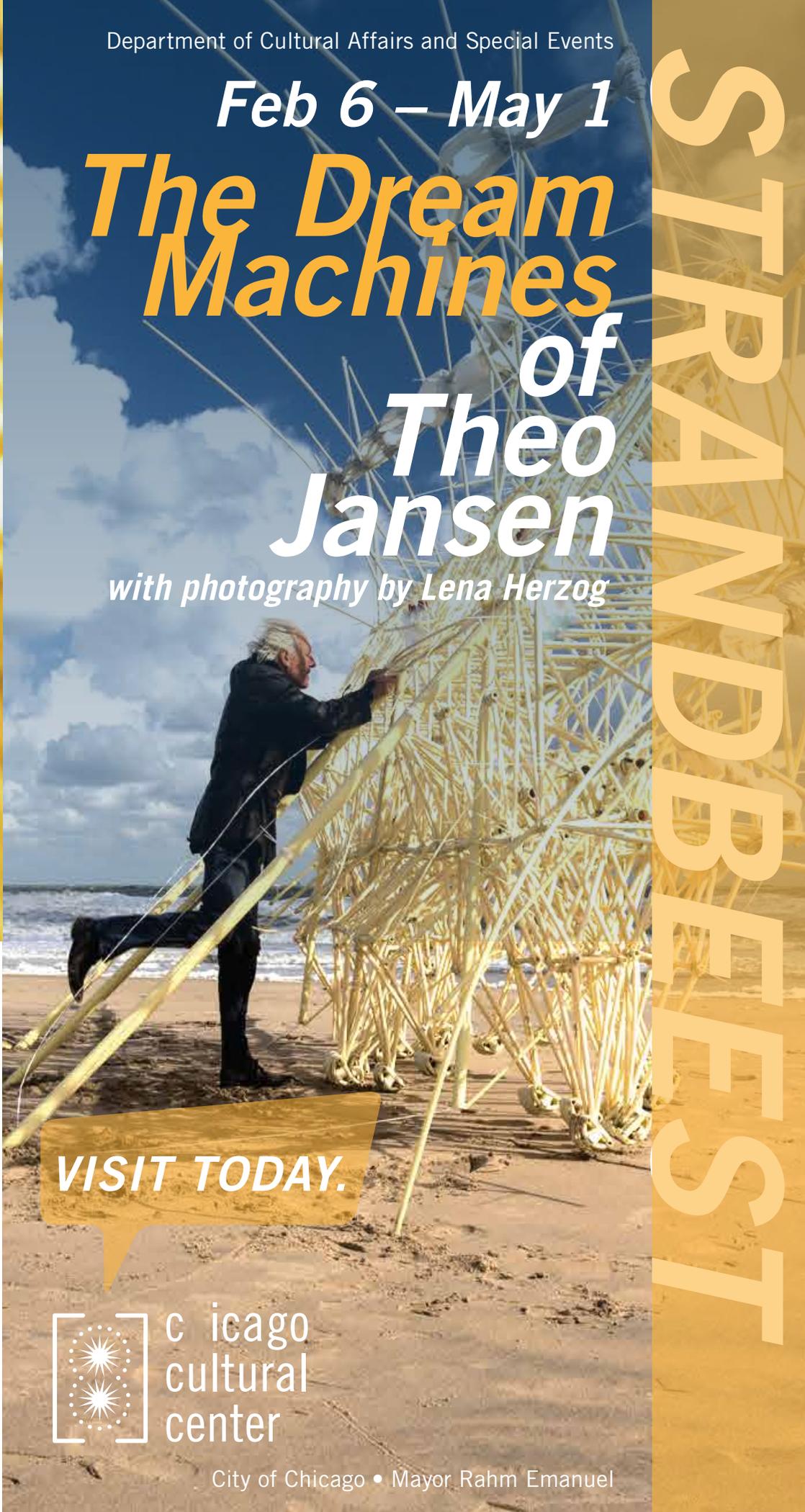


Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events

*Feb 6 – May 1*

# *The Dream Machines* of *Theo Jansen*

*with photography by Lena Herzog*



STRANDBEEST

**FREE ADMISSION**  
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In the first major American exhibition tour, Theo Jansen's wholly distinctive Strandbeests – or “beach creatures” – blur the lines of art, engineering, science and performance. Celebrating the thrill of the kinetic creations' locomotion as well as the processes that have driven their evolutionary development over the last 25 years, the sculptures are accompanied by artist drawings, videos, daily demonstrations of the Strandbeests' movements, a display of “fossils” as well as photography by Lena Herzog.

*Strandbeest: The Dream Machines of Theo Jansen* is organized by the Peabody Essex Museum (PEM), Salem, MA. Audemars Piguet, the tour's National Sponsor, provided generous support to PEM. Grant support provided to DCASE by the Consulate General of the Netherlands in New York, The Netherlands America Foundation and Peabody Essex Museum.

## **PUBLIC PROGRAMS**

### ***Opening Preview with the Artist***

**Friday, February 5, 7–9pm**

**Chicago Cultural Center Exhibit Hall & Sidney R. Yates Gallery**

Join artist Theo Jansen and the team of interpreters for demonstrations and discussion of the kinetic sculptures that have become a global phenomenon.

### ***STEAM Family Day***

**Saturday, February 6, noon–4pm**

**Chicago Cultural Center, building wide**

As part of the opening weekend activities, Strandbeest will feature STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Family Day. Interactive activities and making opportunities will be offered throughout the building along with demonstrations of the exhibition's kinetic sculptures. Interact with modular snake robots from Carnegie Mellon University, use your imagination to create toys with FrankenToyMobile and more!

### ***Theo Jansen and Lawrence Weschler Discussion***

**Sunday, February 7, 1–3pm**

**Chicago Cultural Center, Claudia Cassidy Theater**

Artist Theo Jansen and Chicago Humanities Festival's emeritus artistic director Lawrence Weschler discuss Jansen's experiences over the last 25 years developing his beautiful Strandbeest – or “beach creatures.”

**For a schedule of daily demonstrations of the “beests,” visit [chicagoculturalcenter.org](http://chicagoculturalcenter.org).**

Those interested in group or school tours should reach out to [susan.friel@cityofchicago.org](mailto:susan.friel@cityofchicago.org).

