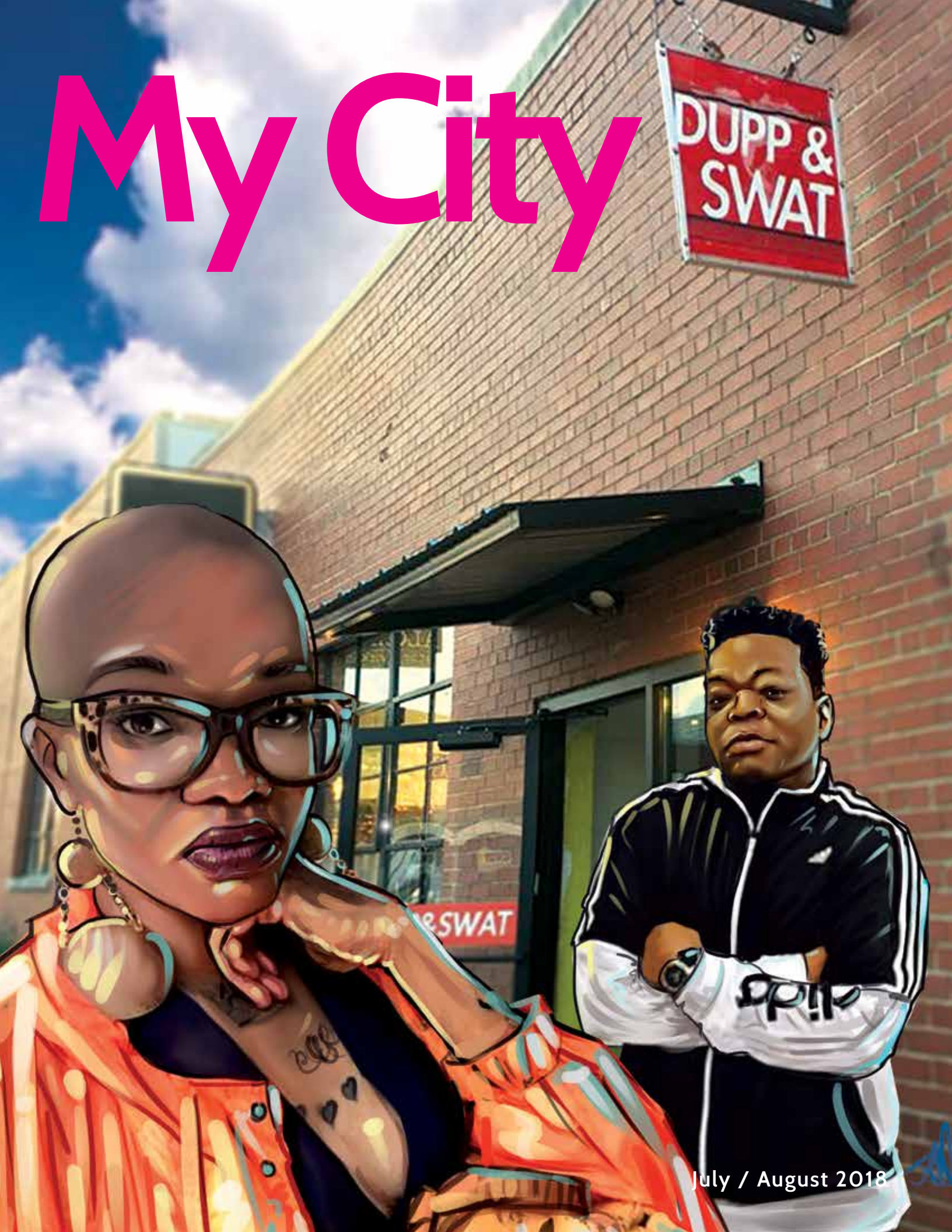


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Letter From The Editor

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Hi Charlotte,

Thank you for picking up this issue of My City Magazine. Let us introduce you to Chuck Sullivan and his poetry and also the folks down and DUPP&SWAT. In every issue, The Clown gives us his advice column and his comic strip "Micro Monsters". This issue celebrates the debut craft cocktail recipe from celebrity bartender Sabrina Hayko and don't forget to check out the exhaustive event listing. Subscribe to our biweekly newsletter by emailing 'subscribe' to ellengurley@gmail.com. We hope you enjoy this issue and thank you for reading.

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



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Micro Monsters

by "the Clown"



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DUPP&SWAT

by Ellen Gurley

Davita and Dion Galloway are a brother and sister team that came here from Winston-Salem. They created the concept DUPP&SWAT that quickly became an urban hot spot. With now two locations, the Galloways are pillars in our city, while providing a much needed platform and spaces for artists, willingly educating and empowering minds, and actively supporting other's entrepreneurial initiatives. The duo are esteemed stylists and champions for the community while being "dedicated to the creation, mobilization, and sustainability of artists in (and around) the Queen City".

They not only have their two DUPP&SWAT locations (the studio and the concept), they run www.TheSpreadMag.com and www.CrownKeepers.org as a continued extension of their efforts. Their walls are covered in work from regional artists and the shop boasts local jewelry and inclusive, clothing brands (with some items including words echoing Christian living and sentiments from the Black Woman's Mantra).

You can visit to simply shop or contact them to rent their two spots for your next event. They have hosted poetry and book readings, art shows, live music, charity events, and are ready to have YOU utilize their spaces today. Follow them on social media. Be in the know and go meet them soon.

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Wed.-Fri.: 11am-7pm

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Muddy River Distillery

Craft Cocktail recipe by Sabrina Hayko (The LadyBeans) of 300 East Restaurant



Having been a long time fan of Queen Charlotte's Reserve Carolina Rum, I was very excited to venture to Belmont to meet the people who made it at Muddy River Distillery. Sitting right on the Catawba River, Caroline Delaney and her husband Robbie offer a variety of rum including: silver, spiced, reserve, and coconut. Since I have already crafted many cocktails around their Queen Charlotte's Rum, I fully expected to recycle one of the many recipes in which I have featured this product. I did not expect to fall in love with their coconut rum. It's smooth, packed with flavor, not overly sweet, and 70 proof. Not too many coconut rums are that strong. So I set out to make a cocktail that features Muddy River's Coconut Rum that wasn't overly sweet and could be easily replicated at home. This is what I came up with.

Primitive Escape (a twist on the classic *old fashioned* and *pina colada*)

1. In a shaker, muddle 6-8 pieces of pineapple and one Halo orange.
2. Add 1/2 ounce of www.PawPawMuphys.com Nut Crackin Amaretto Shine.
3. Add 5 dashes of Tiki www.CrudeBitters.com.
4. Add 1 1/2 ounce of Muddy River's coconut Rum.
5. Fill the shaker with ice.
6. Shake.
7. Pour the mixture over fresh ice.
8. Top it with club soda.
9. Finally, garnish with an orange twist and a pineapple core stir stick.
10. Enjoy!

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Ask The Clown

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



Q

Dear Clown,

Warmer weather is here and it means I will be wearing my favorite lightweight and, at times, light coverage clothing. Last year, I encountered several men shouting, driving by repeatedly, and even taking photos with their phones. I ignored all of them, but it made me mad when I thought about it later. What would you suggest I do to counter them this year?

Sincerely,
More Than This

A

Dear More,

If men are taking photos of you, call the police and let them handle it. Keep yourself safe as first priority. Do not dismiss or shrug off this kind of behavior. These "men" deserve all the embarrassment and exposure for this poor behavior.

What would their mothers say?
The Clown

Q

Dear Clown,

I have been married for a year now and I think I made a huge mistake. My wife is a great person, but she is much more social than I will ever be and it seems that she does more in a day than I do all week. I feel like I cannot keep up and that she will determine that I am not enough for her. We dated for four years before we were married, so her pace was not a surprise, but now it makes me worry. How can I talk to her about this?

Sincerely,
Intro-Man

Dear Intro,

I pity you in the way that Mr. T pities a fool. You have been given a gift and you are second guessing it. Dating that long and then having her agree to marry you should be enough indication that you are enough for her. She loves you, ya lucky jerk. Don't mess it up!

Enjoy some bliss,
The Clown

Q

Dear Clown,

I have several creative ideas that I have written in a journal, but I have a lot of reservation about pursuing or creating these things. I am afraid that people will not like my work and my ideas and that it will all be a waste of time.

Sincerely,
Bottled Up

A

Dear Bottled,

You only get to ride this ride once. If there is something that you want to do to fulfill the needs of your soul, then do them. Damn the naysayer's and damn fear. Paint, draw, write, sing, dance, and let your heart be free. Not everyone will get it or like it, and that is OK. Have you seen my comic strip?

Seriously... look at my comic strip.
The Clown

Things I should not have to tell you:

1. Think about what you want to say or write before doing so. Once it's out, it does not go away.
2. If you don't understand something, do some research and experience it to make you more well-rounded.
3. Remember that there are people behind you trying to get somewhere.
4. Celebrate the achievements of your friends whole-heartedly.
5. You have many purposes in life. Be your best at all of them.

Do you have a question for The Clown? Write him at Martin.Barry@yahoo.com

Events In Your City

SUNDAYS:

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

@ Common Market (Plaza-Midwood): 2pm Slow Riders - 15 mile bike ride

@ Lenny Boy: 12pm run club

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

@ 300 Restaurant: 1/2 wine by the bottle

@ NoDa Brewing Co.: Tap Room open 12-7pm w.Food Truck Tin Kitchen / 3pm tour 6.24 JJ Grey, Mofro at Tryon / N.Davidson taproom open

@ Olde Mecklenburg Brewery: open 11am-10pm / tours 2, 3 & 4pm / 2:30pm Bike-In

@ Sir Edmund Halley's: 1/2 off of wine by the bottle

@ Zen Fusion: 1/2 price by the bottle (under \$45)

@ Central Food Hub: 11am-2pm Vegan Farmers Market

• Sun., June 24th @ Birdsong Brewing: 10am-6pm React Thyroid Foundation Fundraiser

LIVE MUSIC:

@ Charlotte Metro Credit Union Amphitheatre: 7.15 Tedeschi Trucks Band / 7.29 Glass Animals

@ Comet Grill: 8pm Omari & the Hellraisers

@ the Evening Muse: 7.01 the Spongetones / 7.08 Liz Longley / 7.15 the Mood Kings (album release), Joe Middleton / 7.22 the Reverend Shawn Amos / 7.29 Eddie Z. & the Vault Dwellers (CD release)

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

@ PNC Music Pavilion: 7.15 Chicago, Reo Speedwagon / 8.05 Counting Crows / 8.19 Jeff Beck, Paul Rodgers

@ the Wine Vault: Jared Allen

• Sun., July 1st @ Ovens Auditorium: Lea Michele & Darren Criss

• Sun., July 15th @ Neighborhood Theatre: Beres Hammond & Friends

• Sun., Aug. 5th @ Belk Theatre: Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band, Beth Hart Band

• Sun., Aug. 5th @ the Fillmore: Attila, Volumes, Suicide Silence, Spite

• Sun., Aug. 5th @ the Visulite: Lydia, Jared & the Mill, Cherry Pools

• Sun., Aug. 5th on Lake Norman: Reggae Central Presents: Reggae on the Lake feat.the Knock Brothers (contact the store for info)

PLAY OR POETRY READINGS / BOOK SIGNINGS:

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

COMEDY / THEATRE:

@ the Comedy Zone: 7.01 Rod Man // 8.05 Sam Jay // 8.19 Shuler King // 8.26 2:30pm Clean Comedy Brunch w.Tara Brown / 7pm Funny on the Fly

SYMPHONY / OPERA / DANCE:

• Sun., July 1st @ Symphony Park: www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Celebrate America w.fireworks finale

MUSEUMS / ART:

@ the Levine Museum of the New South: 1st Sundays free admission / 1/2 off admission (every Sunday thereafter)

@ the Mint Museum (Uptown): 1-4pm free admission for kids + hands-on art activities, yoga & more

• Sun., July 1st @ the Westin: NOH8 Photo Shoot (wear a white shirt)

TRADE / INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

• Sun., July 15th @ Nevin Community Park: 10:30am Charlotte French Festival

- Sun., July 22nd @ Camp North End: 12pm Peruvian Festival

- Sun., July 29th @ Petra's: 11:30am-5:30pm Hot Stuff Pop-up Market w.Crowned Sparrow, Rise Over Run, Geoflora Jewelry, Royal Peasantry & many more vendors

a local charity each week) 7.16 Foster Village Charlotte Launch & Pitch Night

LIVE MUSIC:

@ Bradshaw Social House: open mic

@ Crown Station: 8:30-10pm Jazz Mondays w.Troy Conn, DC Ocie Davis & more



DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE:

@ Soul Gastrolounge: DJ Scott Weaver

KARAOKE:

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

SPEAKERS:

• Sun., July 29th @ Ovens Auditorium: William Shatner Live w.Star Trek II: the Wrath of Khan

FILM:

@ the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: 2pm the Classic Black Cinema Series 8.12 A Raisin in the Sun

MONDAYS:

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

@ Boardwalk Billy's (Crown Point): 1st Mondays (thru October)

@ Sir Edmund Halley's: 7pm Trivia Night

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

@ 300 East Restaurant: 1/2 wine by the glass

@ Bulldog Beer & Wine (Park Rd.): 6:30 MEAT Up

@ Lebowskis: 1/2 off bottles of wine

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

@ the Evening Muse: 8pm "Find Your Muse" open mic band night w.guest headliners 7.02 Guys on a Bus / 7.09 Jake Decker / 7.16 Graham Stone Music

@ PNC Music Pavilion: 7.09 Chris Brown / 7.30 Vans Warped Tour w.August Burns Red, Reel Big Fish, Less than Jake, Simple Plan & more

• Mon., July 23rd @ the Visulite Theatre: Fantastic Negrito, Michelle Malone

PLAY OR POETRY READING / BOOK SIGNINGS:

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

@ the Press Box: Avant Elocution w.host Bluz

@ Petra's: 1st Mondays 7-11pm slam poetry w.hosts Isiah & Grannae's Boys

@ Tropics: Rhythm & Poetry w.host CFour Black

COMEDY / THEATRE:

@ the Comedy Zone: stand-up comedy private class 7.09 Cindy Kaza (the Music City Medium)

• Mon., July 16th @ Ovens Auditorium: Heather Land

• Mon., Aug. 6th @ Knight Theater: David Cross

DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE OR DRAG:

@ Growler's Pourhouse: DJ Elon Shomaker

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

@ Soul Gastrolounge: DJ Mookie Brill

TUESDAYS:

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

@ the Common Market (Plaza-Midwood): 8pm PMTNR 15 mile bicycle ride w.a new route weekly (by Pamela Murray)

@ Olde Mecklenburg Brewery: 6:30 Yoga on Tap

@ Pint Central: 8pm Mindless Minutia Trivia

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

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

@ 7th Street Public Market: 5-7pm the Assorted Table Wine Shoppe Weekly Wine Tasting (\$5, 5 wines + nibbles)

@ Birdsong Brewing: open 3-10pm / Get Fit Yoga w.NC Yoga Bar 6:30pm \$10

@ Cornelius Draffhouse & Bottle Shop: 1/2 off wine

@ Crafty Beer Guys: beer tastings

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

@ Rhino Market: 1st Tuesdays of the month beer tasting

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

LIVE MUSIC:

@ Charlotte Metro Credit Union Amphitheatre: 8.07 O.A.R. / 8.14 Jason Mraz

@ the Comet Grill: Red Rockin' Chair

@ the Evening Muse: 7.10 Marah in the Mainsalt, Bless these Sounds under the City // 7.17 Handmade Moments, Emily Mure / Jesse Lamar Williams & the Menastree Jazz Jam // 8.21 Jesse Lamar Williams & the Menastree Jazz Jam

@ the Fillmore: 7.03 Pouya, WiflsFuneral / 7.17 Kurt Vile / 7.24 Janelle Monae, St. Beauty

@ Knight Theater: 7.10 Ludovico Einaudi / 7.17 Punch Brothers

@ Morehead Tavern: 8pm Bill Hanna Jazz Jam

@ Puckett's: open mic w.Jeff Claud

@ Smokey Joe's: 9pm open mic night w.resident band the Smoking J's

• Tues., July 3rd @ Ovens Auditorium: Jill Scott

• Tues., July 10th @ Skylark Social Club: Stellar Circuits, Sang Sarah, Camori

• Tues., July 17th @ the Underground: Kurt Vile & the Violators

• Tues., July 24th @ PNC Music Pavilion: Dave Matthews

• Tues., July 24th @ PNC Music Pavilion: Dave Matthews Band

• Tues., July 24th @ the Fillmore: Janelle Monae

• Tues., Aug. 14th @ Tommy's Pub: El Escapado, Hooliganz

PLAY OR POETRY READINGS / BOOK SIGNINGS:

@ Apostrophe: open mic spoken poetry w.host Sir Abstraxx

@ Loft & Cellar: Sayword w.host Jst Jah

COMEDY / THEATRE:

@ the Comedy Zone: 7.03 Kerwin Clairborne / 7.10 Kurtis Matthews, Andy Gold

• Tues., July 3rd @ Canvas: Chevy Does Charlotte - a Variety Show

• Tues., July 24th @ Knight Theater: Miranda Sings, Colleen Ballinger

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

WEDNESDAYS:

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

• www.CharlotteIndependence.com: 7.11 vs. Nashville SC / 7.18 @ Cincinnati / 8.08 vs. Bethlehem Steel / 8.22 vs. Louisville City

@ Abari Game Bar: 7pm-12am Overwatch League Wednesdays

@ Lenny Boy: 6:30pm trivia night

@ the Spoke Easy: 6pm (pay what you can) Yoga

@ the Tippy Burro: 7pm Tippy Trivia w.prizes

@ Renaissance Park: 5-7pm www.NCBattle.com Presents: Dagorhir - hit nerds with foam swords, etc.

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

@ 300 East Restaurant: 1/2 wine by the bottle



- @ Central Coffee: 15% off of pounds of coffee
- @ the Common Market: 7-9pm Free beer tastings
- @ Burtons Grill & Bar: 1/2 wine by the bottle
- @ Crafty Beer Guys: wine tasting
- @ Dilworth Neighborhood Grill: 1st Wednesdays www.CarolinaBrewMasters.com meeting
- @ JJ's Red Hots: kids eat free (w.purchase of an adult combo)
- @ NoDa Brewing Co.: Tap Room open 4-9pm w.Food Truck Tin Kitchen (5pm) / Run Club 6:30-8:30pm
- @ Sir Edmund Halley's: 1/2 off of wine by the bottle
- @ Triple C Brewing: Papi Queso (food truck) + Pilot Batch Release
- @ Zen Fusion: Robert Fernandez + 1/2 price Sangrias

LIVE MUSIC:

- @ the Comet Grill: open mic / open jam
- @ the Evening Muse: 7.11 Tosco Open Mic / 8.01 Tosco Open Mic / 8.08 Steve Everett (CD release), Paul Pfau / 9.12 Richard Buckner
- @ the Fillmore: 7.11 Erasure, Reed and Caroline / 8.01 Marilyn Manson
- @ Petra's: 7:30-9:15pm songwriter open mic
- @ PNC Music Pavilion: 7.04 Foreigner / 7.25 Weezer, the Pixies / 8.01 Kesha, Macklemore / 8.08 311, the Offspring
- @ Rhino Market: Wak Wednesdays w.Derrick Hines 1st & 3rd w.open mic
- @ Smokey Joe's: Rock Fabulous & the Mystery Machine
- Wed., July 4th @ Amor Artis Brewing (Fort Mill): Square Roots
- Wed., July 4th @ the Diamond: 18th Annual 4th of July Pig Pickin' w.bands, vendors & more (band line-up TBA)
- Wed., July 25th @ the Visulite Theatre: the Sheepdogs, Brent Cowles

- Wed., July 25th @ Charlotte Metro Credit Union Amphitheatre: Lauryn Hill

PLAY OR POETRY READINGS / BOOK SIGNINGS:

- @ Flo Bar Lounge: 7-10pm Floetry w.host Iz-Real
- @ Mugs Coffee: 7:30pm Free the Mic w.host Shane & the Guerilla Poets
- @ Red 28th (UNCC): 9pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays Release Therapy w.host A Poet Named Superman
- Wed., Aug. 1st @ Behailu Academy: Meals, Minds, & Movement (a series of conversations) - Exploring Workforces & Workplaces

COMEDY / THEATRE:

- @ the Comedy Zone: 7.11 J.Bliss & Friends / 7.18 Jason Scholder, Blayr Nias / 7.25 Jerry Farber / 8.01 Blayr Nias' Almost Famous Comedy Show / 8.15 Jared Freid / 8.22 Blayr Nias' Almost Famous Comedy Show
- Wed., July 18th @ the Evening Muse: Comedy Night w.Eric Schwartz

TRADE / INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

- @ Spandex City Comics: 5pm Pokemon league

FILM:

- @ Tip Top Daily Market: 7-9pm Diggers Delight & Premium Sound Present: Movie Night w.music documentaries
- Wed., July 11th @ the Mint Museum: 6pm (cash bar) Film & Fashion Series (rain site: Van Every Auditorium) - the September Issue

THURSDAYS:

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- @ Petra's: 2nd Thursdays - Potions & Pixels (video games & board games)
- @ Queen City Bicycles: 6:30pm Tub Ride from there to Birdsong (free 12oz. to those with www.BicycleBenefits.com)



BEER / WINE / FOOD:

- www.PBSCharlotte.org: 8:30pm Charlotte Cooks
- @ Birdsong Brewing: 3-10pm open /3pm Thirsty Thursdays (new releases) / 6:30pm brewery tours
- @ Bottled & Tapped: 1/2 price wine
- Thurs., July 19th @ C3 Lab: 7-9pm Vegan Mac Down (see Vegan Outreach FB for info)

LIVE MUSIC:

- on UNC-TV: 7:30pm Our State Magazine
- @ Blue: John Alexander, Ron Brenale, Chris Garges www.JaJazz.net
- @ Buddy's Point (Monroe): open mic jam
- @ the Craft Tasting Room & Growler Shop: 8-10pm JoJo & Friends feat.local musicians & songwriters
- @ Crown Station: 7pm open mic w.the Willie Douglas Band
- @ the Evening Muse: 7.05 For Now, Chocala / 7.12 Matthew E. White, Andy Jenkins / 7.19 Darrin Bradbury, Jon Latham, Nick Nace / 7.26 Zac Clark, Bob Oxblood / 8.16 Michael Tracy Band, Revelry Soul / 8.30 Ultrafaux
- @ the Fillmore: 7.12 Jimmy Eat World / 7.26 Tory Lanez, Flipp Dinero, Davo / 8.02 Black Label Society, Corrosion of Conformity, Eyehate God / 8.09 Purple Madness (a Prince tribute)
- @ the US National Whitewater Center: 7pm "Riverjam" 7.05 Coddle Creek / 7.12 Urban Soil / 7.19 Reun Brothers / 7.26 the Novel Ideas
- Thurs., July 5th @ Charlotte Metro Credit Union Amphitheatre: Barenaked Ladies
- Thurs., July 12th @ PNC Music Pavilion: Miranda Lambert, Little Big Town
- Thurs., July 19th @ the Visulite Theatre: the Roosevelts, Andrew Scotchie & the River Rats
- Thurs., Aug. 16th @ Petra's: Never Home, Emby Alexander, Delirium Trio

PLAY OR POETRY READINGS / BOOK SIGNINGS:

- @ Roc's Jazz Bar: Touch One Thursdays w.host Jaycee
- @ Wired Coffee Express (Kannapolis): One Mic Stand w.host Daniel & the Guerilla Poets
- @ Dupp & Swat: Word of Mouth 2nd & 4th Thursdays w.host A Poet Named Superman

COMEDY / THEATRE:

- @ the Comedy Zone: 7.05 John Henton / 7.12 Affion Crockett / 8.02 Sam Jay / 8.30 Carlos Mencia

MUSEUMS / ART:

- @ the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: 6-10pm 3rd Thursdays free: Gantt After Dark

TRADE / INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

- @ Providence Country Club: 7:15-8:45am Ballantyne Business Network robfiga@gmail.com
- Thurs., July 26th @ the Rowan County Fair: 8am 2nd Annual Carolina Pickers Festival

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
- @ Soul Gastrolounge: Jason Cooper

KARAOKE:

- @ Hattie's: karaoke w/ShayNanigans
- @ Morehead Tavern: 9pm karaoke w.band (Will & Rob)

FILM:

- @ Canvas Tattoo & Art Gallery: 9pm night at the movies
- @ Abari Game Bar: movie night
- @ C3 Lab: 7:30pm Back Alley Film Series 7.26 Filmworker / 8.23 the Ranger

FRIDAYS:

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

• www.FeastFoodTours.com

@ Trinity Presbyterian Church: 5-9pm www.Facebook.com/CotswoldTrucks2017

@ 2161 Hawkins St.: 5-10pm SouthEnd Food Truck Friday

@ East Blvd. & Scott Ave.: 6-10pm Dilworth Food Truck Friday

@ Sycamore Brewing: 5pm SouthEnd Food Truck Friday

LIVE MUSIC:

@ Cigars Etc. 2: 6-11pm Soul Fridays

@ the Comet Grill: the Lenny Federal Band

@ the Evening Muse: 7.13 Wild Moccasins, Fitness / Rosey Bengal, Lovely World // 7.20 Electric Kif / Sweet Crud // 7.27 Travis Meadows / the Orange Constant // 8.03 Stu Larsen, Natsuki Kurai II / Folk Soul Revival // 8.10 Nathan Angelo / Paul McDonald // 8.24 M4 Messenger (CD release), Kevin Marshall, the Jaywalkers // 8.31 the Powell Brothers, Brooks Hubbard Band

@ the Fillmore: 7.13 Indigo Girls / 7.20 Zoso (a Led Zeppelin tribute) / 7.27 Mother's Finest / 8.10 Ganja White Knight, Peekaboo

@ PNC Music Pavilion: 7.20 Lindsey Stirling + Evanescence / 7.27 Charlie Puth / 8.03 Janet Jackson / 8.10 Dierks Bentley / 8.17 Jason Aldean

@ the US National Whitewater Center: 7pm "Riverjam" 7.06 Wild Adriatic / 7.13 Machine Kid / 7.20 Holy Ghost Tent Revival / 7.27 Nora Jane Struthers

@ the Visulite: 7.20 Jerry Garcia Band Cover Band / 8.17 Red Barchetta (a Rush tribute)

• Fri., July 6th @ the Neighborhood Theatre: Carolina Gator Gumbo, David Childers Quartet

• Fri., July 6th @ Spectrum Center: Sam Smith

• Fri., July 6th @ the Skylark Social Club: the Felons, Andrew Evans (acoustic)

• Fri., July 6th @ Bechtler Museum of Modern Art: Maria Howell

• Fri., July 13th @ the Rabbit Hole: Akita, Aarodynamics, Gonzo

• Fri., July 27th @ Charlotte Metro Credit Union Amphitheatre: Kidz Bop Live

• Fri., July 27th @ Keg & Cue: Animus Remains, the Flight Risks, the Chollies, Dilarian

• Fri., Aug. 17th @ Oso Skate Park: DuMpSter SeRVice, the Flight Risks, Dilarian

PLAY OR POETRY READINGS / BOOK SIGNINGS:

@ McGlohon Theater: SlamCharlotte 3rd Fridays w.host Bluz

@ Camp North End: 3rd Fridays Off Broadway Page to Stage

COMEDY / THEATRE:

@ the Comedy Zone: 7.06 John Henton / 7.13 Affion Crockett / 7.27 Aasif Mandvi / 8.03 Sam Jay / 8.31 Carlos Mencia

• Fri., July 6th @ the Evening Muse: Lee Camp, Mimi Benfield

• Fri., Aug. 3rd @ Belk Theater: Kathy Griffin

SYMPHONY / OPERA / DANCE:

• Fri., July 6th @ Ovens Auditorium: Bring It! LIVE

MUSEUMS / ART:

• Fridays in SouthEnd: 1st Fridays Gallery Crawl

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

DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE OR DRAG:

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

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

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

@ Vibrations Lounge: Grown Folks Friday w.DJ KL

@ 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)

• Fri., July 27th @ Suite: Sol Kitchen Presents: the Magnificent DJ Jazzy Jeff

KARAOKE:

@ Noda 101: karaoke w.Sam Fleming

FILM:

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

SATURDAYS:

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- www.CharlotteIndependence.com: 7.21 @ Louisville City / 7.28 vs. Penn FC / 8.18 @ Pittsburgh Riverhounds / 8.25 @ North Carolina FC
- www.CharlotteRollerGirls.com @ Grady Cole Center: 8.11 CLTRG B. vs. Dominion Derby Girls B. / 8.11 CLTRG A. vs. Rogue
- @ Lenny Boy: 10am \$5 yoga
- Sat., Aug. 11th @ Spectrum Center: Monster Truck Bash

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

- www.FeastFoodTours.com
- @ Crafty Beer Guys: 2nd Saturdays home brew class
- Sat., July 14th @ Dover Vineyards: 5pm Rose Fest 2018 OMG
- Sat., July 28th @ NoDa Brewing Co.: www.100Gardens.org Presents: the Homegrown Tomato Festival (w.bands School of Rock & the Hashbrown Belly Boys)
- Sat., Aug. 11th @ Cabarrus Arena: 1pm Charlotte Metro Wine Fest

LIVE MUSIC:

- @ the Evening Muse: 7.07 Moonlight Social, Violet Bell // 7.21 Natalie Royal, Kelly Hoppenjans // 7.28 Kenny George Band, Few Miles South / BadCameo, Foggy Bobcat // 8.11 Machine Dreams
- @ Fillmore: 7.28 Glass jaw / 8.04 Dona von Frankenreiter
- @ the Music Yard: 7.07 Emma's Lounge / 7.14 Jason Lee McKinney Band / 7.21 the National Reverse / 7.28 the New Familiars
- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 7.21 Hopesfall / 8.10 Griffin House
- @ PNC Music Pavilion: 7.21 Boy George, the B-52's, Tom Bailey / 7.28 Keith Urban / 8.04 Pentatonix
- @ Spectrum Center: 7.09 Journey, Def Leppard / 7.28 Rod Stewart, Cyndi Lauper
- @ the US National Whitewater Center: 7pm "Riverjam" 7.07 Super Doppler / 7.14 Flatland Tourists / 7.21 Seth Walker Trio
- @ the Visulite Theatre: 7.21 Jupiter Coyote / 7.28 Cosmic Charlotte (Garcia bday) / 8.11 Natalie Prass, Sam Evian
- Sat., July 7th @ Irene Cafe (Mint Hill): 8:30pm Phoenixsong

- Sat., July 7th @ T-Bones (Lake Wylie): 8:30pm Lipstick on a Pig
- Sat., July 14th @ Divine Barrel Brewing: 3pm Band Together (benefit for Behailu Academy)
- Sat., July 14th @ Charlotte Metro Credit Union Amphitheatre: Coheed and Cambria, Taking Back Sunday
- Sat., July 14th @ the Topsy Burro: 7pm Angela's 50th bday w.Leisure McCorkle
- Sat., July 14th @ Knight Theatre: Bruce Hornsby & the Noisemakers
- Sat., July 28th @ the Milestone: Random Conflict, Valence NC, the Commonwealth, South Side Punx
- Sat., July 28th @ Galway Hooker Irish Pub (Cornelius): Ghosts of Bannockburn
- Sat., Aug. 11th @ Ovens Auditorium: Kansas
- Sat., Aug. 18th @ Tommy's Pub: Warboys US, Trash Room, Poinsettia

PLAY OR POETRY READINGS / BOOK SIGNINGS:

- @ the Fresh Shop: Inkblot Slam w.host Breeze

COMEDY / THEATRE:

- @ the Comedy Zone: 7.07 John Henton / 7.14 Affion Crockett / 7.28 Aasif Mandvi / 8.04 Sam Jay
- Sat., July 14th @ Red Clay Ciderworks: 8pm www.PlanetImprov.com Present: the Hip Hip Red Clay Improv Musical Variety Extravaganza starring the Chuckleheads
- Sat., Aug. 18th @ Ovens Auditorium: Jerry Seinfeld

SYMPHONY / OPERA / DANCE:

- Sat., July 14th @ McGlohon Theater: El Alma de la Luna: Ritmo y Sabor

MUSEUMS / ART:

- @ ClearWater Artists Studio: every 2nd Saturday 10am-4pm Open Studios
- @ the NASCAR Hall of Fame: 2nd Saturdays interactive program exploring racing
- Sat., July 7th @ the Schiele Museum of Natural History: Speakeasy in the Queen City

PHILANTHROPY:

- Sat., Aug. 25th @ Hilton Center City: 7-11pm Great www.GatsbyGala.org (benefiting the National MS Society)

TRADE / INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

@ Spandex City Comics: 11am Pokemon league

• Sat., July 7th @ the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: 11am-1pm Family First Presents: Hip Hop Tech w. Jeffrey Weatherford (record lyrics, use a MIDI, etc.)

• Sat., July 7th @ Simmons YMCA: 4pm Independencia de Estados Unidos

• Sat., July 14th @ UNC-Charlotte: 4pm Independencia de Argentina

• Sat., July 21st @ Simons YMCA: 4pm Independencia de Colombia

• Sat., Aug. 11th @ Symphony Park: Puerto Rican Cultural Society Fest.

KARAOKE:

@ Noda 101: Karaoke

SPECIAL OR MULTIPLE DAY EVENTS:

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

• Thursdays-Sundays www.FunnyBus.net (starts @ 7th Street Station)

• Historic Uptown Neighborhood Tour www.CharlotteNCTours.com (daily)

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

• Tuesdays-Sundays @ Wooden Robot : the Twisted Eats by Kre8 Food Truck

• Thursdays-Sundays @ Dragon Moonshine : 4-8pm facility



DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE OR DRAG:

@ 204 North Kitchen: DJ That Guy Smitty

@ Roxbury: DJ Jody

@ the Stashe House: DJ DR

@ Vibrations Lounge: 9pm-12am Old School Saturdays (live 105.3 broadcast) hosted by Rae Styles

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

• Sat., July 14th @ Snug Harbor: Sol Kitchen Presents: A King and a Prince (Michael Jackson & Prince exclusives, covers, remixes & associates)

• Sat., Aug. 4th @ the Visulite Theater: Big Mamma's House of Burlesque Presents: Make A Merkin Great Again

• Sat., Aug. 18th @ Hattie's: Hellcat Harlowe Presents: Bad Bitches' Burlesque w. Butt Reynolds, Sadie De Sade, Petunia Paradise

tours & tastings

• Tuesdays-Saturdays @ Great Wagon Road Distillery: tours

• Mondays-Thursdays 5-9pm & 12-4pm Fridays @ Sycamore Brewing : Papi Queso food truck

• Southern Food Bicycle Tour www.CharlotteNCTours.com (daily)

• July 20th-29th: www.CharlotteRestaurantWeek.com Queen's Feast (more info TBA)

• Aug. 27th & 28th @ the Charlotte Convention Center: www.NCRL-Expo.com North Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Expo

LIVE MUSIC:

• July 7th & 8th @ Heist Brewery: the Crown Town Get Down feat. Queen's Guard, Open Soul Project, Business People, Dirty South Revolutionaries, Josh Daniel & Friends, Radio Lola, Goodfoot Down, David Rea & Keynza Soulsay / Hipgnostic, Coddle Creek, Bobby's Jorts, the Hawthornes, JaggerMouth, Sunny Ledford, Manstree, Kris Atom, School of Rock

• July 13th & 14th @ Stage Door Theater: Amos Hoffman plays Kenny Burrell

- July 13th-14th @ Canvas: Dirty South Fest 14 feat.the Dirty South Revolutionaries, SmartBoyz, Over the Wire, the Beatdowns & more TBA

COMEDY / THEATRE:

- THUR July 1st @ Belk Theater: Bright Star
- THUR July 8th @ Pease Auditorium: the Mousetrap
- July 5th-8th @ Theatre Charlotte: Seussical Jr.
- July 10th-15th @ Belk Theater: the Color Purple
- July 13th-21st @ Halton Theater: Disney's Newsies
- July 13th-22nd @ Theatre Charlotte: Disaster
- July 24th-29th @ Belk Theater: the Book of Mormon
- July 26th-Aug. 18th @ Hadley Theatre: Lizzie
- Aug. 4th-Sept. 29th @ the NarroWay Theatre: Samspr: the Last Judge
- Aug. 22nd-Sept. 9th @ Belk Theater: the Lion King

MUSEUMS / ART:

- Liberty Walk: self-guided tour of the American Revolution - www.CharlotteLibertyWalk.com / www.HandHeldHistory.com contact@meckdeck.org
- THUR Aug.4th @ Elder Gallery: Larry Horowitz's Landscapes without Borders
- July 1st-Aug. 24th @ ClearWater Artist Studios: Visual Strategies - a Collaborative Project feat. Mikel Frank & Carl Heyward (w.the two: July 1st live painting, July 14th painting demo, Aug. 11th family day)
- THUR July 8th @ Bechtler: Alfred Manessier
- THUR July 21st @ Jerald Melberg: Brian Rutenberg
- THUR July 27th @ Hodges Taylor Art Consultancy: At Play feat.Ellie Richards & David Halliday
- THUR July 28th @ Lark & Key Gallery: Wandering Landscape
- THUR July 29th @ Mint Museum (Randolph): the Glamour & Romance of Oscar de la Renta
- THUR July 29th @ Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: By & About Women- the collection of Drs Dianne & Carnell Locke, FrankHaveMercy - Frequency, a Creative Journey - the collection of the Diamonds & Lillain Blades' Mirrors of Life
- THUR Aug. 3rd @ the Light Factory: Bridging Division - Empathy & Humanity feat. photographers: Priya Kambli, Rania Matar, Zora J. Murff, Melissa Kreider & Lissa Rivera

- THUR Sept. 9th @ the Bechtler Museum of Art: Wrestling the Angel (curator: Jennifer Sudal Edwards)

- THUR Oct. 28th @ Bechtler Museum of Modern Art: Wrestling with the Angel - a Century of Artists Reckoning w.Religion

TRADE / INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

- July 27th-29th @ the Shed Amphitheater: Bloom - the Festival of Awakening (feat.dance, aerial, fire, cirucs acts, a vendor village & much more)
- Aug. 8th-12th @ Spectrum Center: Cirque du Soleil - Corteo
- Aug. 11th & 12th @ Belk Theater: www.IndiaFestival.iacofcarolinas.org
- Aug. 18th & 19th in uptown: www.CharlottePride.org Festival
- Aug. 31st-Sept. 3rd : www.MatthewsFun.org Alive Festival
- Aug. 25th & 26th @ Cabarrus Arena & Events Center: Repticon Exotic Animal & Reptile Show

FILM:

- Aug. 3rd & 4th @ Charlotte Ballet: www.JoeDance.org Film Festival

INTERNET RADIO:

- check out www.PMCRadio.org for a schedule of DJs daily

TRAVEL TO EVENTS:

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

- Tuesdays @ LTO Burger (Greenville, SC): tater tot bar

LIVE MUSIC:

- Tues., Aug. 21st @ Williams-Brice Stadium (Columbia): Beyonce' & Jay-Z

TRADE / INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

- Sun., July 29th @ WAMRev Gallery (Greensboro): Zine Fest

DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE:

- July 6th-8th in Winston-Salem: Heavy Rebel Weekender feat.the Straight 8's, the Tremors, the Menders, Dirty Rotten Snake in the Grass & many more (see their FB for more info)

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Chuck Sullivan

by Ellen Gurley



Chuck Sullivan met me in a crowded restaurant for a brief interview recently. Immediately, he was greeted by folks who knew him. Always looking at you square in the eyes from behind coloured lens, Charles, as I like to call him, makes everyone feel welcome. He'd much rather just sit back and listen to your story than tell his own, which is not the most common thing on the planet, especially for a wordsmith. His calming nature makes people want to unload their deepest woes and he always listens to every word, assuring you that what you said was important and often providing feasible solutions. I've seen it. He's a thinking feeler, Charles is. Always has been.

He has seen his fair share of, well, crap in his own life (which has translated into much of his writing). Finding himself surrounded by a huge support network, early on in his childhood, he was afforded many opportunities to study, to travel, and to play sports. Coming from a broken

home in the Big Apple never dampened his smile or his drive one tiny bit. Always giving back, he has always been a mentor, a coach, and a philanthropist, all while being a father to two and a trusted friend to many.

"Retired" now, he still maintains his spot as Poet-In-Residence and Lead Teacher in English at NC Governor's School East for almost forty years (at Meredith College) for half of the year, when not on coastal vacations with his sweetheart or keeping up with his family. He is a heavily decorated writer, now continuing to write in his journal daily. His current one is a heavy, handmade, leather number costing him upwards of \$300 (supporting an artist friend) and is full of scribbling. Not allowing me to take any unpublished pieces (yet), Charles has allowed My City Magazine to print a few of his most popular. We hope you enjoy.

Hailing a Cab

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The City dreams me up
nothing fancy just a kid
out late on the East Side curb
by our old broken home
Down Summer's Second Avenue
headlights slide at me in a herd
and my brightened heart
beats with the great

need of a cab
Riding the head of that need
I feel you Father hacking
through the moonlight blocks
between us
the roof-lit Checker cruise
of yourself seeming to wheel
its black and yellow way
toward my child's hailing eyes
But no you avoid me
as if I were an accident
or because you could tell

just by my looks that you
wouldn't dare take a fare to
where I would want you to go
Having passed me up you stop
half-a-block away and I watch you
inside the taxi's lit interior
as you scratch down
something in your log that
leads me on into believing
that you may have seen me
reflected in your mirror's rear-view
I wave again and wait

Years and years for you to back up
growing as I wait into a man
rooted in the child's night
of that endless corner
still able to feel in my sleep
the blood red points
Of your fading tail-lights
as you drive them deeper
and deeper into my heart



Safe from the Elements

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Way out
on the Island
in the hands
of black
immaculate strangers
We arrive
a Fall caravan
of dream cars
slipping in
A single dark

file through
the pointed iron
that gates this
Place of cornered
family plots in
the earth such
as 6th & Western
Where we stop
and listen to
the blue wet
funeral breath
of November
as it hustles
From the flower
car informing us

as if it were family
that, "Due to the rain
And the building
of new graves
it's extremely muddy
over where Momma is
so we won't be able
to watch them put
Poppy in beside her."
So the weather
of ceremonies moves
and the gray raincoat
of a priest shepherds
our grief beneath
a green tent where

We are children again
our quick lips being
led to repeat centuries
of belief that tell us
these dry unmuddled prayers
we know by heart
Will rise out of our
sheltered breathing like
the ghosts of Abel's gifts
drifting on the light
Coffin of wind
that carries the souls
of the dead to a heaven
safe from the elements

April Dancing

For Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Faith is never just a nod of the mind."


— Theodore Gill,
A Short Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer


A body at dawn
you knew that
the good man
is always best
on the move
coming naked out of
and going naked back


into the womb
wearing only the open
secret of the spirit's orders
whose faithful keeping
leads you to being taken in
by the noose of the Father's
God-gathering sight hanging
there on the courtyard gallows
deep in the heart of the Black
Forest where your priestly body
at the end of their rope
dangles in the first light
of the soul sprung
into dancing upon
the trap-door of April

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