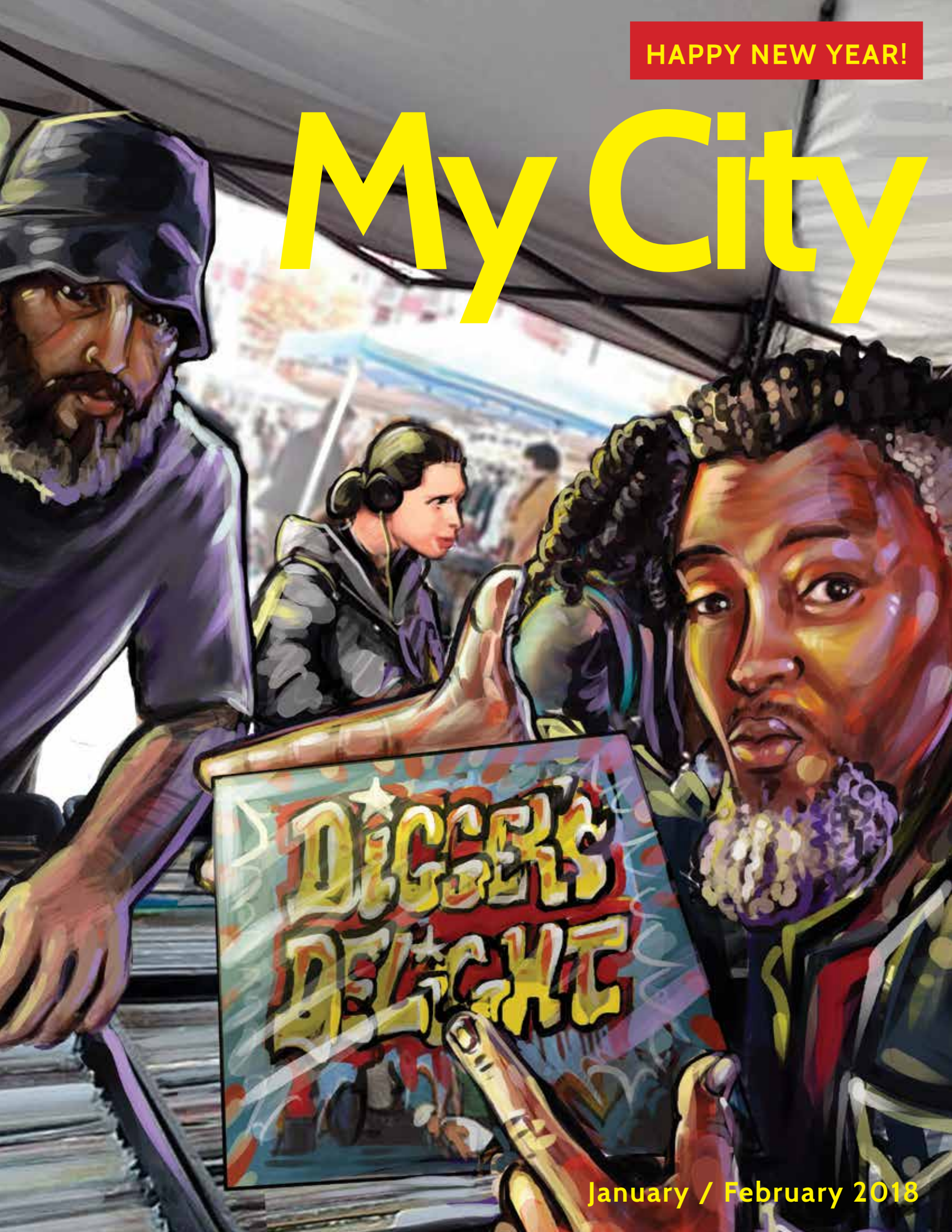


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My City



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Letter From The Editor

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Hi Charlotte,

Happy New Year to you all. Thanks for picking up a copy of My City Magazine. In this issue, we introduce you to the folks behind the vinyl pop-up operation Diggers Delight. Our beer girl walks us through Resident Culture Brewing and we wander through SouthPark Mall with Denise Shirley and Barbara McKay. House of Pizza and House of Lemond have updates worth mentioning and we thought you'd like to see Queen City Gear. My oldest child, Logan Mars Stanfel, wants the readers to know about the new location for Heroes Aren't Hard to Find and I want to share my friends with Benedict's over at Yolk Cafe with y'all. We are excited to debut our Pet Profile of the Month and hope you enjoy our event listing and both Martin "the Clown" Barry's comic strip Micro Monsters and his advice column. Thank you for reading.

Enjoy today and every day,
Ellen Gurley and the other My City Magazine personalities



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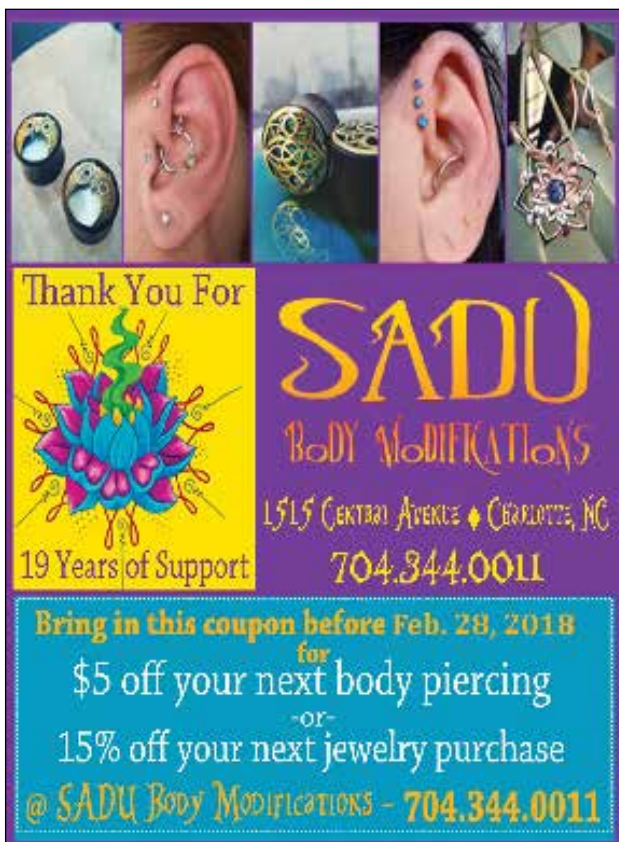
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Diggers Delight

By: Ellen Gurley

Charlotte is quite familiar with the pop-up dinner and the trunk show. This business model keeps away the need for too much overhead and allows for mobility. This environment is perfect for the owners of Diggers Delight, Kim Neal and Scott Slagle, a vinyl record sales operation. With an invested interest in educating their shoppers, being outside of a brick and mortar allows the vibe for discussion. Not only will Neal and Slagle find you something that you are looking for, they will probably suggest some complimentary albums.

No strangers to the making and packaging of music (Super Ape, Flock of Slagles, Asylum



Digital, and Electric Mountain are just a few of their musical hustles), they are like encyclopedias of sound. And I wouldn't recommend playing the Ebony and Ivory card on them, unless you just want to blow your own mind. Their knowledge is more than cross-genre, it is also kind of annoying. They know too much. Available for vending anywhere in the area, Diggers Delight is a must have for any event at a club or a local trade show.

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See Diggers Delight every 3rd Saturday at the NoDa Super Flea
(NoDa Company Store 10am-5pm - except for January's)

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Resident Culture Brewing

words: Amanda Dickinson

photos: Ellen Gurley

We all agree that there have been many changes in Plaza-Midwood over the last few years. Condos and chain restaurants are not so welcomed. Parking has been an issue, traffic is an issue, and demolition of historic buildings has caused much deserved uproar in the neighborhood. Many of our beloved spots have been pushed out by growth, but a few still manage to stand strong. Thirsty Beaver, Common Market, and Thomas Street Tavern all remain successful, next to newer, independent businesses such as CLTCH and the Roasting Company. Another new upstart in the area is Resident Culture Brewing. Located at 2101 Central Avenue in a building that formerly housed a logistics company, it has been beautifully renovated into a welcoming spot. The McLamb's, who are the owners of the property, had offers to sell the location to bring more condominiums to the adjacent property. They refused this offer in order to open Resident Culture wanting to utilize the space to make great beer, as well as keep independent business in the area.

Upon my first visit, I was welcomed by Rebekah Hicks, the taproom manager and head brewer, Chris Tropeano. The taproom is open and airy. Live plants hang from the rafters above the large communal tables. An addition, that is quite interesting, is the door to the barrel room. Resident Culture salvaged the door from Backstage Theatre with the logo intact. The most eye-catching feature is the giant mural painted by Maryssa Pickett, a graduate of SCAD. It depicts a giant cowboy like figure, gently holding a chicken with a spiked collar and a sheriff's badge. The subject matter might make you tilt your head and go hmmm, but the muted warm colors contradict the images, making it almost comforting.

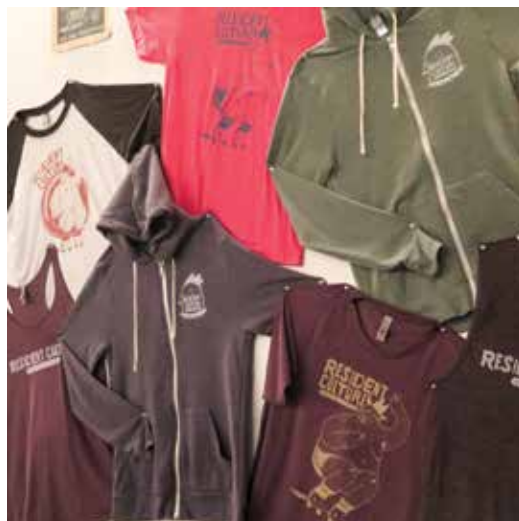
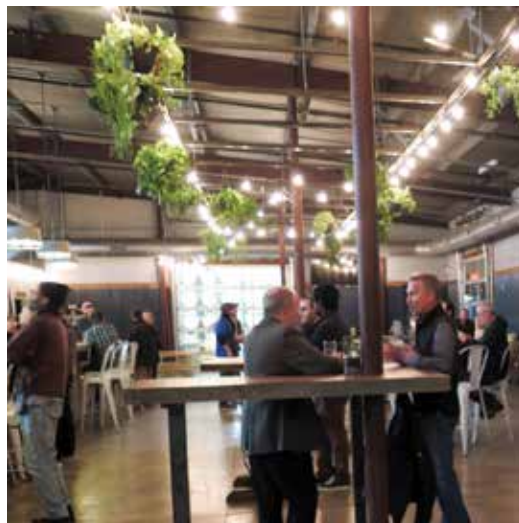
The barrel room is a sight to behold. Wall to wall oak barrels are stacked on top of each other, some still waiting to be filled. Most of the barrels were once home to red wine from Peachy Canyon in Paso Robles, CA. These will be utilized in the brewery's sour program. Tropeano also has sea salt infused whisky barrels in which he has future plans for aging an imperial stout. Something that sets Resident Culture apart from other Charlotte breweries is their coolship program. A coolship is an open air fermentation tank that allows wild yeast and bacteria into the beer to impart funky and sour flavors. Chris recently brewed a spontaneous, Lambic-inspired number in the coolship, which is now aging gracefully in one of



the wine barrels. He has plans to brew more, but because this style is cold weather dependent, it's hard to give an exact amount. The brewery currently is focused on IPAs, Pale Ale's, and Sour styles. Tropeano does have future plans for more canning, brewing stouts, and possibly a lagering program. He also has plans for future collaborations with other Charlotte breweries, such as Legion.

Hicks says that good beer is important, but so is atmosphere. Resident Culture wants to create a welcoming, laid back space conducive to conversation. The brewery is honored to be in the area and are showcasing that by hosting local musicians. Additionally they offer kombucha from Lenny Boy, cider from Good Road Ciderworks, and cold brew from Central Coffee. The brewery uses local fruit and malt, and has foraged for their own yeast strain from plants and trees in the area.

Resident Culture's hours of operation are 3-10 PM Tuesday and Wednesday, 3-11 PM Thursday and Friday, 12-11 PM Saturday, and 12-8 PM Sunday. They host live music and DJs on Fridays from 7-10 PM and Saturdays from 3-6 PM. Like them on Facebook and give them a follow on Instagram for notifications of events. You can also check out their website at www.ResidentCultureBrewing.com



HOUSE OF ...

By: Ellen Gurley

House of Pizza



Charlotte isn't the only place anticipating the re-opening of the legendary House of Pizza. Greece is waiting, too. "The people need to realize that this type of thing takes time", explains Loula Mitsos of Styliis, Fthiotis. As we move into the new year, this local mainstay is moving into a new era as well. With renovations that are long overdue, inspectors are not being kind. Such is life. "We will open in the first of the year and can't wait to see all of our customers again. Their patience has been very supportive." (Maria Psilopoulos)

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House of Lemond



Keeping up with Lemond Hart takes skills. Moving on up isn't just a mental state for him, as he now calls a fifth location home. From NoDa and then to Elizabeth, House of Lemond now sits in the heart of uptown Charlotte at 116 West 4th. Make an appointment to go see him and his team (yes, the pros of AlphaMale Nail and his professional cobbler came along). Get outfitted by the Reverend of Fashion today. Ain't a dang thang changed, but the street name.

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Ask The Clown

*What do I know I'm just a clown?
Advice from Martin "The Clown" Barry*



Q

Dear Clown,

I am divorcing my husband after seven years of marriage. We have two children. I asked for the divorce because I just do not love him anymore and I have found someone else that he does not know about. He wants to settle this amicably, pay child support, and have the children as much as possible. I want him to pay alimony, as well, and I am thinking that I should restrict him from having the children. What should I do?

Sincerely,
Separated at Last

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A

Dear Separated at Last,

I am going to say this loud so that the people in the back can hear it as well: **STOP USING YOUR CHILDREN AS BARGAINING TOOLS!!** Your situation does not merit what you are seeking. Your root cause is called "alienation of affection," which is fine, but there is no reason he should suffer more for it. If you have an amicable split and communicate well, your children will come up just fine. **DO NOT** let your selfishness get in the way of that.

Get real,
The Clown

Q

Dear Clown,

My aunt is in porn films. A friend of mine showed me a clip that he told me about and he insisted it was my aunt. Once I saw it, there was no mistake. Now I am confused about how I should act toward her or if I should discuss what I found with my family. Help?

Sincerely,
Confused

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A

Dear Confused,

First off, don't change anything about the way you and your aunt interact. You are probably very dear to her and you would not want to cloud that. Second, it is not your place to discuss what any member of your family does or does not do with any other member of your family. You don't want to cause harm or embarrassment. Have a talk directly with your aunt and get her take on it. Understanding is always best.

Cheers!
The Clown

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Q

Dear Clown,

I just inherited 4 cars, a house, and a nice amount of cash from an uncle that passed. I am selling the house because I don't want to be in that place without his presence. One of

the cars is going to a charity and I am keeping 3. My father is practically begging for one of the cars and saying that he and his brother built it, so it should go to him. I am at the end of my rope on this item and I don't know what to do. Can you make a suggestion?

Sincerely,
Favorite Nephew

A

Dear Favorite,

The key here is that all of these things are YOURS. You proceed as you wish. If your uncle felt the same way your father did, then he would have left the car in question to him. There is a reason he gave all of this to you and I am confident that you will do what is best. It seems that you are reluctant to give the car to your father, so follow your heart on that. You do not owe anyone a reason or explanation for your decision either.

Happy motoring!
The Clown

Q

Dear Clown,

I have grown weary of being the person responsible for holiday dinners. I have five adult children. I like to have the whole family over, but going through the traditional dish preparation has taken a toll on me. Do you have any options for me?

Sincerely,
Gran

A

Dear Gran,

I have LOTS of options! You could go with

non-traditional foods or have the event catered. You could rotate hosting duties each year between you and your children. You could all go to a restaurant open on these dates, or take a trip together somewhere. Keeping things fresh will make you, and probably the children, quite happy

Enjoy,
The Clown

Q

Dear Clown,

I do quite well at my job, but I am beginning to hate what I do. Every week, I find myself in a darker place because of this and I don't know if I have any options. Tell me what you think?
Sincerely,

Worker Bee

A

Dear Worker Bee,

As you did not state what your profession is, I will just have to make blind suggestions that do not relate to your current career. Option one would be to take any savings you have on hand and start your own business. Working for yourself at something you love doing is much better than dragging through something you hate each day. Option two would be to pursue the career that you always wanted, but regarded as less lucrative. A happy soul is much more valuable than money in the bank.

Hi- Ho, Hi- Ho,
The Clown

Do you have a question for The Clown? Write him at Martin@MyCityMagazine.net

Events In Your City

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2018 EVENTS:

SUNDAYS:

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

www.Hornets.com : 2.04 @ Phoenix Suns 3pm / 2.11 @ Toronto Raptors 1pm / 2.25 vs. Detroit Pistons 1pm

www.CharlotteCheckers.com : 1.07 @ Hershey 5pm / 1.21 vs. Rochester 1pm / 2.04 @ Hershey 2pm / 2.18 vs. Syracuse 3pm / 2.25 @ Bridgeport 3pm

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

@ 300 Restaurant: ½ wine by the bottle

@ Zen Fusion: ½ price by the bottle (under \$45)

LIVE MUSIC:

@ Comet Grill: 8pm Omari & the Hellraisers

@ the Evening Muse: 1.14 Jordan Middleton (album release), Joe Middleton / 1.28 Heather Maloney / 2.25 Aubrey Logan

@ Petra's: 2nd Sunday - Jazz Workshop & Improv w. John Shaughnessy

@ the Visulite Theatre: 1.14 12pm School of Rock Charlotte / 2.11 the White Buffalo, Andrea Davidson

Sun., Jan. 21st @ the Neighborhood Theatre: They Might Be Giants

Sun., Feb. 11th @ Ovens Auditorium: Robert Plant & the Sensational Space Shifters

PLAY OR POETRY READINGS / BOOK SIGNINGS:

@ Red at 28th: "Soulful Sundays" feat. poets, vocalists, comedians, musicians, DJs

COMEDY / THEATRE:

@ the Comedy Zone: 1.07 Kountry Wayne / 1.14 Don "DC" Curry / 2.11 Love & War: Relationships are a Joke w. Blayr Nias & Ryan Van Genderen / 2.18 Chris Franjola / 2.25 Gary Owen

KARAOKE:

@ Snug Harbor: Bone Snugs-n-Harmony karaoke w. Bryan Pierce

FILM:

• Sun., Jan. 14th @ the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: 2pm the Classic Black Cinema Series - Losing Ground

MONDAYS:

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

www.Hornets.com : 1.15 @ Detroit Pistons 12:30pm / 1.22 vs. Sacramento Kings 7pm / 2.05 @ Denver Nuggets 9pm

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

@ 300 East Restaurant: ½ wine by the glass

@ NoDa Brewing Co.: Tap Room open 4-9pm w. Food Truck Tin Kitchen (5pm) / You Drink, We Donate (benefiting a local charity each week)

LIVE MUSIC:

@ the Visulite Theatre: Monday Night Allstars

@ the Evening Muse: 8pm "Find Your Muse" open mic band night w. guest headliners

PLAY OR POETRY READING / BOOK SIGNINGS:

@ the Rabbit Hole: 8-11pm 1st & 3rd Mondays: "Monocle": Improv Monday

DANCE MUSIC / DJs / BURLESQUE OR DRAG:

@ Snug Harbor: Fresh Grounds Presents: "Knocturnal" w. Justin Aswell & friends + Bboy & MC cyphers

@ Soul Gastrolounge: DJ Mookie Brill

TUESDAYS:

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

www.CharlotteCheckers.com : 2.13 vs. Hartford 7pm

www.Hornets.com : 2.27 vs. Chicago Bulls 7pm

@ Hattie's Tap & Tavern: Bingo w. Garin / 1st Tuesdays 7-10pm Beard & Mustache Club of NC monthly meeting www.BMCofNC.com (+ tacos)

@ Olde Mecklenburg Brewery: 6:30 Yoga on Tap

@ Petra's: 2nd Tuesdays: Drag Trivia w. Lana Cane & Ilean Dover / 4th Tuesdays: Lost Cargo - Tiki Social Club (specialty drinks & exotica music) 8-11pm / last Tuesdays: Buzzed Spelling Bee w. PBR, Old Tankard Ale & Tullamore Dew

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

on WCCB Charlotte: 7-9am Troy's Everyday Eats w. Chef Troy Gagliardo

@ NoDa Brewing Co.: "NoDable Series" (new beers released in their taproom 4pm) / Tap Room open 4-9pm / Tin Kitchen food truck 5pm

@ Zen Fusion: 1/2 price wine by the glass & select bottles

LIVE MUSIC:

@ the Comet Grill: Red Rockin' Chair

@ Morehead Tavern: 8pm Bill Hanna Jazz Jam

Tues., Feb. 6th @ the Visulite Theatre: G.Love & the Special Sauce

Tues., Feb. 20th @ the Evening Muse: Robert Stevenson

Crafty Hour with www.CrownedSparrowCo.com

DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE OR DRAG:

@ Petra's: 1st Tuesdays 8pm-12am Bring Your Own Vinyl Night w.Justin Aswell

@ Soul Gastrolounge: DJ Shanti Moore

@ the Stashe House: DJ DR

WEDNESDAYS:

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

www.CharlotteCheckers.com : 1.01 vs. Bridgeport 7pm / 2.07

@ Lehigh Valley 7:05pm / 2.14 vs. Hartford 7pm

www.Hornets.com : 1.10 vs. Dallas Mavericks 7pm / 1.17 vs. Washington Wizards 7pm / 1.24 vs. Pelicans 7pm / 1.31 @ Atlanta Hawks 7:30pm / 2.14 @ Orlando Magic 7pm / 2.28 @ Boston Celtics 7:30pm

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

@ Central Coffee: 15% off of pounds of coffee

@ Dilworth Neighborhood Grill: 1st Wednesdays www.CarolinaBrewMasters.com meeting

@ JJ's Red Hots: kids eat free (w.purchase of an adult combo)

LIVE MUSIC:

@ the Evening Muse: 1.03 Tosco Music Party / 1.10 Ryanhood / 1.17 Peter Case, Dead Rock West / 1.24 Nick Jamerson, Tyler Hatley / 1.31 the Winter Sounds w.Belle Adair / 2.14 the Charlie Hunter Trio feat. Silvana Estrada

@ Rhino Market: Wak Wednesdays w.Derrick Hines 1st & 3rd w.open mic

@ the Visulite Theatre: 1.17 Dorothy / 2.28 Brett Dennen

COMEDY / THEATRE:

@ the Comedy Zone: 1.17 Tim Wright / 1.24 Jay Mohr / 1.31 That Comedy Show w.Ryan Van Genderen

TRADE / INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

@ Spandex City Comics: 5pm Pokemon league

DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE OR DRAG:

@ Soul Gastrolounge: DJ That Guy Smitty

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

www.Hornets.com : 2.22 vs. Brooklyn Nets 7pm

@ Petra's: 2nd Thursdays - Potions & Pixels (video games & board games)

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

@ Birdsong Brewing: 3-10pm open / 3pm Thirsty Thursdays (new releases) / 6:30pm brewery tours

LIVE MUSIC:

@ Blue: John Alexander, Ron Brenale, Chris Garges www.JaJazz.net

@ the Evening Muse: 1.18 the Contenders / 1.25 Hannah Wicklund & the Steppin Stones, the High Divers / 2.08 Lara Hope & the Ark-Tones, the Menders

@ the Milestone: 1.11 Charlie's on Acid / 2.01 Haunted Summer

@ the Visulite Theatre: 1.11 Cuzco, the Most, Perspective, a Lovely Hand to Hold, Youth League / 2.15 the Black Lillies, Justin Fedor, Frank Bronson

COMEDY / THEATRE:

@ the Comedy Zone: 1.04 Kountry Wayne / 1.11 Don "DC" Curry / 1.18 HodgeTwins / 1.25 Joey "Coco" Diaz / 2.01 United we Laugh (benefiting Queen City Unity) / 2.08 Jay Oakerson / 2.15 Bert Kreischer / 2.22 Gary Owen

DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE OR DRAG:

@ Rhino Market: DJ Jah-Sun Rising (Jason Herring) + 1st Thursdays of the month wine tasting

@ Snug Harbor: 10pm-2am Le Bang w.Buckmaster

FILM:

@ Canvas Tattoo & Art Gallery: 9pm night at the movies

FRIDAYS:

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

www.CharlotteCheckers.com : 1.12 vs. Toronto 7:15pm / 1.26 @ Hartford 7:15pm / 2.02 @ Lehigh Valley 7:05pm / 2.09 vs. Springfield 7:15pm / 2.23 @ Springfield 7:05pm

www.Hornets.com : 1.05 @ LA Lakers 10:30pm / 1.12 vs. Utah Jazz 7pm / 1.26 vs. Atlanta Hawks 7pm / 2.02 vs. Indiana Pacers 7pm / 2.09 @ Utah Jazz 9pm / 2.23 @ Washington Wizards 7pm

Fri., Jan. 26th @ the Westin: The 2018 PRIDE Awards

Fri., Jan. 26th @ Flow Yoga (Locust): 6:30-9:30pm www.LoveTheLittleOnes.org Presents: a Night of Giving

LIVE MUSIC:

@ the Comet Grill: the Lenny Federal Band

@ Coyote Joe's: 1.05 Chris Lane / 1.19 Tracy Lawrence / 1.26 Chris Janson

@ the Evening Muse: 1.05 Christy Snow Band, Tony Eltora / Jason Hausman & the Shallow Sea, Mirror Man / 1.12 the Stray Birds / 1.19 Charlie Mars / 2.02 Lost Dog Street Band, Dead Cat / Haunted Summer / 2.23 John Nolan, Andy Billinski

@ the Milestone: 1.05 Flight Club, Chaser / 1.26 Tim Barry, Laura Stevenson, Roger Harvey

@ Petra's: 1.05 Leadville String Trio / 2.09 the Traveling Ones, Brit Drozda, Jason Scavone

@ the Visulite Theatre: 1.12 Abbey Road (a Beatles tribute) / 1.19 Unknown Hinson / 1.26 Yarn, Dangermuffin / 2.02 the Breakfast Club / 2.09 MR Carmack / 2.16 Jerry Garcia Band Cover Band / 2.23 Interstellar Overdrive (a Pink Floyd tribute) (Animals & Dark Side)

Fri., Jan. 19th @ the Underground: Enrage Against the Machine (a Rage Against the Machine tribute), Carolinacation (a Red Hot Chili Peppers tribute), Cypress Ill (a Cypress Hill tribute)

Fri., Jan. 26th @ the McGlohon Theater: Taj Mahal

Fri., Feb. 2nd @ Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral: 9pm Nikos Makropoulos, Kostas Karafotis

COMEDY / THEATRE:

@ the Comedy Zone: 1.05 Kountry Wayne / 1.12 Don "DC" Curry / 1.19 Iliza Shlesinger / 1.26 Joey "Coco" Diaz / 2.02 Michael Kosta / 2.09 Jay Oakerson / 2.16 Bert Kreischer / 2.23 Gary Owen

MUSEUMS / ART:

• in SouthEnd: 1st Fridays Gallery Crawl

• 2nd Fridays @ Oak Street Mill (Cornelius) : art, music, & vendors

TRADE / INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

@ the Last Word: FNM Magic the Gathering

DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE OR DRAG:

@ the Common Market (Plaza-Midwood): 1st & 3rd Fridays w.DJ That Guy Smitty

@ Heist Brewery: 2nd Fridays w.DJ That Guy Smitty

@ Scorpio's: DJ Lin Benfield + MC Tiffany Storm

@ Sports One: 10pm-2am "Friday Social" w.Cortney Hicks & DJ DR

@ Sullivan's Steakhouse: "Beer & Beats" w.resident DJ Selector E (Eric Brayman)

@ Vinmaster Wine Shop: 7-11pm DJ DR

@ Whiskey Warehouse: DJ Matt Bolick

@ Workman's Friend: DJ Wiiz Kid (Steve Warwick)

@ Petra's: last Fridays : Mirror Moves ('80's/'90's) w.DJs Cody Hare & Jah-Sun Rising (Jason Herring)

KARAOKE:

@ Noda 101: karaoke w.Sam Fleming

FILM:

@ Cinebarre: 1st & 3rd : Rocky Horror at Midnight feat. www. ThatType.com

SATURDAYS:

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

www.CharlotteCheckers.com : 1.13 vs. Toronto 6pm / 1.20 vs. Rochester 6pm / 1.27 @ Hartford 7:30pm / 2.03 @ Hershey 7pm / 2.10 vs.Springfield 6pm / 2.17 vs. Syracuse 6pm / 2.24 @ Bridgeport 7pm

www.Hornets.com : 1.13 vs. OKC Thunder 5pm / 1.20 vs. Miami Heat 7pm / 1.27 @ Miami Heat 7:30pm

@ Lenny Boy: 10am \$5 yoga

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

@ NoDa Company Store: 9am-noon www. NoDaFarmersMarket.com / 4-9pm the Dumpling Lady /3rd Saturdays: 10am-5pm NoDa Super Flea (parking lot behind Smelly Cat) (event/vending questions: Ellen Gurley, 704-575-6611, ellengurley@gmail.com) Next ones: Sat., Feb. 17th #4 / Sat., March 17th #5 / Sat., Apr. 21st)

@ Crafty Beer Guys: 2nd Saturdays home brew class

Sat., Feb. 3rd @ the Fillmore: www.QCBrewFest.com

LIVE MUSIC:

@ the Evening Muse: 1.06 Artist Vice, Laura Rabell / 1.13 Cameron Floyd / the Queen's Guard / 1.20 Ultrafaux, Lon Eldridge / 2.03 Lucy Kaplansky / 2.24 Sirsy

@ the Milestone: 1.06 Take the Fall (farewell show), Minimums, Wolves Wolves Wolves Wolves, Messenger Down / 1.13 Crushed, Post Nothing

@ the Neighborhood Theatre: 1.06 Melodime / 1.27 Donna the Buffalo

@ the Visulite Theatre: 1.13 Boy Named Banjo / 1.20 Tigerdog, Tyler Boone / 2.17 Marc Broussard

Sat., Jan. 6th @ Crown Station: the Commonwealth, Farewell Albatross, Jaggermouth (Johnny Moss bday)

Sat., Jan. 13th @ Tommy's Pub: 2018 Resolution Revolution w.Joules, Trash Room, Hungry Girl, Van Huskins

Sat., Feb. 17th @ McGlohon Theater: Marc Broussard

COMEDY / THEATRE:

@ the Comedy Zone: 1.06 Kountry Wayne / 1.13 Don "DC"

Curry / 1.20 Iliza Shlesinger / 1.27 Joey "Coco" Diaz / 2.03 Michael Kosta / 2.10 Jay Oakerson / 2.17 Bert Kreischer / 2.24 Gary Owen

@ Madison's Coffee House (Indian Trail): "Cup of Humor" (every first Saturday) feat. comics: Darryl Smith, Rob McDonald, Roxanne McDonald, James Dugan, Ed Fox

MUSEUMS / ART:

@ ClearWater Artists Studio: every 2nd Saturday 10am-4pm Open Studios

@ Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: 1.06 The Making of the Crown - workshops for young writers and painters / 2.02 Exhibition Community Opening

TRADE / INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

@ Spandex City Comics: 11am Pokemon league

Sat., Jan. 27th @ the Grady Cole Center: www.HeroesOnline.com Presents: Charlotte Mini-Con

DANCE MUSIC / DJs / BURLESQUE OR DRAG:

@ Bistro La Bon: "Alter Ego Saturdays" w.DJ that Guy Smitty

@ the Milestone: 1.20 Digital Noir w.DJs Spider & Michael Price / 2.24 New Wave Undertow w.Michael Price

@ Roxbury: DJ Jody

@ Workman's Friend: DJ Wiiz Kid (Steve Warwick)

Sat., Feb. 10th @ the Visulite Theatre: Big Mammias House of Burlesque Presents: the 11th Annual ValenTease Burlesque Show

SPECIAL OR MULTIPLE DAY EVENTS:

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

Feb. 16th-18th @ Wheel of Bliss Retreat (Hot Springs) Root to Crown Productions Presents: Winter Playcation (reiki, meditation & more) w.Mandi & Kim

Feb. 27th & 28th @ Bojangles' Coliseum: 2018 www.CIAATournament.org

Jan. 9th-14th @ Ovens Auditorium: School of Rock

Jan. 12th & 13th @ the Jazz Room: Chad Lawson plays George Gershwin

Feb. 16th & 17th @ the Jazz Room: Derek Douget plays Wayne Shorter

COMEDY / THEATRE:

Jan. 19th-Feb.4th @ Theatre Charlotte: the Nerd

Feb. 16th-25th @ Halton Theatre: Evita feat.Shane Elks & more

SYMPHONY / OPERA / DANCE:

Jan. 12th & 13th @ Belk Theater: www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: John Williams Unlimited

Jan. 19th & 20th @ Knight Theater: www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Magic Flute Overture

Jan. 26th & 27th @ Knight Theater: www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Dancing Queen - Music of ABBA

Jan. 26th - Feb. 17th @ Center for Dance: www.CharlotteBallet.org Presents: Innovative Works

Feb. 2nd & 3rd @ Belk Theater: www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: An American in Paris

Feb. 11th, 15th & 17th @ Belk Theater: www.OperaCarolina.org Presents: Rigoletto

MUSEUMS / ART:

THRU Jan 6th @ Jerald Melberg Gallery: Susan Grossman's City Moments

THRU Jan. 7th @ Bechtler Museum of Modern Art: Paul Strand in Mexico (photography)

THRU Jan. 3rd @ New Gallery of Modern Art: Hunt Slonem's Aviary

THRU Jan. 12th @ Soco Gallery: Alejandro Cartegena - Home

THRU Jan. 21st @ the Mint Museum (Randolph): Art in the Book - artists as illustrators (feat.Dali, Kent, Bearden & more)

THRU Jan. 22nd @ the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: Simple Passion, Complex Vision: the Darryl Atwell Collection AND Instill & Inspire: Selections from the John & Vivian Hewitt Collection of African-American Art AND Immortal: a New Series by: Miya Bailey AND Sloane Siobhan: Archetypes of the Subconscious

THRU Jan. 26th @ Hodges Taylor: Silhouette - Lynn Saville & Ahmad Sabha

THRU Feb. 4th @ the Mint Museum (Randolph): Charlotte Collects - Contemporary Couture & Fabulous Fashion

THRU March 4th @ Bechtler Museum of Modern Art: Maestros Mexicanos de la Fotografia Moderna (Mexican Masters of Modern Philosophy)

THRU June 3rd @ Mint Museum (uptown): Costume Designs - William Ivey Long

THRU June 17th @ Mint Museum (uptown): Reveal & Detonate - Photography in Mexico Develar y Detonar - Fotografia en Mexico

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Denise Shirley: The Prism Effect

words by Ellen Gurley
photos: Katherine Kirchnet



Denise Shirley isn't just a personal stylist and the owner of Prism Effect. She bounces through life with a refined youthfulness, borrowing inspiration from bombshells past, and improving the lives of everyone around her. With only a decade in, and a fresh style including a fun haircut usually incorporating every colour in the rainbow, she has clients that remain in the public eye and entrust her with their entire wardrobes.

One such client is the one and only Barbara McKay. McKay has been in Charlotte media for almost 40 years and has retained her following with a personal blog. She has had Shirley as a reliable and committed fashion mentor for years as she is beyond competent and has a nod-worthy reputation. Shirley has

been responsible for selecting the accessories and clothing for the advertising of many local boutiques and has assisted in shoots and layouts for several print campaigns regionally. She is not just a stylist to the stars, she can work with any budget, keeps up amply with trends, and will quickly learn your



preferences. In addition to just creating that special outfit for that one event, Shirley does closet editing, has a classically trained seamstress, can bring along a jewelry and shoe repair professional, will organize a donation or place your discarded items on consignment, and can make easy and otherwise handle any other aspects that may be overwhelming to you.

Without a selfish bone in her body, Shirley promotes everything that she utilizes and everyone she sees, including, but not limited to, inventory at Tory Burch, her esthetician Krystal Bason at Looking Glass, clothing hand-selected with colleagues at Nordstrom, and product at the Shoe Box. Being very social media prolific, she always makes sure to credit each piece, service, and business when she models or outfits a client. Hashtag hashtag.

Follow Barbara McKay at www.SimplyBarbaraMcKay.com

Follow Denise Shirley of Prism Effect at [the_prism_effect](https://www.instagram.com/the_prism_effect) on Instagram or contact her at EffectPrism@gmail.com to schedule a consultation.

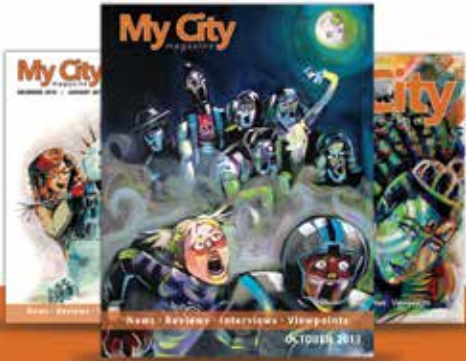


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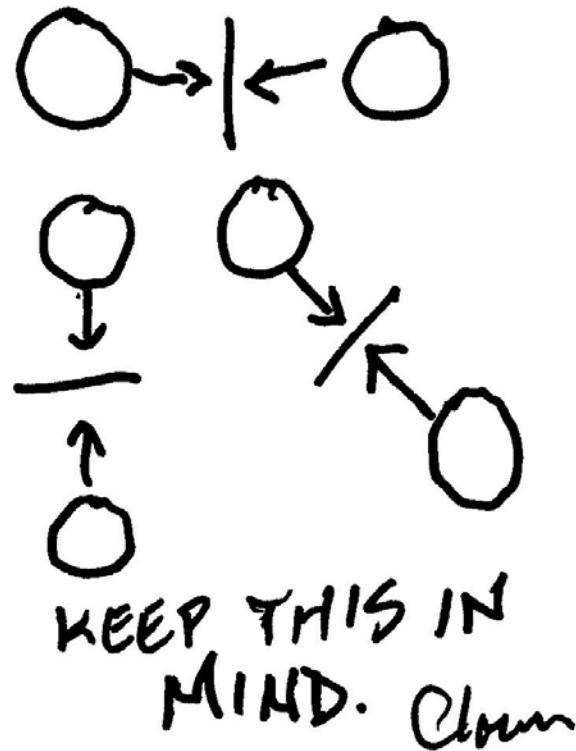
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Pet Profile: Biggie Smalls - January / February 2018

photos: Kate Montague

Biggie Smalls the Boxer is one well traveled boy for his spry 5 years. Born in Virginia, raised in the Big Apple, now spending his days in the Queen City, Biggs is a true lover. His favorite thing is to lick the back of your teeth. I'm quite sure he thinks he's French because he is all tongue. He is 60 pounds of lap dog and he loves a fuzzy, soft blanket. If one assumes to take that cozy nap on the sofa by themselves, they need to think again. His one character flaw is that he is a jumper, having broken at least one nose. He's just so happy to meet people. Momma had help in raising him; his 'sister' Pickol let him know the day

he came home that she'd have none of his shenanigans and laid down the law right away. That didn't stop him from endlessly dive bombing her to goad her into an occasional play session. She may have been slower but she was a tough ol' broad. When she went to the Bridge, Biggs got a new brother, Maso, 1 year male Boxer, 2 years younger than he. Biggie quickly learned what it was like to have a youngster bugging you all the time, but they quickly became thick as thieves and are now completely bonded.



Biggie is a frequent flyer at NoDa Bark and Board with Maso and he loves to walk in the woods at the Nature Center at Reedy Creek Park. He also has another hobby. He's an excellent photography model. Momma started putting him in ridiculous costumes when he was 2 and photographing him in funny scenes. He almost takes on a service dog persona, allowing me to pose him, remaining calm and pliable throughout the shoots. Well, that and he'll do anything for chicken?! He has a Facebook following of over 1,000 (more than Momma?!) and his photos have been used for Carolina Boxer Rescue promotions as well as for NoDa Bark and Board. You can find

some Poptiles for sale of some of his prints at 4 Dogs Pet Supplies in NoDa. Biggie Smalls the Boxer is the best dog – everyone that meets him falls in love with him. It's impossible not to.

[Facebook.com/biggiesmallstheboxer](https://www.facebook.com/biggiesmallstheboxer) | Biggie's person is photographer Kate Montague. She can be reached at kate@kmcaptured.com

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Heroes Aren't Hard to Find

words by Logan Mars Stanfel
photos compliments of MNM



As a comic book enthusiast, I mostly go to Heroes. If you don't know what this is, it is a comic book store in Elizabeth. They have everything from Marvel to DC plus the great selections on Free Comic Book Day. They were going to move to NoDa, but they are now in the back parking lot of the 7th Street location, making Heroes (definitely and literally) not hard to find.

A few comic books I have gotten there are: Secret Wars 2 #1 (1985), King Conan #15 (1982), and Amazing Spider-Man #257 (1984). The inventory is both vintage and new, the employees are very helpful (shout out to Justin Crouse), and I definitely recommend this Charlotte shop.

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- January 27th : Charlotte Mini-Con @ the Grady Cole Center (the area's original comic book show)
- June 15th-17th : Heroes Convention (since 1982) @ the Charlotte Convention Center



The Yolk Café

By: Ellen Gurley

Just a short drive from Charlotte, My City Magazine has friends with Benedict's. Lucky for you, we are willing to share them. Greg Collier has been running one of the hottest restaurants the area has to offer, the Yolk Café, and we feel greedy keeping it to ourselves. There is no "late to the party" when finally checking out a place that has been booming for years. Yolk boasts a slew of regular customers from all over the area, but always welcomes the new face in their Rock Hill dining room.

It is immediately clear that Collier is a Tennessee native, with jerseys and Volunteer garb on the walls. The blatant nod they give to old school music and pop culture is throughout, with albums and memorabilia underneath the glass table tops. Offering meat and veggie specials and a beach bowl option scrawled upon the chalkboard daily, it is obvious that a lot of care goes into each of their dishes.

You may have heard of Greg Collier from his affiliation with local pop-up operation Soul Sessions. An all black umbrella, that provides a much needed platform to (once) less visible chefs and mixologists, has only one rule, no fried chicken. Soul Sessions is transforming the stereotypes one plate at a time. And as a member of the Catawba Farm & Food Coalition, a steward to the community, and a man of his word, Collier's full service breakfast only restaurant is bringing the freshest ideas and ingredients to the table.

Collier is backed by his wife, Subrina, who is always present on the floor, keeping the proverbial machine oiled. With a cute love story and an impressive menu, the Colliers are a staple in the culinary community. There is not a "no fried chicken rule" at Yolk. You can find an amazing chicken and waffles in house, but one thing you can't find is an alcoholic beverage. Perhaps, he wants the food to be the focus. Go check them out soon. They are open daily from 7am to 2pm (closed on Tuesdays) and have something for (literally) everyone. The names of some items are just as amazing as the presentation and taste (Challah Back French toast, A Bird in the Hand chicken sandwich, and the Fugita Boutit salmon bagel, just to name a few). Tell them that My City Magazine sent you and thank us later.

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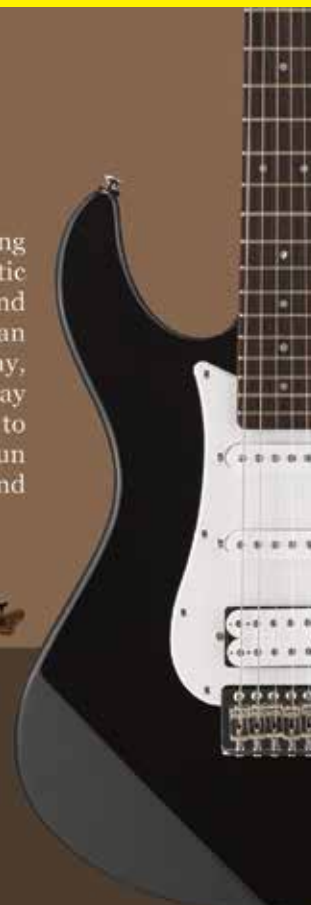
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