Inside Jane Addams Hull-House Museum

A tour group gathers around a glass vitrine that houses an architectural model of a large building compound. The group stands in a museum gallery space that exists within a repurposed mansion and includes wood flooring, a fireplace with a landscape painting above the mantel, high windows with shutter blinds, and a teacup glass chandelier.

The Jane Addams Hull-House Museum draws upon the legacy of international peace activist, suffragist, and feminist, Jane Addams, and other social reformers who lived and worked alongside their immigrant neighbors to create social change on the Near West Side of Chicago.
Plan your visit

By reservation only. Open Tuesday–Friday and Sunday 9 am–5 pm.

Gómez-Peña’s Casa Museo: A Living Museum and Archive
September 9, 2021 to May 29, 2022

The twice monthly radio series Gómez-Peña’s Mex Files leads up to a new exhibition at JAHHM featuring Guillermo Gómez-Peña and La Pocha Nostra and their incisive challenges, past and present, to cultural hegemony. Gómez-Peña’s Casa Museo features video and audio from the archives as well as new performance videos developed collaboratively with Gómez-Peña and core members of his performance troupe, La Pocha Nostra. Through sound, image and text, Gómez-Peña and La Pocha Nostra inhabit Jane Addams’ office, the original Hull-House library, Jane Addams’ bedroom, and other spaces throughout the Hull home. During its seventy-four-year history, Hull-House Settlement was home to nearly one hundred Residents—advocates, doctors, scientists, writers, and artists—who lived on the upper floors of the settlement. The Residents and their immigrant and migrant neighbors worked toward, what Jane Addams called, the common good. In residency at Hull-House, Gómez-Peña and La Pocha Nostra present a borderless world where geographic, municipal, gender and other borders are dismantled to allow public institutions to reflect and serve all publics.
Tune in

Audiences in Chicago can tune in to Gómez-Peña’s Mex Files every other Wednesday at 6:30 pm (CT) on Lumpen Radio, 105.5 FM WLPN-LP.

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About

Jane Addams Hull-House Museum (JAHHM) is on the campus of University of Illinois Chicago and part of the College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts. The Museum draws upon the legacy of international peace activist, suffragist, and feminist, Jane Addams, and other social reformers who lived and worked alongside their immigrant neighbors to create social change on the Near West Side of Chicago. The Museum is located in two of the original buildings: the Hull Home (a National Historic Landmark) and the Residents Dining Hall. The Museum connects the histories of the Hull-House Settlement to present-day social justice issues. Exhibitions and public programs highlight histories of activism, progressive education, and democratic principles of participation and exchange.

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