

'Ring of Fire' is exploding now at Science and Industry

MUSEUM PIECES By Mary Gillespie

It's going to be a sizzling summer indeed at the Museum of Science and Industry, where a "Ring of Fire" will be one of the season's most explosive attractions.

The new Omnimax film, opening today at the museum, takes visitors on an exhilarating adventure to the infamous "hot spots" along the Pacific Rim, where three-fourths of the world's active volcanoes are located.

The five-story screen will display aerial footage of the craters as well as computer graphics that take viewers from Navidad, Chile, to the volcanoes of the Andes, past San Francisco and the San Andreas fault to the Cascades of America's Northwest, from the great volcanic island arcs of the Aleutians back to Indonesia, home of Krakatoa.

Visitors can catch "Ring of Fire" in the Henry Crown Space Center beginning at 10 a.m. today and continuing every 50 minutes until 3 p.m. every weekday. On Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, shows will run from 10 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. For further information, call (312) 684-1414, ext. 2521.

Combination tickets to the museum and "Ring of Fire" are \$8.50 for adults, \$6.50 for seniors and \$4.50 for children aged 5-12. Tick-



The new volcano film "Ring of Fire" burns, burns, burns up the Omnimax screen at the Museum of Science and Industry.

ets can be purchased a month in advance by calling (800) 468-6674.

The Museum of Science and Industry, 57th St. at Lake Shore Drive, is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day. Admission to the museum only is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$2 for kids aged 5-12, free on Thursdays.

EYE-EYE: Works by Polish painter Michal Herman and sculptor Kazimierz Kalkowski go on view today in a "Double-Eyed One Man Show" at the Polish Museum of America.

The two artists have brought 40 pieces for their first U.S. exhibition, which runs through Aug. 16. They will be present at an opening reception at 6:30 p.m. this evening at the museum.

The Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee (312-384-3352), is open from noon to 5 p.m. every day. Admission is \$2.

YEARS OF TEARS: The Du Sable Museum of African-American History is offering a children's storytelling session and puppet show at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow in conjunction with its must-see exhibit, "Why Are They Weeping? South Africans Under Apartheid." The youth program will be presented by African-American puppeteer Tia Jones.

The museum is hosting a series of activities related to the exhibit, which runs through Oct. 31 and features 100 color photos by David Turnley chronicling the lives of black South Africans under apartheid.

For information on the programs, call (312) 947-0600.

The Du Sable Museum, 740 E. 56th Pl. in Washington Park, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for seniors and students and 50 cents for children under 13.

SMART ART: "Truncated Pyramid," a pink marble sculpture by Jene Highstein, will be officially installed at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the University of Chicago's Smart Museum.

The artist—a U. of C. alumnus—will be on hand to talk about his work, a gift to the museum from the Smart Family Foundation. There will be an exhibit of Highstein's large-scale drawings beginning June 16 at the museum.

The David and Alfred Smart Museum of Art is located at 5550 S. Greenwood (312-702-0200). Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Turn to Page 23

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day through Friday, noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free.

JERZY'S VISION: Those who didn't know that novelist Jerzy Kosinski was also a demon behind a camera lens can get educated through Oct. 25 at the **Spertus Museum**. More than 100 of Kosinski's black-and-white photos are on display.

Visitors can see his work from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday. Admission is \$3.50 for adults, \$2 for children, students and seniors, free on Friday. The Spertus Museum is located at 618 S. Michigan (312-922-9012).

FOR THE SHORT SET: If you're lining up ways to keep the kids occupied this summer, make sure to put the new KidsPlace at the **Chicago Academy of Sciences** on your list. Designed primarily for preschoolers through third-graders, the interactive exhibit, open through Sept. 13, allows kids to build dinosaurs, among other things.

The academy is also offering a summer's worth of weekend workshops, family field trips and a weekly "Knee-High Naturalists" program. Call (312) 871-2668.

The Chicago Academy of Sciences, 2001 N. Clark, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. Admission is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for kids aged 3-17 and seniors.

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