRAND. SURPRISING. INTERACTIVE.

# UNFORGETTABLE

21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY EVENT CATALOG

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# WHY CHOOSE Cabinet of Curiosity as your Event and Celebration consultant?

**Cabinet is expert in customizing all items to suit your theme and aesthetics.**

## **INCLUSIVITY**

We are committed to inclusivity, and our actors and designers actively support the LGBTQIA community, people of color, and persons with disabilities through our conscientious hiring and pay models.

## **EXPERTISE**

Your event deserves our expertise, vision and support.

## **EXPERIENCE**

Frank has 30 years of event design and production experience. Many of the events have resulted long running, revenue generating civic events, creating remarkable community and family memories.

## **RELATIONSHIPS**

Cabinet of Curiosity founder, Frank Maugeri, has over 30 years has built robust and trustworthy relationships with caterers, audio and visual partners, musical acts, aerial professionals, trampoline artists, installation makers, planners, and producers, and more.

## **EXPERIENTIAL**

Your corporate gathering, your wedding, your child naming ceremony, your birthday party should all be resourceful, interactive, unforgettable spectacle events.

## **PROGRAMMING**

The client's fee acts as a not-for-profit donation and any overhead costs are driven directly to providing far-flung and ignored communities with FREE programming and events.

## **SCALABILITY**

We operate in both the intimate and the grand equally expertly.

## **LAUDED**

Our client list is arguably impressive.

**WE ARE A ONE STOP SHOP**

# Cabinet of Curiosity is composed of diverse project-by-project collectives that authentically collaborate on original celebrations and productions.

Cabinet uses sophisticated puppetry and handmade devices to develop unique interactive experiences, productions and events.

We focus on creating new types of gatherings, ceremonies, and rituals which promote community and interactivity amongst people.

Our intention is to support multi-cultural professionals in the field of theatre, visual arts, dance, sculpture and music, while mindfully training college age apprentices to become the future creators of new meaningful rituals.

All of the objects and devices created by Cabinet are engineered to expose their mechanical operations so they are simultaneously educational, informative, and magical.

We embrace commissions which require unique elements of ritual, ceremony, procession, and pageantry. These commissions create funding that establishes an innovative revenue stream, reduces the responsibility of sustainability from the board, audience, and foundations, trains apprentices through a unique pedagogical apparatus, builds community, and funds our greatly discounted public art.

We are committed to social engagement — both grand and intimate. Our purpose is to promote curiosity, community and culture.

**FOR US, THE WORLD IS  
A CABINET OF CURIOSITY.**





# SWEETFOODS

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**, where we consulted on a massive real-life virtual reality game, “Frank Maugeri is precisely the kind of innovative curator that the University of Chicago treasures. Chicago Performance Lab continues to be grateful for his work nurturing artists and developing vision.”

— Heidi Coleman, University of Chicago

**THE JOHN G. SHEDD AQUARIUM’S 2018 GALA:** “Turning the vision for an event into a magical evening requires a well balanced combination of creativity, collaboration, persistence, and fearlessness. Frank and his team at Cabinet of Curiosity Events achieved that magic for the guests at the 2018 Shedd Gala. He understood the Shedd’s mission and made sure that we captured the essence of that mission in how we designed the evening. Frank is truly a rock star!”

— Dixie Adams, IBM, Shedd Gala Chair, 2018

**LIGHTOLOGY ROOFTOP GATHERING**, in which we transformed their roof into a dynamic playground “Frank and his team were a pleasure to work with. They brought imaginative ideas to us that enhanced our event, amazed our guests, and created beautiful imagery for post-event promotion. I highly recommend Frank and team, and look forward to working with them again soon.”

— Greg Kay, President, Lightology

**THE OSCARS COMMITTEE**, where Shorts TV commissioned us to create vehicles for the award-winning shorts competitors: “Frank and his team transformed ordinary bicycles into marvelous, celebrity-bearing mobile stages celebrating 15 OSCAR®-Nominated Filmmakers for our Hollywood pre-OSCAR event. Magnificent.”

— Dave Carlson, Producer, Maestro Matic

**CLAYCO FOUNDATION**, where we served as core designer of the Illumination event and performance experience “Now Maugeri is getting back into the spectacle business... His new nonprofit, Cabinet of Curiosity Events, is designed to create original rites and ceremonies, both for clients who want, say, a new kind of bar mitzvah and to express his own aesthetic vision — not to mention his fierce sense of the cosmic.”

— Tony Adler, Chicago Reader

**SURPRISE, DEATH IS NOT THE END AT LINKS HALL...** “A cabinet of curiosity is a collection whose categorical boundaries are yet to be defined; it contains raw experience; it is where the poet lives and is the source of meaningful art. Their first event was remarkable, and, with only four performances, a precious experience.”

— Maurice Herzog

**MAYOR LORI LIGHTFOOT INAUGURAL 2019 VICTORY CELEBRATION:** “The Imaginative work of Cabinet of Curiosity brings an element of magic and mystique to any affair. The creative moments that guests encounter to an ethereal level of joy and wonder.”

— Michelle Boone, Navy Pier Inc.

**WALK WITH LIGHT, CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT:** “It was so beautiful to see people of all ages joyfully wearing their lighthouse hats. They truly did light up the trail as folks made their way home.”

— Bonnie Tawse, 606 Community Outreach Supervisor

**JOURNEY FOR THE SUN, A COLLABORATION WITH THE ACTORS GYMNASIUM OF EVANSTON:** “If the young human performers of Journey to the Sun are any indication, the future of the world is awash with creativity, compassion and wisdom.”

— Catey Sullivan, *Chicago Sun-Times*

**FIRST ANNUAL HOLI FESTIVAL, NAVY PIER:** “Frank and Cabinet are a very professional and detailed oriented group. They added engaging moments for our audience of all ages and helped elevate the overall experience of the event.”

— Daniel Crane, Navy Pier Program Coordinator

**FIFTH THIRD BANK FAMILY PAVILION GRAND OPENING, NAVY PIER:** “Having completed a floor-to-ceiling renovation of Navy Pier’s historic Fifth Third Bank Family Pavilion, we were in need of creative and engaging performances that would utilize and highlight some of the structure’s new spaces and architectural details...(Cabinet of Curiosity) transformed our central, grand staircase and Family Pavilion into a dynamic and interactive stage. Our guests were completely wowed by the surprise performances, and it was just what we needed to make a splash and build excitement for the iconic space.”

— Andrea Chwee, Donor & Special Events Manager, Navy Pier

**ARTS IN THE DARK AND THE TERRA FOUNDATION FOR AMERICAN ART:** “Creativity, collaboration, imagination, and innovation — hire Cabinet of Curiosity Events and you’ll get all of that and more. Take it from me, Frank Maugeri will work closely with you to deliver a brand new experience that is custom-made to your needs and budget. Looking for something beyond your dreams? Hire Cabinet and you’ll end up with something even better. Spectacular magic!!”

— Eva Silvermen, Art Design Chicago

**WTTW DONOR CELEBRATION:** “Working with Frank and Cabinet of Curiosity was a pleasure. Frank offered many creative ideas and solutions while working closely with us to understand our needs. Ultimately, Frank’s imaginative vision and timely execution added a new level of whimsy to our event that our guests greatly enjoyed.”

— Keira Dubowsky, Associate Director of Development



# INTERACTIVE ALCOHOL SERVICE

There is no better innovative greeting exchange than the **mechanical wine arm**, which both **delivers the first drink to guests upon entry** and is **a thrilling Instagram moment**.



# MOBILE FOOD BIKE

Cabinet has two, **unique pedal-powered serving bikes** that can provide hors d'oeuvres, appetizers or main dishes. They drive **fluidly** and **elegantly** through any location. They come with their own **lighting, sound system, and bubble machines.**



# MOBILE MUSICIAN PLATFORMS

Mobile Platforms are built to **carry the weight of performers, musicians, drum kits, and more.** With a width of 4 feet and a length of 6 feet, these objects can **maneuver most indoor and outdoor spaces.** DJs, food service, installation, and other ingenious experiences can be adapted to these mechanical objects.



# FLORAL GREETERS

The floral greeters add a **diverse vibe to any engagement.**





# INTERACTIVE INSTALLATIONS

Cabinet designs installations which **entirely transform spaces and include dynamic engaging practices of performer and audience engagement.**



# MOBILE LIGHT PERFORMERS

These wonderful mechanical objects and performers can **highlight any image, speaker or moment at your event.**



# AERIAL AND STILT EXPERIENCE

Cabinet devises moments of **aerial enjoyment** and **stilted service**.



# DRUM PROCESSION

Cabinet works exclusively with The Chicago Bulls Drum team to **create moments of bombastic interruption** and **endless celebration.**



# PUPPET SHOWS

Cabinet has numerous, **enchanting and remarkable puppet shows** that satisfy both young audiences and high school audiences. We come both with a **fully ready to perform show**, or a production that we can **train an existing student body to perform**.



# PUPPET PARADES

Cabinet has many **large-scale objects** which require multiple performers to coordinate their movement and create **indoor or outdoor** celebratory processions. **The giant whale, the enormous moon,** and the **larger-than-life robot** are always big hits.



# SHRINE WORKSHOPS

Cabinet specializes in the **creation of original ritual** and offers **unique meaningful and moving workshops** in public shrine creation. These workshops **benefit school groups and teambuilding opportunities.**



# BALLOON SERVICE

Balloon Service has an **8-foot balloon** that **magically hoists the metallic dome** which **illuminates the food on the platter** carried by the **handsome, costumed character**.





# MOBILE CHANDELIER

The Mobile Chandelier creates **surprising unexpected intimate spaces for audience members.** Lightweight, versatile, battery powered, and ingenious.



# GIANT CHARACTER

The tall character is the **perfect performer sculpture spectacle item**. The dress stands over 10 feet tall and can include a female musician, vocalist, performer, poet, and more.



# DISCO HELMETS

Disco Ball Helmets create **energy, electricity,** and **image** around any entertainer, dancer, or musician.



# SUSPENDED SERVICE TRAYS

The Suspended Trays are **delightful and unusual apparatus** which **serve your desserts on illuminated trays above or directly at guest height.** These enjoyable and elegant devices alter space and transform any space and engagement.



# BUBBLE BACKPACK

This bubble backpack was originally designed by Maugeri as a commission for President Barack Obama. This excellent device **humorously and joyfully interrupts event** and **creates surprising environments and unexpected moments.**



# SONIC PERFORMERS

One to three stationary **men serve as a sound system for your entry way or event.**



# INCENSE HELMETS

Incense helmets are the **perfect ritual object that transforms a room with organic smell and performer procession.**



# PROJECTIONS

Cabinet can transform your space with **unforgettable projections** that **satisfy your event theme and your audience.**





# MOBILE BAR

This **innovative, bike-powered bar** can serve up to three seated people and **travel throughout an event space** catering to anyone longing **for either a drink or a fun ride.**



# POPOP DESSERT

Cabinet provides **exquisite rolling tables**, create a **surprise elegant meal station**, with a **crew of elegant performers**, **who seat 8 guests**, and **serve a chef's tasting**. **Illuminated lids** reveal the food, character's set the table, complete the tasting, and more can be added.



# SKATER SERVICE

Cabinet has a team of **proficient, highly-trained in-line skaters** who speed confidently through any room and **serve attendees delights of your choice.**



# WINE UMBRELLAS

These items make the **perfect greeting experience** as wine glasses hang from an elegant umbrella. Performers are able to **offer each guest an immediate drink upon their arrival** in a unique and surprising fashion. Sure to make any guests feel like they are **entering a true immersive experience and wonderland.**



# INTERACTIVE PROJECTION WALL

Guests are consistently enchanted by **Cabinet's interactive spectacle wall** that provides audience an opportunity to **explore and play with both their own shadows and the shadows of others.**



# THE CANDLE CHOIR

Cabinet can provide a **diverse three person to thirty-two-person choir**, each wearing candle helmets that appear to be flickering real fire, and along with their **exquisite voices, enchant your guests with a song** of your choice **or an original song** representing your events theme or goals.



# TABLE SERVERS

These devices, originally created by Artistic Director Frank Maugeri, can be customized to the theme of your event, and your audience. Our **unique, illuminated service characters surprise and delight all guests** and can be **branded upon your specifications.**



# SKY ARTS

Cabinet is expert in the sky arts, and **directs aerial performances, bungee performances, and service experiences from the air.**





# LASER SHOWS

Cabinet can transform any space with **electric and arresting laser shows** that take the audience's breath away.



# COMMISSIONED, ENGINEERED OBJECTS

Cabinet has created **unique, innovative mechanical devices** across the country based on client's spectacle interests. **Our engineering team can make anything.**



# FIRE

Cabinet has a **fully-trained fire performance team** who are skilled in **fire breathing and fire dancing**, a plus to impress and surprise your outdoor guests.



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**WTTW**

**Shedd Aquarium**

**Lurie Children's Hospital**

**SBIZ**

**The Chicago International  
Puppetry Festival**

**Columbia College Chicago**

**The University of Chicago**

**The Chicago Park District**

**The 606 Trail**

**Clayco Foundation**

**Navy Pier**

**Fifth Third Bank**

**Chicago Children's Theatre**

**Detroit Museum of Art**

**St. Louis  
Conference Center**

**The Museum of  
Contemporary Arts**

**The OSCAR® Committee**

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and entertainment  
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