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Dearest Charlottean,

Take me out to the ballgame... or the fashion show... or the festival. It's still spring and I want a hot dog or an art show... or all of the above. There's so much to do and see in Charlotte. Get out there in it.

If you're new to Charlotte, welcome. If you're old, thank you for staying and making the cityscape more beautiful with your face and for supporting the community.

My City Magazine has a bundle of interesting articles that show you a portion of the art and culture scene. However this is just a touch of it. Get to know Charlotte more - make that your mid-year resolution. We are happy to help. Don't forget to subscribe to our weekly event newsletter by emailing ellen.gurley@mycitymagazine "subscribe". We will do our best to share the pulse on which we have our finger.

Kindest regards,

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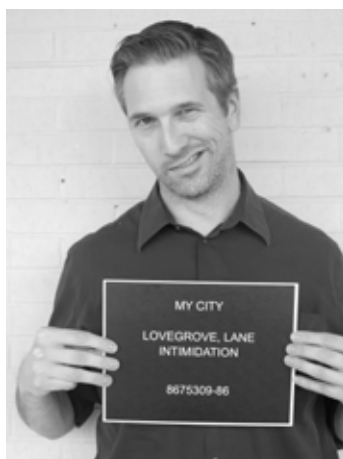
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The Charlotte Roller Girls

by Ellen Gurley



Our very own Charlotte Roller Girls are celebrating the winning start of a new season. 2014 brings about new faces, new merchandise, some new rules and a new local partner. My City Magazine is thrilled to be in attendance at each home bout and wants to urge you to follow and support these ladies.

The A-Team are the All-Stars and the B-Team are the B-Dazzlers. As with every new season, we see new girls who have trained and dedicated time and energy to becoming your new favourite. These ladies are not here to disappoint; they hip check and score their way to victory. Though penalties are shorter and the jammers are all new, they are powering through the start of this season. New momentos and shirts are always for sale in the Grady Cole Center's lobby (the place for all of the home bouts). And you can see the girls out of the arena at the occasional meet-n-greet (at places like NoDa Brewing) and you might see them with their proud new partners, the Dublin Dog Foundation. Each year the girls donate time and money to a different charity. This is a way to give back to the community that supports them year in and year out.

Charlotte can boast more sports teams than ever with the Knights, the Hounds, the Checkers, the Panthers,

the Hornets, the 49ers and, of course, the Roller Girls. All of these sporting events are family friendly and the Roller Girls never fall short of entertaining the lot. The names the girls chose are amusing in themselves; Deaf Rattle, Do U Juana, Total Lizaster, Rosie Cheeks, Nita Beer and Cut Throat Cathy just to name a few. You can purchase rubber duckies (for yourself or your kid) to participate in the center court toss for prizes. And who doesn't love the resident announcer, local clown Martin Barry? Each bout has a local DJ and a regional act for halftime (sometimes young children). You can even purchase a shout out to be given over the PA during the bout to your favourite skater or a friend for two dollars.

The Roller Girls are on their seventh year (beginning in 2006) and are neither the youngest nor the oldest team in the league. Each year they get more support, they learn more and they expand their marketing. Each girl has a 9 to 5 and still manages to make practices, home bouts and travel to whoop the butts of other girls in the region. Let's love them. They are fiery. They are strong. They are woman. And they are ours.

Charlotte Roller Girls 2014 Season:

- 5.10 B-Dazzlers vs. Chemical Valley (TBA)
- 5.17 All-Stars vs. Mother State Roller Derby (HOME)
- 5.24 All-Stars vs. Hard Knox (Knoxville)
- 5.31 B-Dazzlers vs. Classic City (Athens)
- 6.07 All-Stars vs. Charlottesville Derby Dames (VA)
- 7.12 All-Stars vs. Carolina Rollergirls (HOME) (Half-time show feat. the Funky Geezer)
- 8.09 B-Dazzlers vs. Classic City Bad News (HOME)
- 9.06 Charity Bout (HOME)

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Motorcycle Massacre

by Brandon Lunsford



You probably wouldn't even glance twice at the Western Waterproofing building that stands at 2500 Allen Road South off of Graham Street; it's just one of several innocuous structures on a road that is lined with similar industrial construction and warehouses that don't exactly capture one's architectural imagination. Located north of downtown Charlotte, the Derita neighborhood where you find this rather dull street is an ethnically diverse area with a wide variety of older and more modern homes as well as a wealth of churches, businesses, parks and schools --- it's a community of hard working people, and by all accounts it's a great place in the city to settle down to live and raise a family. On the morning of July 4th, 1979 however, there was a small two room green shingled house at 2500 Allen Road South, and it was the scene of the bloodiest unsolved mass murder in the Queen City's history.

Located between a grocery store and a trucking terminal, the house had long served as a gathering place for a Charlotte faction of the Outlaws, a one-percenter motorcycle club established in Chicago in 1935 that had spread across the United States in the 1970's. A gentleman known as William "Water Head" Allen, 22, was discovered shot to death on the front porch of the house, and four more bodies were discovered inside; they had all been shot multiple times, and one of the corpses had reportedly been mutilated. There was no sign of a struggle, and the four victims inside were found face down and had been shot execution-style. One of the dead was 17 year old Bridgette "Midget" Benfield, a teenaged "old lady" in training in biker parlance; the other three killed were Outlaw members Leonard "Terrible Terry"

Henderson, 29, William "Mouse" Dronenberg, and Randall Feazell, 28. Allen had been a prospective member of the club, and it was assumed that he had been on guard duty outside of the house that morning since his own shotgun was found near his body. William "Chains" Flamont, president of the Charlotte Outlaws chapter, found the gruesome scene early that morning, and it likely happened between 2 am and 5 am. Police believed that two suspects wielding a 9mm and a .223 semi-automatic may have been known to Allen and that their attack caught him by surprise, and they quickly went inside to kill the other occupants of the house that had probably been asleep. The suspects fired approximately 40 shots, and the entire bloody massacre probably took less than 15 seconds total.

From the beginning the case proved hard to solve, as witnesses disappeared or refused to talk, intimidated by biker culture and its penalties for betrayal. The Outlaw motto, for example, is "God Forgives, Outlaws don't," and if anyone had heard the shots or knew who the perpetrators were, no one was telling the cops. Whispered reports blamed the local wing of the Hell's Angels, sworn enemies of the Outlaws. Charlotte chapters of the two gangs had been struggling for control of the city's massage parlors and methamphetamine traffic, but violence had escalated between them lately rooted in Canada, where a lot of the local Outlaws had recently become involved in various ventures. Some believed this was the Angels' retribution for Outlaw involvement in the ongoing war up north; in 1978, some Outlaws had shot six Angels and associates at a Montreal bar, killing three and badly injuring two. In the early 1970s, national Hell's Angels and Outlaw groups absorbed clubs of independent bandit bikers in the Charlotte area, fueled by drugs, prostitution, and violence; there were about 50 Hell's Angels and close to 20 Outlaws operating in the Charlotte area at the time of the murders. Police tied several killings in Mecklenburg and Gaston counties to the Outlaws and the Angels in the '70s, but could not show conclusive evidence of a local gang war between the two factions.


Yves Lavigne, a self-styled North American "expert" on motorcycle gangs, proposes that the Charlotte killings were only one of four locations targeted nationwide around that time by a rival motorcycle club that he did not name. There was also a theory about the killings being done by disgruntled Outlaw associates, or by prospective members who were denied membership and came back for retaliation. This second theory was put forth based on the lack of a visible struggle, as if the killers were known to the victims; some even blamed Flamont himself along with the club treasurer for the bloody power play.

The Outlaws have remained active in NC since the infamous "July 4th Massacre" on a much smaller scale; The FBI sent about 13 members and associates of the North Carolina branch of the Outlaws to federal prison in the late 1990s, breaking up the gang's stranglehold on methamphetamine trafficking in the state. In 2010, a federal grand jury indicted 27 members of the Outlaws, including 10 from North Carolina, on charges ranging from attempted murder to drug distribution. Agents raided the Newton chapter of the biker gang, and Charlotte-Mecklenburg police SWAT officers assisted with the arrests in Mecklenburg County. The indictment linked the gang to planning assaults on rival gangs, one of them being a chapter of the Hells Angels in York County, S.C. Largely forgotten by many, the July 4th massacre remains one of Charlotte's most notorious unsolved crimes during a bloody chapter in the city's history. Some Outlaws actually still carry a mark with the date 7-4-79 on their jackets to commemorate it, and no one may ever know what actually happened in the house on Allen Road early that morning. So, if you're ever off of Graham Street one day and you think how absolutely boring it is and that nothing exciting could possibly happen there, know that it was a very different story 35 years ago. Also if anyone ever laughs at the notion that Charlotte was ever a rough and bloody town... you can remind them of this gruesome little tale.

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Lemond E. Hart

by Ellen Gurley



Lemond E. Hart is definitely a globe trotter and a move maker. Yet he finds himself grounded in Charlotte, NC. Having been a stylist for over twenty years and having worked for many companies, he has elected to take these many years of experience under his belt to open his own space. He used to get flown around as a stylist for Banana Republic with his displays as a directive for all of the other stores in the country and now he is using these skills to hand select all the pieces in his boutique. You may find him in many resourceful store fronts and locations (Goodwill, yard sales, individually owned consignment stores and high-end store fronts) obtaining fashions for his average client (the regular joe blows to celebrities) or just to keep in his space just in case.

As a city, we should feel grateful to have this person here - this Lemond - this larger than life individual who is known for pushing his own limits in fitness and helping you find the better you (in the process). He does this all while spouting out gospel in an extremely refreshing urban dialect. He has taken his over fifteen years of experience as a model to mentor so he may give direction to up and comers. He then connects them with his network of people. He has always been responsible for self promotion and seeking opportunities and is teaching

a new generation of people to do the same.

Just a few weeks ago, Lemond was on twitter hash tagging an image of a display in his store. He ended it with #Atlanta #fashion #newyork and a gentleman drove all the way down from NYC to obtain new pieces for his wardrobe - to the tune of \$600.00. If you don't believe in social media and you are a small business owner, please allow Lemond to inspire you. It works.

Visit Lemond in his space. You may find him styling a client or talking to someone from his agency. He feels like he is really giving back to the industry that he loves by allowing opportunities for others to become models with affordable portfolio building and meeting others.


You may see Lemond at a fashion show or at a photo shoot (for himself or a client). And you will definitely see him doing charity events of his own or participating in other events. But if you see him in his space you can find meticulous displays and wonderful boxes of bowties and pocket squares. You can also see his own creations; extremely beautiful and simple lapel



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Charlotte native, attended public schools in Charlotte, trial attorney for 31 years before being appointed to the bench by Governor Purdue, unopposed in last general election-District Court Judge in Mecklenburg County for 5 1/2 years- Lead Criminal Division Judge 5 years- created specialty probation violation court, new citizens Private Warrant Mediation Court to allow citizens with personal disputes to resolve differences and avoid criminal convictions-presides over Adult Drug Treatment Courts with goal of rehabilitating addicted citizens without sending them to prison and allowing them to reclaim their lives.

Primary Election: Tuesday, May 6th
General Election: Tuesday, Nov. 4th

The Knights

by Michael K. Earle

Now that Spring has finally caught its steam and pushes us headlong through a pollen cloud toward summer, that glorious distraction of baseball once again shakes off the frost of winter and energizes all our senses, heralding the brilliance and heat of summer. In Charlotte, the occasion has more momentum than it's had in probably 20 years, as the Knights come back home to the city from their long lower Carolinian sojourn in Fort Mill at "The Castle." The AAA club's new digs are located on Mint St., the new BB&T Ballpark, may have a name that is a bit less on-the-nose, but it is having a huge impact on the city.

What makes a good baseball stadium is that it holds the character of the city it serves. Your Wrigleys, your Fenways, they'd be iconic on their own, sure, but it's that focusing effect that a baseball stadium has for the community that really makes those places become landmarks. Badges of the city. Uptown Charlotte is making one hell of a play for that right now. The ballpark is across the street from a brand new jewel in the city's park system, Romare Bearden Park. The stands and the Home Run Deck offer the kind of view of Charlotte's skyline about which poster manufacturers could only

dream (count the panoramic field view pics uploaded to Facebook in the Charlotte area since the stadium opened April 11th). The vendors feature a heavy local presence with several regional breweries represented, including a new Knights-themed ale from NoDa Brewing Company (now fresh off a big win in the IPA category at the World Beer Cup). We're putting our best on display here, and the impression is, well... impressive.

Ballparks have been on the bounce lately as engines of economic revitalization. Time was, moving out to the city perimeter was just smart money for owners and clubs. Throughout the seventies and eighties with the cities in decline and with the available space for the huge parking monstrosities and pack-em-in stadiums out in the suburbs, small town ball floundered. Now, however, with walkable communities and city life being redefined by new architectural theories and live/work/use development plans, ballparks (with their uncanny ability to fit into tight urban spaces) are showing the kinds of economic muscles that have long been ignored. In Greenville, SC, Fluor Field, home of the Greenville Drive, started a whole downtown renewal almost on its own. Long a destination for cultural events at the Peace Center,





Greenville was sorely lacking in the kind of downtown presence that really causes folks to identify with each other and their city. In the first four years of operation 110 new businesses were open or opening within a half mile of the stadium. Greenville's revitalized downtown area has since been toasted on many top ten lists featuring overlooked gems of towns. Charlotte could and should be next up on those lists.

Charlotte's history with baseball goes back more than a hundred years. The original Hornets were the baseball team here, folks, and, though, minor league ball got off to a bit of a rocky start, (the first club from 1892 folded after a short time), we've had pretty steady baseball in the Queen City since 1901. We've seen luminaries like Harmon Killebrew, fallen heroes like Jose Canseco and enigmatic legends like Moonlight Graham all play in Charlotte (in Graham's case, his entire career in one game). We've been affiliates of the Senators, Twins, Orioles, Cubs, Indians, Marlins and now the White Sox. Charlotte's been a secret baseball town for decades, and no one's remembered it until just recently. Why?

In 1985, after a fire investigators concluded was arson, Crockett ballpark burned down. The ownership never recovered. The replacement stadium was completely open-air, and that drove attendance down. Two years later, the team had a new owner and a short while later they hopped back across the border to Fort Mill, where they spent the next 20 years getting by as the afterthought of Charlotte sports. After all, with a brand new NFL franchise and a still serviceable NBA franchise, who had time to think of the ol' national pastime? There was always a steady stream of attendance there- the stadium was actually quite easy to get to- but typical to the era, it seemed to lose some of its pizzazz when taken so far out afield of the city that was their namesake. Finally, in 2011, the city pulled out a few landswaps and cleared the room for the new stadium.

It's a cherry spot, tucked away in a little section of Mint Street that you could easily drive right by and take little note. When you walk into the stands, though, and are greeted by that huge electronic scoreboard (biggest in the minor leagues- 30ft by 82ft) the space seems bigger than it really is- there are no bad seats in

the house, really. Even in the picnic section and on the home run porch, you're never so far away from the plate that the view suffers. Gameplay is close enough for you to be able to appreciate a pitcher's follow through, and you'll be hearing that violent smack of cowhide against cowhide in the catcher's mitt loud and clear. The bullpens are situated along the basepaths, so fans are definitely close enough to heckle the opposing team's pitchers as they warm up. Reportedly. OK, maybe actually- but that's baseball, right?

So, the burning question: should you go? Oh, hell yes. After an afternoon of ballpark beer and nachos and sun and an excellent win by the Knights over the Norfolk Tide, this writer was grinning ear to ear. The only thing lacking from the entire experience is the transportation aspect- you can either pay uptown prices for parking or you can take the bus into the Transportation Center and hike the three or four blocks over to the ballpark from there. Hopefully, the city will continue to follow up on this big investment they've made in our uptown and arrange some shuttles for us weary fans after a long bleary afternoon of hollering "Nice Mullet!!!" at the away team's relief pitcher.

(PHOTOGRAPHY BY GRANT BALDWIN)

Purgatory

Review by Lane Lovegrove



Single Cell Productions just celebrated their eleventh year of their fetish party, Purgatory. All have had a theme and there are definitely bondage overtones. You can always expect costumes and games. There are so many different types of people who attend these parties as the events are open to all. Everyone cuts loose to local electronic DJs and enjoys plenty of entertainment on the main stage (disciplining, aerial silks, suspensions and dancers) with live music being added to future parties. Purgatory is (hands down) the longest running theme party in Charlotte, NC and Torch, the founder makes sure that the evening is fun and that “everyone treats each other with respect”.

Chris Baldwin, chief operating officer, states that “One of the things we try to reinforce across the board is a sense of comfort for all. If you wear a suit and tie all day, it’s okay to dress in a dog collar and fishnets. It’s also okay to come through the doors in jeans and a T-shirt as we don’t have an enforced dress code.”

Over the years, Purgatory has had its share of controversy which may very well have kept this party as a staple in Charlotte entertainment and not just a passing gimmick that flopped. Its success comes not only from determined and hardworking promoters but also from being hosted in an area such as ours. Charlotte is a very open city, despite the conservative banking center that drives its economics. Purgatory is a safe place to be amused and delighted and to test boundaries as this party is a bubble in which one can obtain a (Torch says) “consensual reality” and then leave to return to your real lives. One is always welcome to come back to this cultural community Single Cell has custom built with or without the cosplay and leather.

The next Purgatory event is on Saturday, June 14th and is at Amos’ Southend from 8pm to 2am. Its theme is “S&M Superheroes” and will feature Purgatory long timers Vivica Ex Astris, DJ Spider and Dr. Spankenstein and will include an expanded vendor area. See you there.

www.SingleCell.us

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Charlotte Hot Dog Tour

by Tonya Russ Price



“Street Dog”

The Chili Man is located on 4th and Tryon Tuesday to Friday from 11am to 2pm. This is a remarkable man who loves what he's doing and it shines through in his homemade chili, ketchup and spicy mustard. He is serving up both hot dogs and bratwurst.



“Show Dog”

JJ's Red Hots must get a mention alone for their pickle bar: house made pickled jalapeños, carrots, red onions and pickles. My favorite hot dog is JJ's version of the Chicago Dog, it isn't traditional, but it is delicious. You can find them on East Blvd. or at their new spot on John J Delaney Dr. Or you can follow them their new food truck, Frank the Tank, on twitter @JJsRedHots.

www.JJsRedHots.com



“Lucky Dog”

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“Yard Dog”

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(PHOTOGRAPHY BY TONYA RUSS PRICE)

Gideon Smith

Review by Ellen Gurley



Gideon Smith (of Gideon Smith and the Dixie Damned Band) is a pretty fascinating person. Accomplished producer and journalist Peter Donald, who has been a fan of Gideon's and has followed him for around ten years, would agree. This celebrated Woodstock resident would agree so much in this that about two years ago he called Gideon and said "let's do a movie on you".

Donald, having been an "idea man" at Fox and worked on such concepts as Cops and America's Most Wanted as well as having written for Rolling Stone and Vanity Fair, saw a story in Gideon Smith. This led to the making of an independent film about Gideon's music and his life entitled "the Warrior Spirit". This film is in the post production phase and was made kind of 'hit and run' earlier this year with friends of Gideon's making appearances. (Cameos included former members of Animal Bag who made it big with Polygram Records in LA and went to Head Bangers Ball back in the day.)

Mr. Donald wasn't the only one paying attention to Gideon's music. His music was on "The Sopranos" which got his foot in the door of the music licensing world. His record label is hardworking Small Stone out of Detroit. Another two songs were featured on the intro of "Dog the Bounty Hunter". It blew me away that this was Charlotte's own Gideon Smith.

Artist Joshua Marc Levy of the 423 Asheville Art Family has been commissioned for a teaser poster for the film. Levy has done art for Ozzy, the Dead, AC/DC, the Black Crowes, Modest Mouse, Aerosmith, Dark Star and a lot of posters for film and television work. My City Magazine will be keeping up with Gideon as this film comes to its final fruition. "Like" the Facebook page to keep up, as well: www.Facebook.com/TheGideonSmithMovie

Gideon Smith has been a social media sensation since the days of MySpace with fans all over the world sending in selfies rocking purchased Gideon T-shirts. It's a wonderful thing to witness. In this day and age of digital communications, he receives fan mail from Russia and Sweden and views it truly as a cherished token. Touching people is a gift.

Gideon, who states he doesn't like radio music, says that he is, however, very proud of the southern rock coming out of this area. From that he draws inspiration (as well as from Zeppelin and the Doors, which is evident upon a listen to his music). He finds a certain kinship with songwriter Otis Hughes' project Dear Druid. He also likes locals Luke Edwards, Chow Tiger, 20th Century Goliath and local music promoting and talent hustling king of the Dirty South Revolutionaries, a Johnny Moss. Above all, Gideon says that he is quite pleased with what he is hearing.

www.Facebook.com/TheGideonSmithMovie

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Didja Know, Charlotte?

by Ellen Gurley



Arrington's Boutique has several fashion shows per year. Just in April there was a wonderful turnout as Todd Alexander presented his show "Seduction" (just another successful event in a string of shows featuring styles he has in his storefront). Go see him at 200 W.Woodlawn Rd., Suite I, 28217, 704.527.9266, www.ArringtonsBoutique.com

Didja know that there is an outfit of performers in Charlotte known as **Kabarette Vulgare** that can entice, delight and provoke your senses with burlesque, human darts, glass walkers and more. Take the time to see BethAnn Phetamine, Shirley Sweet, Mighty Miss White and Cherry von Bomb yourselves. They also perform at a monthly night called "Stiletto" at Snug Harbor on Thursdays at Scott Weaver's "Shiprocked". Keep up with them on the www.MyCityMagazine.net event page. www.facebook.com/sideshowspectacular

FuManChu Cupcakes is at 826 Lamar Ave., 28204. With cupcakes like White Russian and Breakfast Stout, how could you not want to check them out? They do events and will deliver and also have just opened their own storefront with countertops and fronts that look like baking batter. Go get a blueberry cupcake with almond blueberry custard inside. Call them at 704.817.4134 or get their Android App. www.FuManChuCupcakes.com

My City featured the **Little Free Library** this past winter and we are delighted to find out that our readers and partners are starting boxes of their own. Please continue to let us know if you have started your own (email ellen.gurley@mycitymagazine.net) and visit NoDa's own location at 704. E. 36th Street (Linwell Farms) one lazy weekend day after coffee at Smelly Cat or any Friday night while you're already in the neighbourhood for the gallery crawl.

My City Magazine would like to congratulate **NoDa Brewing Co.** for winning a gold at the World Beer Cup. They never cease to amaze us as they get recognized nationally and continue to keep themselves rooted in Charlotte (with beer in the Panther's stadium and having created our Knights their own ale). Visit their taproom. It is a must try. www.NoDaBrewing.com

The Charlotte Symphony has just announced their shows for the rest of 2014 and for the beginning of 2015. Keep up with them at www.CharlotteSymphony.org and always on the event page of www.MyCityMagazine.net.

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Sundays @ Soul Gastrolounge
12pm DJ Scott Weaver Presents: "Disco Brunch"

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

Sundays @ the Milestone
5.04 the Humminbird, Moenda, Human Pippi, August House
5.11 Froth
5.18 Provoke Destroy, the Apprehended
5.25 Haunted Leather, Modern Primitives, Abby GoGo
6.15 Tweak Bird, Black Oatmeal, Bask, Base of Bass

Sundays @ the Neighborhood Theatre
5.04 "Jazz & Jokes" w.Darren "DJ" Saunders, Joe Clair, Miles Green & more
5.25 Justin Hayward (of the Moody Blues)

Sundays @ Twenty-Two
5.04, 5.18, 6.01, 6.15, 6.29 "Brain Buster Bananagans" trivia w.Bill "the Thrill" Cleveland

Sundays @ Bonfire (Indian Trail)
5pm & 8pm www.IMovePubPoker.com

Sundays @ Cathode Azure
Drag & Tea Dance w.DJ Lil Betty

Sundays @ UpStage
Buff Faye's Drag Brunch

Sundays @ Snug Harbor
AM (3rd Sundays) Gordon Street Flea Market
8 PM "Bone Snugs-N-Harmony" karaoke
w.Bryan Pierce

Sundays @ Tremont
5.11 Negura Bunget, Mysteriarch
5.18 Razorz Edge, F.Dux, Mr. Toxic

Sundays @ the Fillmore
5.04 Daryl Hall & John Oates
6.27 Lindsay Stirling

Sundays @ Scorpio
Gypsy Starr Presents: "Sexy Sundays" feat. DJ RageN'Ray

Sundays @ Triple C Brewing
Curbside Deli (food truck) + bike ride

Sundays @ Label
"Trappy" w.DJs Wiggz n Wonz

• www.CharlotteKnights.com
5.04 @ BUF
5.11 vs. BUF
5.18 @ NOR
5.25 vs. IND
6.01 vs. TOL
6.08 vs. COL
6.15 @ PAW
6.22 vs. TOL
6.29 @ GWN

Sundays @ the Evening Muse
5.04 Elephant Revival
5.11 Ellis Paul
6.08 Ink Floyd Presents: Water Liars, Elonzo
6.15 "the Parlor Sessions" feat. Dean Fields, Jason Myles Goss, Eliot Bronson, Andy Zipf

Sundays @ the Levine Museum of the New South
Free admission

Sundays @ the Wine Vault
Jared Allen

Sun., May 4th @ UpStage
Shakespeare Carolina Presents: "May the 4th be with You" (fundraiser, trivia, costumes, prizes)
shakescar@gmail.com

Sun., May 4th @ the Mint Museum (Randolph)
Gemini Entertainment Presents: the 2nd Annual Voyage Hair Show benefitting a local dot org & 3's Love Inc.

Sun., May 4th @ McDowell Street @ 35th & 36th
1-7pm NoDa Day in May feat. DJs Chuck Martin, Rsenal & Melodious Funk + food, drink & art

Sun., May 4th @ CPCC (Pease Auditorium)
2-4pm www.Disability-Rights.org Presents: "the Stars Come out on the Catawba Queen"

Sun., May 11th @ Booth Playhouse
Suzanne Vega

Sun., May 18th @ Halton Theater
7:30pm www.CharlotteSymphony.org
Presents: Junior Youth Orchestra Spring Concert

Sun., May 25th @ the Neighborhood Theatre
Justin Hayward (of the Moody Blues)

Sun., May 25th @ Village Green (Blakeney)
7-10pm "Summer Concert Series" feat. the Loafers

Sun., June 8th @ Symphony Park
7pm www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestra Summer Pops Prelude

Sun., June 22nd @ CommonChordConcerts@
gmail.com
7pm Malcolm Holcombe

Mondays in May/June

Mondays @ Lebowski's
1/2 off bottles of wine

Mondays @ Bulldog Beer & Wine
6:30 MEAT Up

Mondays @ Soul Gastrolounge
DJ Mookie Brill

Mondays @ UpStage
7pm Iron Bartender

Mondays @ Snug Harbor

Fresh Grounds Presents: "Knocturnal"
w.residents: Justin Aswell, Swan Mega, Ray + Bboy & MC cyphers
5.05 Blueprint, Count Bass D, Dirty Art Club

Mondays @ Growler's Pourhouse
DJ Elon Shomaker

Mondays @ the Double Door Inn
Monday Night All Stars

Mondays @ the Evening Muse
"Find Your Muse" open mic band night w.guest headliners
5.05 Roy Schneider Duo
5.12 Flagship Romance
5.19 Caroline Spence
6.02 Christian Lee Hudson
6.16 Anna Haas & the Effect
6.23 Jeremiah

Mondays @ Twenty-Two
Figure Drawing & Beer Tasting

Mondays @ Bonfire (Indian Trail)
7pm www.IMovePubPoker.com

Mondays @ the Fillmore
5.05 St. Lucia, Foster the People
5.19 Tegan & Sara

Mondays @ Stooges (Mint-Hill)
7 & 10pm www.IMovePubPoker.com

Mondays @ Crown Station
"Blue Mondays" (last Monday of every month)
w.residents Foundless & KT Caustic

• www.CharlotteKnights.com
5.05 vs. LHV
5.12 vs. BUF
5.26 @ COL
6.02 @ TOL
6.09 vs. COL
6.16 @ LHV
6.23 vs. TOL
6.30 vs. GWN

Mondays @ Puckett's
open mic w.Piece Buckett

Mon., May 5th @ St. Martin's Episcopal Church
free lunchtime concert feat. Feed the Spirit, Feed the Soul

Mon., May 5th @ Petra's
Muchacho (Jason Herring, Smitty, Jason Cooper)

Mon., May 5th @ Time Warner Cable Arena
Cher

Mon., May 12th @ the Milestone
Cult Leader, Yautja, Kato, HU/LK

Mon., June 2nd @ the Neighborhood Theatre
Patty Griffin, Parker Millsap

Mon., June 23rd @ the McGlohon
www.ZaliPresents.com Tommy Emmanuel

Mon., June 30th @ Ovens Auditorium
the Voice Tour

Tuesdays in May/June

Tuesdays @ NoDa Brewing Co.
"NoDable Series" (new beers released in their taproom)

Tuesdays @ the Visulite
5.13 Blitzen Trapper
6.10 Skinny Lister

Tuesdays @ EagleSpeak Coffee House & Tropical Sno
Nina Layton (Reiki Master)

Tuesdays @ Snug Harbor
"Country Tuesdays" w.Derek Dexter Ghent & Corey Alexander Ziegler

Tuesdays @ the Chop Shop
(every 3rd Tuesday Beard & Mustache Club of NC monthly meeting)

Tuesdays @ Philosopher Stone
Bingo

Tuesdays @ the Double Door
Bill Hanna Jazz Jam

Tuesdays @ Apostrophe
open mic spoken poetry w.Jah Smalls

Tuesdays @ Big Al's
7 & 10pm www.IMovePubPoker.com

Tuesdays @ Crown Station
Jazz, Blues & Morning Brews 12-3pm / Tues.
Night Mic Fights 10pm

Tuesdays @ the Dandelion Market
Shane "Mr. Red" Elks

Tuesdays @ Dharma
"Free Yoga" feat. DJ Jah-Sun Rising (Jason Herring)

• www.CharlotteKnights.com
5.06 vs. LHV
5.13 @ DUR
5.20 vs. NOR
5.27 @ COL
6.03 vs. ROC
6.10 vs. COL
6.17 @ LHV
6.24 vs. LOU

Tuesdays @ Soul Gastrolounge
DJs Shanti & Brad Pressley

Tuesdays @ Goodtimes (Monroe)
7pm www.IMovePubPoker.com

Tuesdays @ Jackalope Jack's
Open Mic Comedy Night hosted by James Dugan tomakeyoulaugh@gmail.com

Tuesdays @ Smokey Joe's
9pm Band Open Mic Night w.resident band the Smoking J's (feat. Peter Gray, James Brock, John Shaughnessy & Colby Dobbs)

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

Tuesdays @ the Stashe House
DJ DR

Tuesdays @ the Evening Muse
5.06 John Wesley
6.24 Seth Walker

Tuesdays @ Petra's
(2nd & 4th) Trivia Nights hosted by Lana Cane

Tuesdays @ Big Al's (Monroe)
7pm www.IMovePubPoker.com

Tuesdays @ the Fillmore
5.06 Jason Bonham's Led Zeppelin Experience
5.20 Bastille, Wolf Gang
6.15 John Butler Trip

Tuesdays @ the Comet Grill
Red Rockin' Chair

Tuesdays @ the Uptown Amphitheatre
6.10 Boston
6.24 Counting Crows

Tues., May 6th @ Amos'
Mogwai, Majeure

Tues., May 6th @ Halton Arena
www.CharlotteSymphony.org
Charlotte Symphony Orchestra Youth Orchestra Spring Concert



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Tues., May 13th @ Belk Theater
Al Gore

Wednesdays in May/June

Wednesdays @ Central Coffee
15% off of pounds of coffee

Wednesdays @ Soul Gastrolounge
5.07, 5.21, 6.04, 6.18 every other Wednesdays
w.DJ That Guy Smitty

Wednesdays @ EagleSpeak Coffee House &
Tropica-Sno
Donna Gamble (stress-reduction hypnotherapy)

Wednesdays @ the Fillmore
5.07 Gaslight Anthem
5.14 the 1975
5.21 Tamar Braxton
5.28 Danity Kane
6.11 the Head & the Heart
6.25 Phantogram

Wednesdays @ Crown Station
8:30pm Open Mic Comedy Throwdown

Wednesdays @ Levine Museum of the New
South
7-9pm A Sign of the Times Presents: "Diggin'
History" (through music, dance & spoken word)

• www.CharlotteKnights.com
5.07 vs. LHV
5.14 @ DUR
5.21 vs. NOR
5.28 @ COL
6.04 vs. ROC
6.18 @ LHV
6.25 vs. LOU

Wednesdays @ Smokey Joe's
Quinchy & Friends

Wednesdays @ Scorpio
Tiffany Storm, RageN'Ray

Wednesdays @ the Fern
Jim Garrett

Wednesdays @ the Common Market (Plaza-
Midwood)
Free beer tastings

Wednesdays @ the Evening Muse
(every 1st Wednesday of every month) John
Tosco Presents: "the Tosco House Party")
5.14 Peter Bradley Adams

Wednesdays @ the Common Market (Southend)
Jah Sun Rising (Jason Herring) Presents: "Cool
Breeze Sessions" w.weekly special guests

Wednesdays @ the Mint Museum (Randolph &
Tryon locations)
5pm free admission +ArtFusion 6pm
5.14 Tryon: Modernism

Wednesdays @ the Tavern
7 & 10pm www.IMovePubPoker.com

Wednesdays @ Pisces
1/2 off bottles of wine

Wednesdays @ Jukebox (Indian Trail)

7 & 10pm www.IMovePubPoker.com

Wednesdays @ Zen Fusion
Robert Fernandez

Wednesdays @ Elwood's
7pm www.IMovePubPoker.com

Wednesdays @ the Milestone
5.14 the Calamity Cubes
6.18 P Funk North

Wednesdays @ Big Woody's
7 & 10pm www.IMovePubPoker.com

Wednesdays @ Philosopher's Stone
the Pickers

Wednesdays @ Triple C Brewing
Papi Queso (food truck) + Pilot Batch Release

Wednesdays @ the Saloon
5.14 Paul Pfau
5.28 Casket of Cassandra
6.25 Cover of Afternoon

Wednesdays @ Sam Ash Music
7-8:30pm singer/songwriter open mic (\$10
Sam Ash gift card to all performers)

• Wed., May 14th FULL MOON 2:16 PM

Wed., June 11th @ Tremont
AMB (Axe Murder Boys), Pray, Razors Edge, 614
Villianz

Wed., June 11th @ Time Warner Cable Arena
8pm Jesus Christ Superstar Arena Spectacular
feat.Ben Forster, Brandon Boyd, Michelle
Williams (of Destiny Child), JC Chazez & John
Rotten Lydon (of the Sex Pistols)

Wed., June 25th @ the Comedy Zone
Nate Bargatze

Thursdays in May/June

Thursdays @ Queen City Bicycles
6:30pm Tub Ride from there to Birdsong (free
12oz. to those with www.BicycleBenefits.com)

Thursdays @ PNC Music Pavilion
5.29 Luke Bryan, Lee Brice, Cole Swindell
6.05 Jack White

Thursdays @ Snug Harbor
DJ Scott Weaver Presents: "Shiprocked"

Thursdays @ Triple C Brewing
Herban Legend (food truck) & Run Club + Yoga

Thursdays @ Soho
DJ Tommy Tom

Thursdays @ UpStage
www.Touch1Productions.com Presents: "We
are Art" - spoken word poetry w.Jaycee Cowan
McField

Thursdays @ EagleSpeak Coffee House &
Tropica-Sno
MaryAnn Mystic Readings

Thursdays @ Bonfire (Concord)
7pm www.IMovePubPoker.com

• Thursdays on www.PBSCharlotte.org
8:30pm Charlotte Cooks

Thursdays @ Goodtimes (Monroe)
7 & 10pm www.IMovePubPoker.com

Thursdays @ the Charlotte Transit Center
Uptown (in Bay X)
www.Friendship-Gardens.org Mobile Market

• www.CharlotteKnights.com
5.01 @ BUF
5.08 vs. LHV
5.15 @ DUR
5.22 vs. IND
5.29 @ COL

Thursdays @ Area 15
5-8pm (every 2nd & 4th) NoDa Alley Mother
Trucker of all Food Truck Rallies (benefitting
Optimist Park, Free Store & more) + live music

Thursdays @ Julia's Cafe & Books
9am "Cold Reads" feat. George Gray & more
(play reading)

Thursdays @ the Milestone
5.01 Southside Punx, Sub X., Gameday Regulars,
Old Scratch
5.15 Watch Husky Burn, Bully Pulpit

Thursdays @ the Comedy Zone
5.08 Josh Blue
5.15 Chris D'Ella
5.29 Broken Lizard
6.05 Rob Schneider
6.12 Rachel Feinstein
6.26 Nate Bargatze

Thursdays @ Tommy's Pub
open mic w.Brett Greer

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

Thursdays @ Jackalope Jack's
karaoke w.Greg Martinez

Thursdays @ the Evening Muse
5.01 Howie Day
5.08 the Accomplices
5.22 Blair Crimmins & the Hookers, Ross Adams
5.29 Korby Lenker
6.12 River Whyless, This Mountain

Thursdays @ the Fillmore
5.08 Ledi
5.15 www.1065theend.com Presents: Crosses
& more
5.22 Neon Trees
5.29 "Freedom Project" feat. Manchester
Orchestra, Balance & Composure, Kevin Devine
& the Godd*mn Band
6.05 Jack White
6.19 Cage the Elephant

Thursdays @ Philosopher's Stone
Fudd & friends (front) / Runner's club (back)

Thursdays @ Tremont
5.15 VNV Nation
5.29 Upon a Burning Body

Thursdays @ Label
"Label Me" w.DJ Dirty

Thursdays @ the Metropolitan
6:30-9:30pm "Sunset" feat. live music
5.01 Flatland Tourists
5.08 Hot Gates
5.15 Donna Duncan
5.22 New Familiars
5.29 the Broadcast

Thursdays @ Amos'
5.01 Against Me
5.08 Earl Sweatshirt
6.12 Die Antwood

Thurs., May 1st @ the Double Door
Copious Jones

Thurs., May 1st @ Dandelion Market
6pm Birdsong Beer Dinner (RSVP)

Thurs., May 1st @ the Neighborhood Theatre
PJ Morton

Thurs., May 8th @ the Hearst Tower
the Healthier & Wellness Fair w.vendors & more
+ DJ That Guy Smitty

Thurs., May 15th @ Theatre Charlotte
HAIR feat. James Lee Walker II

Thurs., May 22nd @ the Visulite
Uh Huh Her

Thurs., May 22nd @ Belk Theatre
Eddie Izzard

• Thurs., June 12th FULL MOON 11:11 PM

Thurs., June 19th @ the Historic Courthouse
(Concord)
"Union Street Live" feat. Jim Quick & Coastline

Fridays in May/June

Fridays @ Snug Harbor
5.09 Voice of Pizza Presents: Wham City
Comedy feat. Joanne Spatano
5.30 Yonatan Gat, Brief Lives

Fridays @ Whiskey Warehouse
DJ Matt Bolick

Fridays @ Tyber Creek Pub
DJ Wiiz Kid (Steve Warwick)

• Fridays in Southend (Camden & Park)
"Food Truck Fridays"

Fridays @ the Comet Grill
the Lenny Federal Band

Fridays @ the Chop Shop
5.09 www.ZaliPresents.com Of Montreal
5.30 EyeHateGod, Ringworm, Enabler, Turd/
C*ttter, Votnut, Asound

Fridays @ the Charlotte Art League
(every 3rd Friday) 6-10pm "Brush & Beats"

Fridays @ Vinmaster Wine Shop
DJ DR

Fridays @ Triple C Brewing
Vitos Pizza (food truck)

Fridays @ www.CharlotteHaunts.net
7pm Riding Ghost Tours
8pm Haunted Pub Riding Tour

Fridays @ EagleSpeak Coffee House & Tropica-
Sno
Tarot cards w.Heather

Fridays @ PNC Music Pavilion
5.09 Dierks Bentley, Chris Young, Chase Rice
6.14 Elton John

Fridays @ the Neighborhood Theatre
5.09 Johnny Swim
5.30 Matrimony

Fridays @ the Evening Muse
5.16 the High-Octane Rocky Mountain
DanceGrass of Whitewater Ramble
5.23 Michelle Malone
6.27 Griffin House

Fridays @ the Comedy Zone
5.02 Frank Caliendo
5.09 Josh Blue
5.16 Chris D'Ella
5.23 John Witherspoon
5.30 Broken Lizard
6.06 Rob Schneider
6.13 Rachel Feinstein
6.20 Jon Lovitz
6.27 Nate Bargatze

• www.CharlotteKnights.com
5.02 @ BUF
5.09 vs. BUF
5.16 @ DUR
5.23 vs. IND
5.30 vs. TOL
6.06 vs. ROC
6.13 @ PAW
6.20 vs. TOL
6.27 vs. LOU

Fridays @ UpStage
(every 1st Friday) 7:30pm Improv Charlotte
Comedy Show (+ dinner service) (each month
proceeds benefit a different charity) + karaoke
w.Rachael Houdek

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

Fridays @ the Fillmore
5.02 "Drop It" feat. Adventure Club
5.09 Modest Mouse
5.16 David Nail
5.23 Heart Brigade (a tribute to Heart)
6.06 the Stranger (a Billy Joel tribute), Natural
Wonder (a Stevie Wonder tribute)
6.27 Lindsey Stirling

Fridays @ Tremont
5.02 Tattermask, Everthrone, Dr. Cirkustien,
Stillview
5.09 CroMags, Take Offense, Fire & Ice, the
Mongoloids, Outcrowd, Discourse, Malfunction,
Born Low, Another Mistake, Vulgar Display, Ivy
League
6.07 Peter Murphy

Fridays @ Smokey Joe's
5.23 Funk Rush
5.30 the Vince McKinnley Band
6.06 Sonny Skyyz & the Rainmakers
6.13 the LRC
6.20 Barbed Wires

Fridays @ the Visulite
5.09 Amigo, Possum Jenkins, Pullman Strike
5.16 the Apache Relay, the Weeks
5.23 Infamous Stringdusters

Fridays @ Tyber Creek Pub
DJ Wiiz Kid (Steve Warwick)

Fridays @ Dharma
5.09 Heavy Heads Present: Dara, Tony Dubz,
Will Love, BZ & many more
5.16 Kimball Collins

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

Fridays @ the Milestone
5.02 Beiththemans, Grown up Avenger Stuff,
Greevace, Modern Moxie
5.16 John Moreland, M Lockwood Porter
5.30 Dollar Signs, Sinners & Saints
6.20 Savagist

Fridays @ Stonecrest
7-10pm "Summer Concert Series"
5.02 Franklin Street Band
5.09 Robin B. Band
5.16 Kim Carper Band
5.23 Skate Rink Jukebox
5.30 Flute Praise
6.06 Kim Carper Band
6.13 Franklin Street Band
6.20 Randy Paul & the Reverly
6.27 Leslie & Friends

Fridays @ Village Green (Blakeney)
7-10pm "Summer Concert Series"
5.02 Chris Sanchez Band
5.09 Natty Boh
5.16 the Loafers
5.23 the Flying Saucers
5.30 DJ Chuck
6.06 the Flying Saucers
6.13 DJ Chuck
6.20 the Loafers
6.27 Wicked Powers

Fri., May 2nd @ Gottaswing
7pm Five Buck Friday Swing Dance w.DJ Brad
Nathanson

Fri., May 9th @ Knight Theater
www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: "Friday
(K)night Out" - "Carnivale!" (Christopher
Warren-Green conducting, Calin Lupanu violin)

Fri., May 16th @ Spoken Space Theatre
(Salisbury)
Jenny Wright's 1 woman / 9 characters show

Fri., May 16th @ Coyote Joe's
Jamey Johnson

• Fri., May 30th
www.CharlotteHounds.com @ Outlaws

Fri., June 20th @ Amos'
Badfish

Fri., June 27th @ the NC Music Factory
Summer Concert Series feat. On the Border (an Eagles tribute)

Saturdays in May/June

- www.CharlotteRollerGirls.com
(the A Team is the All-Stars and the B Team are the B-Dazzlers)
5.10 B-Dazzlers vs. Chemical Valley (TBA)
5.17 All-Stars vs. Mother State Roller Derby (HOME)
5.24 All-Stars vs. Hard Knox (Knoxville)
5.31 B-Dazzlers vs. Classic City (Athens)
6.07 All-Stars vs. Charlottesville Derby Dames (VA)
* home bouts @ the Grady Cole Center

Saturdays @ Triple C Brewing
Chef Street Bistro (food truck)

- Saturdays in Charlotte
www.TourDeFood.net

Saturdays @ McGlohon Theater
5.03 8:04pm the Gay Men's Chorus of Charlotte Presents: "Big Gay Sing on Broadway Part 2"
www.GMCCharlotte.org

Saturdays @ Atherton Market
9am-12pm free pickles & entertainment with the Pickleman from Pickleville

Saturdays @ EagleSpeak Coffee House & Tropical Sno
5.03 7-10pm Amy Broom
5.10 7-10pm Tom Williams & Ang Medlin
5.17 7-10pm Tim Murry
6.07 Province of Thieves
6.21 Ivy Sky
6.28 Toni Naples

Saturdays @ Nan & Byron's or 5 Church
DJ Wiiz Kid (Steve Warwick) rotates between venues

Saturdays @ Roxbury
DJ Jody

Saturdays @ CharBar 7
1st & 3rd Saturdays w.DJ That Guy Smitty

Saturdays @ Village Green (Blakeney)
7-10pm "Summer Concert Series"
5.03 Chris Sanchez Band
5.10 Natty Boh
5.17 the Loafers
5.24 the Flying Saucers
5.31 PB & J Band
6.07 the Flying Saucers
6.14 Chris Sanchez Band
6.21 the Loafers
6.28 Wicked Powers

Saturdays @ Jukebox (Indian Trail)
5pm & 8pm www.IMovePubPoker.com

- www.CharlotteHounds.com
5.03 @ Launch
5.10 vs. Bayhawks
5.17 @ Cannons
6.07 vs. Outlaws
6.14 vs. Launch
6.21 @ Lizards
6.28 vs. Cannons

- www.CharlotteKnights.com
5.03 @ BUF
5.10 vs. BUF
5.17 @ NOR
5.24 vs. IND
5.31 @ TOL
6.07 vs. COL
6.14 @ PAW
6.21 vs. TOL
6.28 @ GWN

Saturdays @ Stonecrest
7-10pm "Summer Concert Series" 4.19 Randy Paul & the Revelry
5.03 Franklin Street Band
5.10 Robin B. Band
5.17 Kim Carper Band
5.24 Skate Rink Jukebox
5.31 Flute Praise
6.07 Kim Carper Band
6.14 Franklin Street Band
6.21 Randy Paul & the Revelry
6.28 Leslie & Friends

Saturdays @ www.CharlotteHaunts.net
7pm Riding Ghost Tours
8pm Haunted Pub Riding Tour

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

Saturdays @ VBGB
DJ J Overcash

Saturdays in Charlotte www.JunkRescue.com
8am-1pm (last Saturday of every month) "Junk Sale" 1.800.JUNK.911

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

Saturdays @ the Common Market (Plaza-Midwood)
5.10 Biggy Stardust & his Wretched Hive, Dr. Cirkustein & more
5.17 the Not Likelys, Drone, All Rise, the Fill-Ins, the Spice of Life, Smelly Felt

Saturdays @ the Milestone
5.03 Vulture, Machinist, Dying Whale, Clap for Alaska, Black Fleet
5.10 Swell Friends
5.17 Sext Message, No Anger Control, the Joy Kills, Lil Skritt, Justin Aswell

Saturdays @ Amos'
5.03 Queens of Rock in the QC feat. Tantrum, Stella Rising, Perfect Strangers, the Reason you Stayed
6.14 8pm-2am www.SingleCell.us Presents: Purgatory 58 : S&M Superheroes feat. Vivica Ex Astris, DJ Spider, Dr. Spankenstein & more + an expanded vendor area
6.21 You Blew it, the Front Bottoms
6.28 Appetite for Destruction

Saturdays @ the Chop Shop
5.03 www.MovingPoets.org Present: "SpringFling FUNdraiser" feat. dance concepts, auction & vendors w.the Fat Face Band
5.24 Death of Paris
6.07 "Hooterfest 2014" feat. Something Clever,

Radio Lola, Tattermask, No Anger Control, Butterfly Corpse (benefitting owlets in the area)

Saturdays @ the Neighborhood Theatre
5.03 Rbts Win, Melt, Blossoms, LongChild, Collectr, BLNG x BDGT
5.10 Rory Block
5.17 Reverbfest 2014 feat. Sinners & Saints, Pullman Strike, Late Bloomer, Hectorina, It Looks Sad & many more

Saturdays @ the Comedy Zone
5.03 Frank Caliendo
5.10 Josh Blue
6.07 Rob Schneider
6.14 Rachel Feinstein
6.21 Jon Lovitz
6.28 Nate Bargatz

Saturdays @ Smokey Joe's
5.17 Leadville Social Club
5.31 Sauce, the Will Douglass Band
6.14 Kyle Sorenson, Horse Ghost
6.21 the Traffic Jam

Saturdays @ Coyote Joe's
5.03 Black Jack Billy
5.10 the Fantastic Shakers, Jim Quick & Coastline, Jackie Gore, Lionel Cornelius, the Lakeside Drive Band & Ron "Mr. Motwon" Morrow

Saturdays @ the Visulite
5.03 the Whigs
5.17 Simplified

Saturdays @ the Fillmore
5.10 Langhorne Slim & the Law, Deer Dick
5.31 Charlotte Mag.'s www.CharlotteBobAwards.com

Saturdays @ the Evening Muse
5.03 Spottiswoode & his Enemies
5.10 Darden Smith, Barton Carroll
5.17 Patrick Davis
5.24 Miss Tess & the Talkbalks

Saturdays @ Tremont
5.03 Floor, Hot Victory, Darsombra
5.10 Earth Crisis, Cruel Hand, Stigmata, Bitter End, Shai Hulud, the Banner, Naysayer, Over & Out, Die Young, Criminal Instinct, Agitator, Will to Die, Society, Sucker, Gut Feeling

Saturdays @ Jackalope Jack's
karaoke w.Bill "the Thrill" Cleveland

Saturdays @ Bar 316
Buff Faye & Patti O'Furniture's Big Fun Comedy Drag Hour

Saturdays @ Boudreaux's
Up for Nothing, Dollar Signs, Couches, Jack Derringer, the Smoking Guns

Saturdays @ Snug Harbor
AM last Saturdays Plaza-Midwood Food Swap PM music
5.10 the Luciferian Agenda, the Dinner Rabbits, Bless These Sounds under the City

Sat., May 3rd @ Gateway Village Promenade
8am www.CarolinaRAIN.com AIDS walk

Sat., May 3rd @ McColl Center
7pm "Party Like it's 1999" (a contemporary art sale)

Sat., May 3rd @ the US National Whitewater Center
Overmountain Men

Sat., May 3rd in Fourth Ward (9th & Poplar)
12-4pm www.FOFW.org Present: the Secret Gardens of Fourth Ward

Sat., May 3rd @ Gottaswing
10am 1 Day Blues Dancing w.Christian Sailor

Sat., May 3rd @ the Mint Museum (Randolph)
"YAMS" viewing of the Kentucky Derby

Sat., May 3rd @ Walkter Y. Elisha Park
www.SCStrawberryFestival.com feat. the Stranger (a Billy Joel tribute)

• Sat., May 3rd is FREE COMIC BOOK DAY
@ Heroes Aren't Hard to Find 10am-5pm w.live painting by John Hairson, Jr.
@ Rebel Base Comics 11am
@ Spandex City 11am feat. Tony Scott

Sat., May 10th @ Amelie's Annex
7:30pm Rebekah Todd & the Odyssey
CommonChordConcerts@gmail.com

Sat., May 10th @ Crown Station
"My Electric Friends" feat.residents: DJs Tober & Lo-Tek + guests

Sat., May 10th @ Rural Hill (Huntersville)
www.NCBrewsMusic.com feat. Big Daddy Love, Sol Driven Train, Spirit Family Reunion & many more + tons of craft beer

Sat., May 17th @ the Warehouse Performing Arts Center (Cornelius)
6pm (family friendly) & 8pm www.PlanetImprov.com Presents: the Chuckleheads with Mom is Awesome + prizes, raffles, fundraiser

Sat., May 17th @ Dharma
Doc Martin, Nat Eichler (DHARMA CLOSING PARTY)

Sat., May 17th @ Icehouse SouthEnd
3pm Bar Athletes Cornhole Tournament

Sat., May 24th @ Saloon
Pushh

Sat., May 31st @ CPCC Harris Conference Center
www.SweetEscapes.org benefitting Community Link

Sat., May 31st @ Ballantyne Corporate Park
American Diabetes Assoc. "Take the Ride of your Life" www.Diabetes.org/CharlotteTourDeCure

Sat., June 21st @ PNC Music Pavilion
Tim McGraw, Kip Moore, Cassadee Pope

SPECIAL OR MULTIPLE DAY EVENTS

- check out www.PMCRadio.org for a schedule of DJs daily
- Saturdays & Sundays @ the Common Market (Plaza-Midwood) : Mimosa Bar

• @ 316 Fridays & Saturdays : DJ Jay-R / Tuesdays & Sundays : Karaoke w. DJ Skittlez

• Tuesdays & Thursdays @ Dakota's : Poker Night

• Mon-Thurs @ Dilworth Neighborhood Grille : Kids Eat Free (w.purchase of one adult entree)

• THIRD WEEKEND of every month @ the Metrolina Expo : Metrolina Flea Bazaar

• Saturdays in Charlotte : Learn to Compost : different locations each time / workshop www.WipeOutWaste.com

• BAKU GALLERY NoDa - Art monthly - June: CC Evans & Crew's "Rhymes & Designs"

• Philosopher's Stone : Fri & Sat local music / Sat & Sun bloody mary bar

• MONTH OF MAY @ Studio K - the mosaics of Tom Thoun

• THRU May 2nd @ ClearWater Artist Studios (Concord) : Rowan Cabarrus Community College Presents: "Impluse" student exhibition

• Fri., May 2nd & Sat., May 3rd @ Belk Theater
www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Verdi Requiem (Christopher Warren-Greene conducting)

• May 2nd & 3rd @ Belk Theater : www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Verdi Requiem (Christopher-Warren-Green conducting)

• May 3rd & 4th @ Rock City Campgrounds (Charlotte Motor Speedway) : www.CarolinaRebellion.com feat. Rob Zombie, Motorhead, Kid Rock, 311 & many more

• THRU May. 4th www.CharlotteRollerGirls.com Tryouts & Training Workshops

• THRU May 4th @ the McColl Family Theatre / ImaginOn : the Reluctant Dragon

• May 8th-10th @ Well's Fargo Playhouse / ImaginOn : Children's Theatre Presents: the Hundred Dresses

• May 9th-11th @ Bojangle's Coliseum : www.SesameStreetLive.com

• May 16th-18th @ Misty Meadows Farm (Weddington) : www.Drumstrong.org feat. craft beer garden, belly dance-a-thon, yoga, food vendors & more (Sun feat. DJ That Guy Smitty)

• May 17th-18th www.KnowYourFarmsTour.com

• May 14th-18th, 21st-25th @ 10 Park Llanes & UpStage : Citizens of the Universe Present: "the Big Lebowski" 7:30pm

• THRU May 31st @ Lark & Key Gallery : "Interwoven" feat. paintings by Duy Huynh, Judy Klitch & Vicki Sawyer & pottery by Jennifer Mecca

• THRU May 31st www.WipeoutWaste.com

• June 12th-21st @ the Duke Energy Theatre : Shakespeare Carolina Presents: "the Misanthrope" directed by Heather Busch

• June 18th-22nd, 25th-29th @ UpStage : Citizens of the Universe Present: "Merry Wives of Windsor" 7:30pm

• June 20th-22nd @ the Charlotte Convention Center : www.HeroesOnline.com Present: Heroes Convention

• THRU June 29th @ Mint Museum (Randolph) : Sonia Handelman Meyer's "Bearing Witness"

• THRU June 30th @ EagleSpeak Coffee House & Tropica-Sno : paintings by Jackie Moseley

• THRU July 25th @ the Bechtler : Mario Botta (Architecture & Memory)

• THRU Aug. 10th @ the Mint Museum (uptown) : Botanical Motifs in Craft, Design & Fashion

TRAVEL TO EVENTS

• May 2nd-4th www.FrenchBroadRiverFestival.com feat. Sol Driven Train, the Dirty Work, Danger Muffin, Snake Medicine Show & more

• Wed., May 7th @ PNC Arena (Raleigh) : Cher

• May 8th-11th Lake Eden, NC : www.theLeaf.org Festival feat. Boots Collins, Beats Antiques, Los Lobos & more

• May 9th-11th Atlanta, GA www.ShakyKneesFestival.com feat. Modest Mouse, Violent Femmes, Dropkick Murphys, the Whigs, Jason Isbell, Beck, the National, the Gaslight Anthem & many more

• May 11th @ Coca-Cola Event Center (Monroe) : Traitors, Regions, Robotface, Self Rule, Tower of Latria

• May 17th @ the Playground (Elgin, SC) : Sinister Skateshop Presents: Boardstock 2014

• May 17th in Waxhaw @ the SpringFest : Taylor Dean & Lipstick on a Pig

• May 23rd - June 8th Charleston, SC www.SpolettoUSA.org Festival

• May 30th & 31st Blackstock, SC www.BlackStockMusicFestival.com feat. Leftover Salmon, Jon Linker Band, Galactic, Jon Linker Band, Taub, Big Daddy Love, Dopapod, Simplified, the New Familiars & many more

• June 6th-15th @ www.Tweetsie.com : Thomas the Tank Engines

• Sat., June 7th @ the Music Farm (Charleston) : DJs Aaron Sigmon, Moodswing & more

• June 19th-22nd @ Crowne Plaza (Asheville) : the Asheville Tattoo & Piercing Expo (ashevilletattooandpiercingexpo@gmail.com)

• June 12th-15th in Manchester, TN : www.Bonnaroo.com feat. Elton John, Kayne West, Jack White, Lionel Richie, the Avett Brothers, the Flaming Lips, Nick Cave, Kascade, Die Antwoord, ZZ Ward, DJ Logic & many more

• June 26th-29th www.AugustaPride.org

• THRU June 30th @ Pennington Gallery (Cleveland Community College - Shelby, NC) : the artwork of Jonathan K. Rice

LOCAL & REGIONAL SEASONAL OR ANNUAL EVENTS:

MAY

Cityfest Live

Beach, Blues & BBQ Festival www.MonroeNC.org/beachbluesandbbq

Charlotte Gay Pride

Foodlion Speed Street 600 @ Charlotte Motor Speedway www.600Festival.com

the Kickstart Motorcycle Classic (Maggie Valley, NC) www.WheelsThroughTime.com

5th Generation Camaro Show www.SheltonVineyards.com

Canine Angels www.Canine-Angels.net

Ramp Festival (Waynesville, NC) www.DownTownWaynesville.com

NC Brewers & Music Festival (Huntersville, NC) www.NCBrewsMusic.com

LEAF - Lake Eden Arts Festival www.TheLeaf.org

MINIs on the Dragon www.MINIsOnTheDragon.info

Kernersville Spring Folly www.KernersvilleSpringFolly.com

Days of Thunder (Elgin, SC) www.ThunderTowerHarley.com

Asheville Herb Festival www.AshevilleHerbFestival.com

Banner Elk Herb Festival www.BeHerbFest.com

Cinco de Mayo Festival (Charlotte, NC) www.LatinAmericanCoalition.org

Hillsborough Hog Day (Hillsborough, NC) www.HillsboroughChamber.com

Mayberry Farm Fest. (Mount Airy, NC) www.MountAiryDowntown.org

Race City Festival (Mooresville, NC) www.MooresvilleNC.org

Nascar Sprint All-Star Race & Coca-Cola 600 www.CharlotteMotorSpeedway.com

Midwood Maynia (Charlotte, NC) www.PlazaMidwood.org

Daniel Boone Family Festival (Mocksville, NC) www.DanielBooneFamilyFestival.com

Asian Festival & Dragon Boat Races (Cornelius, NC) www.CharlotteDragonboat.com

RIBFEST!

www.WellsFargoChampionship.com

Beer Fest (Gastonia, NC) www.GastoniaGrizzlies.com

www.DerbyDaysCharlotte.com

Greek Festival (Winston-Salem, NC) www.WSGOC.org

Greek Festival (Chapel Hill, NC) www.STBarbaraNC-GreekFestival.org

JUNE

www.UptownCharlotteJazzFest.com

Juneteenth Festival (Charlotte, NC)

World Feast

Heroes Convention www.HeroesOnline.com

Charlotte Bayou Fest www.CharlotteBayouFest.com

Summer Pops in the Park www.CharlotteSymphony.org

Hatfield McCoy Feud (Mingo County) www.WVTourism.com

Beckley Renaissance's Annual Bike & Motorcycle Show (Beckley) www.WVTourism.com

Taste of Charlotte www.TasteOfCharlotte.com

Boone, NC Bike Rally www.BooneBikeRally.com

Run to the Sun benefiting St. Jude Children's Hospital www.BrittMotorSports.com (Wilmington, NC)

Angier Bike Fest. Benefiting Fallen Firefighters Memorial Fund (Angier, NC) www.AngierBikeFest.org

Ride for the Shrine (Florence, SC) @ Doug's Harley-Davidson, Florence, SC

Pointe to the Children's Home Benefit Ride (Concord, NC) www.CrossPointeBaptist.com

Officer Down Ride (Raleigh, NC) www.BlueK-NightsNC2.com

Combats Vets Benefit Ride (Wilkesboro, NC) www.CVMARide.com

Ride for Boys & Girls Clubs (Raleigh, NC) @ Ray Price Harley-Davidson

Vets in Need Ride (Winston-Salem, NC) @ American Legion Post

March of Dimes Ride for Babies (Winterville, NC) www.HometownHarleyDavidson.com

Hospice of Davidson Ride for Angels (Denton, NC) www.HospiceOfDavidson.org

Strength & Honor Bike Show (Concord, NC) www.SHMCNC.com

Summer Shootout Series www.CharlotteMotorSpeedway.com

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THU MAY 1 8PM

**PJ
MORTON**

FRI MAY 2 8PM

**MARTY
STUART**

SAT MAY 3 9PM-2AM

NIGHT CALLS PRESENTS
**RBTS WIN +
BLOSSOM + MELT**
DANCE PARTY TO FOLLOW
WITH **LONGCHILD +
COLLECTR + BLNGXBUDGT**

SUN MAY 4 6:30PM

JAZZ & JOKES
**SUNDAY
SHOWDOWN**

THU MAY 8 8PM

**RED
BARAAT**

FRI MAY 9 8PM

JOHNNYSWIM

SAT MAY 10 8PM

**RORY
BLOCK**

WED MAY 14 8PM

FLAGSHIP
WITH
ANIMALS + REPLICAS

SAT MAY 17 8PM

**REVERB
FEST
FOR CIRF**

WED MAY 21 8PM

**BEAUSOLEIL
AVEC
MICHAEL DOUCET**

FRI MAY 23 6PM

**ALL ARTS
MARKET**

SAT MAY 24 7:30PM

ANALOG DAZE
RETROGRAFF SHOWCASE
WITH
BALLANTYNE SCHOOL OF MUSIC
ONE MORE HERO, WICKED JONES
AND IMPERIAL DELUXE

SUN MAY 25 8PM

**JUSTIN
HAYWARD**
OF THE MOODY BLUES

FRI MAY 30 8PM

MATRIMONY

MON JUN 2 8PM

**PATTY
GRIFFIN**

SAT JUN 7 8PM

**JOHN MARK
MCMILLAN**

WITH
SONGS OF WATER

TUE JUN 10 9PM

**SOUL FOOD
SPOKEN WORD**

FEATURING TONY AWARD WINNER
TAMIKA "GEORGIA ME" HARPER,
SONG BIRD, ROSCOE BURNEMS,
BREEZE SHANTELL & SPECIAL GUESTS

FRI JUN 13 8PM

AZUCAR
5TH ANNUAL
CARIBBEAN
CELEBRATION

FRI JUN 20 9PM

**TAB
BENOIT**

SAT JUN 21 8PM

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