

CSI: NEW YORK

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I am not a fan of the cold but after many months preparing for the JCI re-accreditation, it was a welcome relief to take a break. My last trip to New York was in 2003, so it was a joy to rediscover the city again, this time in November fall/autumn. By request of the SMA News Editor who has "liked" some of these photographs on Facebook, here is a photo-travelogue of culture, sightseeing and indulgence (hence CSI) captured by my handy Canon Powershot S95. I wish all readers a fruitful 2011 ahead.



Billboard at the Broadhurst theatre – Al Pacino as Shylock in Daniel Sullivan's production of Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*

Landscape by French Cubist artist Jean Metzinger (1883-1956), Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)

Bizet's *Carmen*, with Latvian mezzo-soprano Elina Garanca as the eponymous main character, directed by Richard Eyre, Metropolitan Opera House, Lincoln Center

The Flatiron Building, a unique Beaux-Arts triangular skyscraper which sits on 5th Ave, 23rd Street and Broadway, was one of the tallest buildings in New York when it was completed in 1902

I and the Village by Russian-born French artist Marc Chagall (1887-1985), MoMA

See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil – sculpture installed in a public area



Culture



Sightseeing



● Bow Bridge, Central Park

● Central Park South coloured with the gorgeous hues of fall

● Fountains nestled among greenery at Rockefeller Plaza

● Central Park on a crisp Friday morning

● Times Square in flashing and strobing technicolour

● A night at the opera – *Così fan tutte* at the Lincoln Center

● Gigantic Christmas lights along 6th Ave



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● Malt brownie dessert from Per Se, Time Warner Center, Columbus Circle; the restaurant has a great view of Central Park South, and requires reservations two months in advance

● Mushrooms for sale at Mario Batali's Eataly, a 50,000 sq ft Italian marketplace on 5th Ave and 23rd Street

● Celebrity chef Bobby Flay's Bar Americain, at 52nd Street, specialises in shrimp, grits and meats

● The luxurious Cartier boutique on 5th Ave decked out in their signature crimson

● Had Thanksgiving lunch at Eleven Madison Park, and this – Chestnut Vacherin with pear and burnt honey ice cream – was dessert

● A slice of rich cheesy and meaty goodness – Mariella's Pizza at 60th Street, purportedly Oprah Winfrey's favourite



Indulgence



● Toast with truffle butter from Eleven Madison Park, every bite a mouthful of luxury



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