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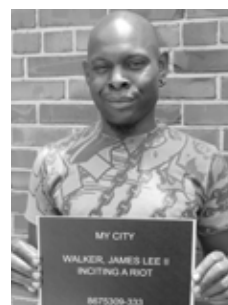
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Hi Charlotte,

Spring is turning into summer and what's in season? www.CharlotteKnights.com, www.CharlotteHounds.com and www.CharlotteRollerGirls.com. Keep up with them (and lots of other activities) in the back of the magazine (in our event listing). Thanks for picking up this copy of My City Magazine. Go with us through Hackerspace Charlotte, Abari Game Bar and Yama Izakaya. Martin "the Clown" Barry cranks out another comic strip and gives advice in his column. And let us meet the Man from Ravcon, Shelton Drum of www.HeroesOnline.com and Jerry McQuay. Flip to the "didja know" section for fun tidbits on some people and places in town. Don't forget to listen to My City Magazine the first Saturday of every month on 610AM from 10 to 10:30am.

Enjoy today and every day,

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YAMA IZAKAYA

BY ELLEN GURLEY

Yama Izakaya has opened its doors recently in Plaza-Midwood. It is a sister restaurant to an already booming spot in SouthPark (a www.YamaAsianFusion.com) known for their extremely fresh sushi and live items. Yama Izakaya is still spanking brand new. Almost eight months old (when this prints). If you're intimidated by new restaurants or funny names, don't despair, Izakaya rhymes with and sounds a lot like Hezekiah and the restaurant and concept don't aim to intimidate. The idea is actually to unwind. Izakaya is an upbeat, afterwork concept in Japan. Nothing intimidating about that. As an added bonus, the staff are very informative and not in a condescending type of way. It's very user friendly and it didn't hurt to learn that the family (the Yama, I presume) has thirty years of food creation under their belts; learning all over the globe (so I don't have to travel) and bringing Japan to me.

I wanted to see what it was all about so I went in during their first two months and the place was packed. My

companion and I sat at the bar and felt out the wait. We enjoyed a cucumber saketini and proceeded to another restaurant... at least for THAT evening. I ended up waiting for the buzz to die down a bit and ventured in again months later. It was worth the wait.

The evening began with an extremely refreshing blackberry mojito (a signature drink). Upon checking out the menu, I thought that it was built very much like a Spanish / Mediterranean restaurant as it featured small bites (tapas) and yakitori (souvlaki). I am a fan of sharing apps and meat on a stick so we made a few selections; fried oysters, ankimo (cooked monkfish liver) (the latter was to satisfy my adventurous side), lamb lollipops (I get it if I see it - everywhere - because lamb) AND some bacon wrapped scallops. We left nothing on the plate.

Then the manager, Paul, (having spent many years under the Yama umbrella and truly proud to be a part of it all) recommended a soon-to-be-on-the-regular-menu-item: pork belly buns. My companion perked up at the suggestion and said that I had to have it... so I did and this sealed the deal. I'm in love...with Yama. This is the beautiful thing about waiting. Sometimes when a restaurant is new, they reassess things after six months, then they try out new stuff. I felt like I had just won the lottery. The pictures I took of these pork belly buns were among the top ten favourite

pictures I have ever taken - beating babies in ranking (sorry, kids).

As we held our bellies thinking we couldn't have any more, we ordered the lychee martini (another fan favourite) and highly suggested by our server. It was one of the best things I've ever put to my lips. We were prepared to say goodnight then our bellies told us there was just a little more room - as we discussed the fact that this place was known for its ramen - real ramen. Lucky us (and lucky you for knowing now) we had just enough room to be further impressed. Try it for yourself. We had the miso and I can still taste it (in my mind) many days later. Send your thank you's to thatdamnellen@mycitymagazine.net

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DIDJA KNOW, CHARLOTTE?

BY ELLEN GURLEY

“**Diners, Drive-Ins & Dives**” has come back through Charlotte recently. Look for that episode to air in May to see some of your favourite places to eat in town.

Philosopher’s Stone has closed and **Ron’s BP** at Cotswold has moved to 4900 Albemarle Road (transitioning to a service station only). Both buildings will be leveled for new projects (the Stone is for apartments and the BP is for a PNC Bank).

Supah Comics will be opening for business Fri., May 1st in NoDa’s Area 15. See you there. www.Stores.Ebay.com/SupahComics

Craft beer update:

- Ass Clown Brewing Co., 10620 Bailey Rd., Suite E & F, Cornelius, NC, 704.995.7767, www.assclownbrewery.com (still there)
- Birdsong Brewery, 1016 N.Davidson St., 28205, 704.332.1810, www.BirdsongBrewing.com (just moved from old location to this new location)
- D-9 Brewing, 1138-C Treynorth Dr., Cornelius, 28031, 704.457.9368, www.D9Brewing.com (new to the scene)
- Free Range Brewing, 704.898.4247, www.FreeRangeBrewing.com (coming soon)
- Heist Brewery, 2909 N.Davidson St., Suite 200, 704.375.8260, www.HeistBrewery.com (still there)
- Legion Brewing, 1906 Commonwealth Ave., 28205, 844.HOP.LOVE, www.LegionBrewing.com (coming soon to the Plaza-Midwood area)
- NoDa Brewing Company, 2229 N. Davidson St., 28205, www.NoDaBrewing.com (soon to open new brewery at 2921 N.Tryon St. while keeping current location as a bottle shop)
- Olde Mecklenburg Brewery, 4150 Yancey Rd., 704.525.5644, www.OldeMeckBrew.com (just moved from old location to this new one and Sugar Creek opened in it’s place)
- Sugar Creek Brewing, 215 Southside Dr., 28217, www.SugarCreekBrewing.com (recently opened in the old Olde Meck location)
- Sycamore Brewing, 2161 Hawkins St., www.SycamoreBrew.com (new to the scene)
- Triple C. Brewing, Co., 2900 Griffith St., www.TripleCBrewing.com (still there)
- Unknown Brewery, 1327 S.Mint St., 28203, www.UnknownBrewing.com (still there)

Charlotte says goodbye to the longtime staple **Old Hickory House** (mom and pop BBQ restaurant) this spring. She will be sorely missed.



Photo By Ellen Gurley

Bring Water is a film coming out soon and an interesting character has caught my eye. The character was written based on and inspired by some of **Andy the Doorbum’s** (local musician) very unique performances pieces. He also had a hand in the art direction for the wardrobe and set for the writer. The link to the trailer and funding campaign can be found here: www.kickstarter.com/projects/dustinstwright/bring-water. Andy the Doorbum has been a very busy individual; he’s just wrapping up a monthly residency at Snug Harbor, an art show at Twenty-Twenty and his many ceremonial public performances as a part of www.AlienNativeMovement.org (plus his Art War on Everything). Andy says he’s also working on another film friend Derek Ghent is making, pressing a collaborative record with Justin Aswell, and working on an additional album with a linguistics professor in Israel. They will be doing English versions of Vladimir Vysotsky’s music. Never a dull moment.

Stewart Mauldin’s band **Junque Gallery** is celebrating a CD release at the end of June (see events). Check out their album “Vintage Junk” at <http://stuzbluz.wix.com/junquegallery> www.Facebook.com/JunqueGallery

The Menders are a five piece Garage Folk band from Gastonia, NC, celebrating the recent release of a new album. According to the Charleston City Paper, “The Menders combine an interesting blend of garage-rock influences with Americana to make eclectic music that’ll keep you guessing as to what they’ll sound like next. Last year’s self-titled album is front-loaded with dark, twangy tunes about heartbreak and triumph, and the latter half is a Russian roulette of styles ranging from The Beatles to Ryan Adams.” Check them out yourself at www.cdbaby.com/cd/themenders2 . For bookings: themendersnc@gmail.com



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* (See the complete list of farmers markets and farms on the venue list of www.MyCityMagazine.com and support local.)



in this city,
HEROES
aren't hard to find

BY BRANDON LUNSFORD

When I moved to this city in 1996, one of the first things I did was find the local comic book store. A brief search revealed that I had hit the jackpot and ended up with one of the best comic shops in the world on my doorstep; Charlotte was home to Heroes Aren't Hard to Find. I quickly found the store on Central and plunged into their long boxes, and I still have that first issue I bought there. It was Amazing Spider Man #298, the first time Todd McFarlane drew the web-slinger, and it was just the beginning of setting aside a chunk of my finances to sacrifice to the store. It's become more than just a place to satisfy my fix for comics, though. I know pretty much everyone that works there, I usually see someone else I know browsing the shelves, and I can talk comics with them all; Heroes is a community, and I'm proud that I'm a part of it. Charlotte is extremely lucky to have it, and we can thank store owner and mastermind Shelton Drum. He will be the first person to shake his head at that, and he rightfully insists that he hasn't done it alone. Fair enough, but whenever I walk out of the store with a smile on my face, it's because a boy from Newton, N.C. discovered a lifelong passion for comics when he was a kid.

I interviewed Shelton in his office at his home, which was just like I imagined it would be. There was amazing original comic pages hanging on the walls, and boxes of older issues lying around that made my eyes bulge out of their sockets. There was a stack of original 1950's EC horror titles on his desk, and he showed me a box he was accumulating of every

issue that was on the stands the month he was born. That would be March of 1954, and almost as soon as he could read Shelton was regularly consuming Harvey Comics such as Hot Stuff and Baby Huey like many kids his age. The difference was that even then he was pretty shrewd, and he wisely started purchasing two or three copies of the early Marvel Comics titles that he soon moved on to. Back then you could only find comics at newsstands and pharmacies or the like, and he pretty quickly exhausted the local supply of Newton. He moved to Charlotte and took some creative arts classes at UNCC, but he quickly figured out that he was better at selling comics than drawing them. He tacked notices to bulletin boards on campus offering to buy and trade comics, and this way he developed a local network of like-minded friends who went out hunting for comics at local flea markets like the Metrolina. Soon he started selling as well as buying and began to run his own booth, and started building his stock. His uncle was in the paper and plastics business, so he had also started making customized comic sleeves and boards and was selling them in the Comics Buyers Guide trade publication. The next step, after some prodding from the nucleus of local fans and creators that Shelton had helped put together, was to rent out the community room of the Eastland Mall in January 1977 for the first Charlotte Mini-con.

Soon he was buying books directly from a distributor and taking them to his array of swap meets and flea markets around the state, and was selling

new comics to subscribers by 1975. Back in the '70's comic books were turning such a small profit that newsstands didn't feel like they were worth carrying, and New York chemistry teacher Phil Seuling approached Marvel and DC and offered to buy nonreturnable comics in bulk at a discount. This was the beginning of the direct market of comic book sales that saved the industry, and Shelton was in on the ground-floor of a revolution; this new avenue of distribution led to the rise of the independent comics movement and the birth of the comic book specialty store. Shelton was working for his father's retail auto parts salvage company, which had opened a satellite store on property the Drums owned on Thomas Avenue where Boris and Natasha's is currently located. Around the corner beside the Hall's Clock Shop on Central Avenue there was a vacancy, and in 1980 Shelton was able to rent the space for the princely sum of \$75 a month. He set up a friend to manage the store while he listened in via a phone extension around the corner on Thomas, and the very first Heroes physical location was born. First it was only open on weekends, but within a year the crowds had grown and they were open six days a week. The store moved down Central to where the Alternative Arts tattoo shop is now located before it settled into its first stable location at the future Boris and Natasha's, after Shelton's father decided to abandon the salvage business and give his son a space to practice his true vocation.

Shelton has always been almost as much of a fan of music as he has been of comics (I'm not sure if his collection of vinyl or comics is larger and more important to him) and it was music that led him to name his new store. It was born out of the 1974 song "Heroes Are Hard to Find," on the album of the same name by Fleetwood Mac. "Not a great song," Shelton says, "but a great title. Besides, I had gone through every name in the book and they were all terrible." He opened a second store in Winston-Salem in 1983 and a third the next year in South Carolina, and over the years he's managed anywhere from two to six shops across the Carolinas and even down to Jacksonville, FL. The main location was on Thomas Street from 1983-1988 until it moved back up to Central, but it kept outgrowing its space. The store moved to Central and the Plaza where the Book Buyers is now and remained there from the mid-90's until 2002, and it was there that I discovered them and started handing them my money. After 9/11 there was so much uncertainty that Shelton briefly considered becoming purely an internet store, but he eventually settled into his current location at the corner of



“I interviewed Shelton in his office at his home, which was just like I imagined it would be.”

7th and Pecan. This is the sixth location of Heroes, and is his signature store. He completely renovated the space, and it's now renowned as one of the most attractive comic shops in the country. It just flows really well, and the huge statues of Spidey and Doctor Octopus doing battle across the store's ceiling make quite an impact. You'll be hard pressed to see a list like Green Label's "20 coolest comic book shops in America" or Travel and Leisure's list of the best shops in the country without Heroes on it these days, and rightfully so.

“ he has built one of the strongest annual comic conventions on the national circuit: HeroesCon, the oldest independently-owned convention in the country. ”

Of course it's not just for the store that Shelton and the Heroes name is recognized across the industry. Out of those early Mini-cons at the Eastland Mall that drew a couple hundred people at most he has built one of the strongest annual comic conventions on the national circuit: HeroesCon, the oldest independently-owned convention in the country. By 1982, the fans at Shelton's small cons were demanding more space and better guests, and as usual he accommodated them. Over the years he had cultivated relationships with an impressive group of creators that he was able to connect with the network of local fans he had built; that first year HeroesCon snagged George Perez, Marv Wolfman, and Mike Zeck among others, and they haven't looked back since. Marvel Comics legend Stan Lee first appeared at the con in 1984, and from there the buzz really started and they became nationally noticed. Over the years the guest list has included Gil Kane, John Romita, Jim Steranko, Jim Lee, Todd McFarlane, Mike Mignola, and about every other writer, artist, and publisher you could think of.

Stan Lee returned in 2012 for the 30th anniversary of HeroesCon, and he saw a much larger crowd. From less than a thousand people that first year in '82, Shelton estimates there were more than 35,000 guests last year, and it keeps getting bigger every year. It has even reached its tendrils outside of the convention floor into the Plaza Midwood




neighborhood, where Shelton has teamed with galleries to launch comic themed art shows situated around a weekend that has turned into one of Charlotte's signature annual events. For me and my friends, it's pretty much the equivalent of Christmas in June. The best thing about HeroesCon is that in a comic convention season that has become increasingly dominated by film and television guests as Marvel and DC stretch out their influence, it still focuses purely on comics and their creators with panels, seminars, and workshops that connect writers and artists with the fans. Shelton has even become strong enough to take on convention overlord Wizard Entertainment, which has descended on con season with their outsized prices and their Wal-Mart style desire to corner the market. In 2005 Wizard announced they would be holding a convention in Atlanta the next year on the same dates on which HeroesCon was scheduled to take place, which caused such an outcry amongst the comic book community that creators flocked to Heroes and Wizard backed down.

I asked Shelton if he was going to do this until he dropped dead, and he said he thoroughly enjoys it. The store and the convention are a part of the fabric of this city now, and he says that even if he's not the one who runs the store and the con he hopes it continues. Whether it's with his immediate family or with his other family, his employees, he will make sure it's in good hands. The Wizard-driven consolidation going on in the convention world is continuing, and the industry needs HeroesCon and a guy like Shelton Drum. They need him almost as much as we here in Charlotte do. If you've just moved to town and you are hunting for a comic book paradise or even if you've lived here your whole life and you somehow didn't know about this amazing place, may I recommend that you stop into 1957 E 7th St? You can't miss it, and you won't regret it.

- Sat., May 2nd @ Heroes Aren't Hard to Find : www.FreeComicBookDay.com
- June 19th & 20th Heroes Convention @ the Charlotte Convention Center - HeroesOnline.com

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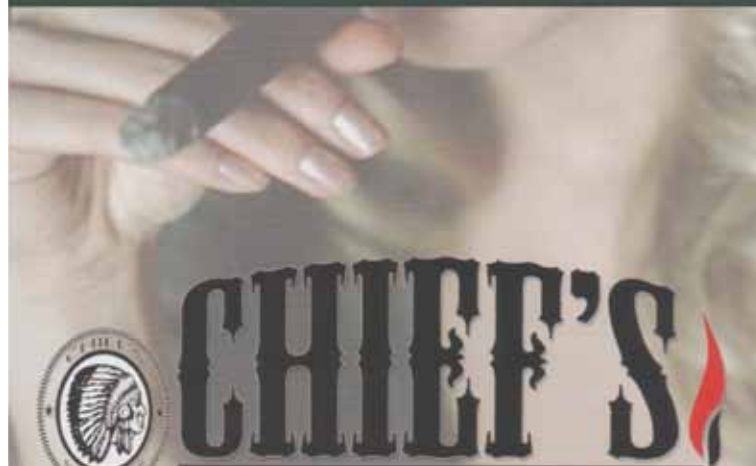


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ABARI GAME BAR

BY ELLEN GURLEY

Once this article goes to print, its going to be ON like Donkey Kong. Abari Game Bar will have opened its doors for business in NoDa (just shy of the neighbourhood breweries) and My City Magazine and it's staff couldn't be more excited. This anticipation isn't just due to the fact that we all lead very empty lives and need more entertainment options to fill the void. It's because we are all nerds and have it bad for nostalgia. Whether a person is born in the '70's or 2007, they still love video games from the past. We can all now stop daydreaming about it and go to our place, the place where we belong: Abari.

There are less than a handful of these bar / video game concepts on the east coast and we can now boast having one of our very own right here in Charlotte. Not only do they have a dozen pinball machines and twenty some old school video games but they have eight taps. One of these taps will always be dedicated to Pabst Blue Ribbon and the other seven will feature beers from regional craft breweries. To add to the madness, they will have a liquor license and a full bar.

When I left the owner, Zach Pulliman and his brother, they were researching food trucks, entertaining ideas for private parties and figuring out the

console gaming set-ups. So grab your piggy bank and meet me at Abari. Respect the machines as these are amazing gems from history. Now go have some fun.

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ASK THE CLOWN

ADVICE FROM MARTIN "THE CLOWN" BARRY



Dear Clown,
I caught my boyfriend in a lie which led to the discovery of more lies and an affair that he has been having for the past three weeks. We have been together for five years. I had envisioned us building a life together and maybe a family. Now I don't know if I see any future at all. Help?
Sincerely, Shattered

Dear Shattered,

Winston Churchill once said, "If you are going through hell, keep going." This quote was my first thought after reading your letter. This situation is always so ugly and painful. I truly hope that you recover fabulously from this, but remember that mistakes are part of life. If your initial choice is a mistake, then try again. I would advise a new start for you. Be rid of what has happened, be rid of him and what was inflicted upon you.

Dear Clown,
Is this serious? Your advice seems sound and often funny, but I would like to know if you actually wear the makeup while you respond to letters. I would also like to meet you.
Sincerely, Clown Fan

Dear Clown Fan,

This is indeed serious. I have always wanted to write an advice column and I have been delighted with this opportunity. As for the makeup, The Clown is actually who I am and I put on faces to serve functions of community and gainful employment. Meeting me is easy. Just attend a CharlotteRollerGirls.com bout!

Dear Clown,
My parents have asked me to move in with them due to my father needing extra care following a recent accident. I am currently employed full time, have a place of my own and I live in an area close to their house. If this has a negative impact on my career, I will be disappointed. What is your best advice here?

Sincerely, Cares for Dad

Dear Cares,

I can see where this move would introduce changes in your current lifestyle. Your parents altered their lifestyle for you most of your life. It seems to me that you have no question of a sense of duty, dedication, or love here. You simply fear impact to your career. Check with your HR department and immediate supervisor to see if they have schedule adjustments or added time off that will accommodate the needs of your family. Your performance will assure your retention.

Do you have a question for The Clown? Write him at
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HACKERSPACE CLT

BY ELLEN GURLEY

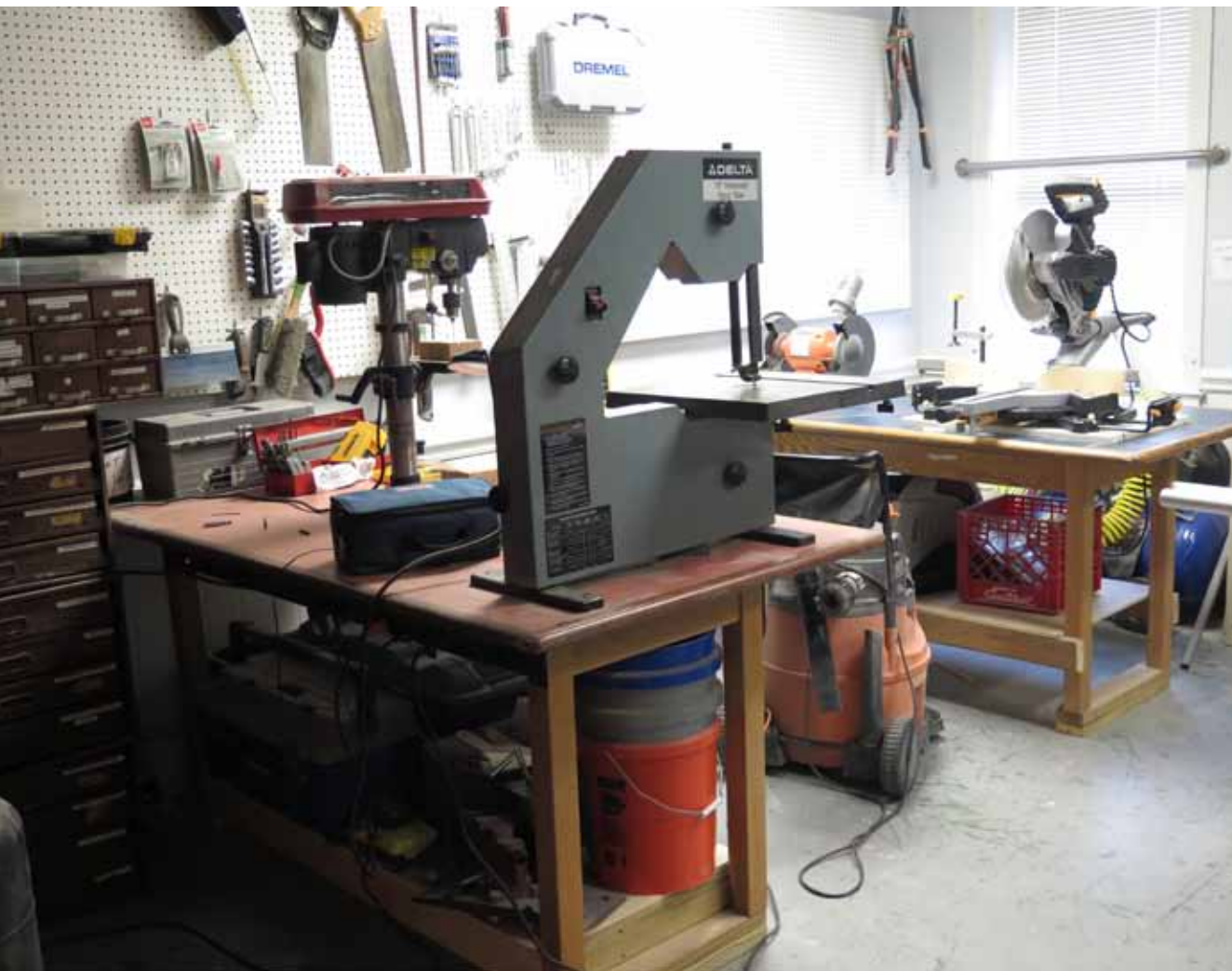


“What does one do when they don't have the space, but still want to accomplish projects? They become a member of a hackerspace.”



Evidently, I'm late to the party. Hackerspaces are all over the world. They are better received in metropolitan areas wherein it's occupants reside in and live the condominium lifestyle. Charlotte is joining that party with more transplants and natives making the switch from home ownership and lawn maintenance to condos. This downsizing of lifestyle means what? You don't have your own sawdust-filled garage anymore. What does one do when they don't have the space, but still want to accomplish projects? They become a member of a hackerspace.

Hackerspace Charlotte has been around for years and is now being forced to find a new location; not because of the problems that most hackerspaces encounter: building codes or ventilation. The space they occupy now is great but developers are coming through. Charlotte is growing on with its bad self and we adapt. They are having to choose a new space and have always wanted to expand, so the call of action here is for you to become a member. They would like to move in a timely fashion and to get more faces in there. These places are always dot org's and rely on





membership fees to keep the lights on. You are probably already thinking of someone to whom this is an attractive concept. Maybe that person is you.

When you think of this place, think of a space with 3D printers and table saws and almost every tool you can name (and please hang back up). Think people creating with whom you may form bonds and have some mutual inspiration. Check them out at their current space at 1111-D Hawthorne Lane. A board member is always present. Upon my visit, a Michael Todd was there working on an affordable mechanical prosthetic hand designed specifically for children and their rapid growth spurts. You never know what the space is being used for but the ideas of how to use it yourself could be endless, dear Mr. or Miss Condo Charlottean. Tuesdays at Hackerspace Charlotte are open meetings at 7:30pm. Go check them out today.

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THE MAN FROM RAVCON

BY KATHLEEN JOHNSON



For his seventh release, The Man From RavCon journeys to the heart of early '70s Prog Rock. The genre has taken over in a big way. True, each of the Charlotte one-man outfit's earlier albums exhibited prog influences amidst the surf, spy and Spaghetti Western music focus. But it's in full bloom on his latest all-instrumental effort, *The Puzzle Master*.

"This is the album I always wanted to make, but didn't think I could," TMFR said in a recent interview. "But I don't think I could get much proggy due to my technical deficiencies. When you think of prog you think of technical proficiencies. I'm not a virtuoso on any instrument!"

Well, there's no doubt TMFR is a true bedroom maestro who not only adroitly handles all instruments and the entire recording-mixing-etc. process, he's an artist gifted with keen song-crafting skill (first displayed in the 1990s with the excellent Charlotte power-jangle-pop band *The Ravelers*).

The Puzzle Master is a sumptuous CinemaScope mix of deep Euro prog (Italy, Scandinavia) and more-familiar British prog. "The Cosmic Creeper" and "Metropolis" conjure images of Italian bands PFM and Goblin and could fit nicely on a new Dario Argento film soundtrack. The synth riff of "Erebus" invokes *Wish You Were Here* Pink Floyd, and the mellotron drones throughout will make any Mike Pinder fan shed tears of golden delight. Meanwhile, fellow Charlotte musicians Larry Smith and Joe Diaco make guest appearances on two tracks. Prog on, Man, prog on.

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More information:

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JERRY MCQUAY

BY ELLEN GURLEY

Jerry McQuay is a proud Charlottean who sketched and painted his way through CMS' desegregation. He attributes this experience to having molded him into a better man today. He says he (so) loves watching the city grow alongside him.

He is an enthusiastic man who dumped his drink all over me in our meeting. He was using his hands to tell his story and it was very endearing. He told me tales of hand painting signs for some of Charlotte's business landmarks (most of which are long gone) and of a time when radio stations were all independently owned (the good ol' days). He has worn many hats but now he just paints. One could call it a retirement with work.

He mostly uses oils and loves painting "topical issues of the day". He

caught my eye with his paintings for sale inside Pinky's Westside Grill. They are all from his "Icon Series" (depicting everyone from Marilyn to Pryor). Visit his working studio at the Charlotte Art League in SouthEnd. He swears he will buy you a coffee just for stopping by. We are featuring pieces available from the above aforementioned series. Get one on your wall today.

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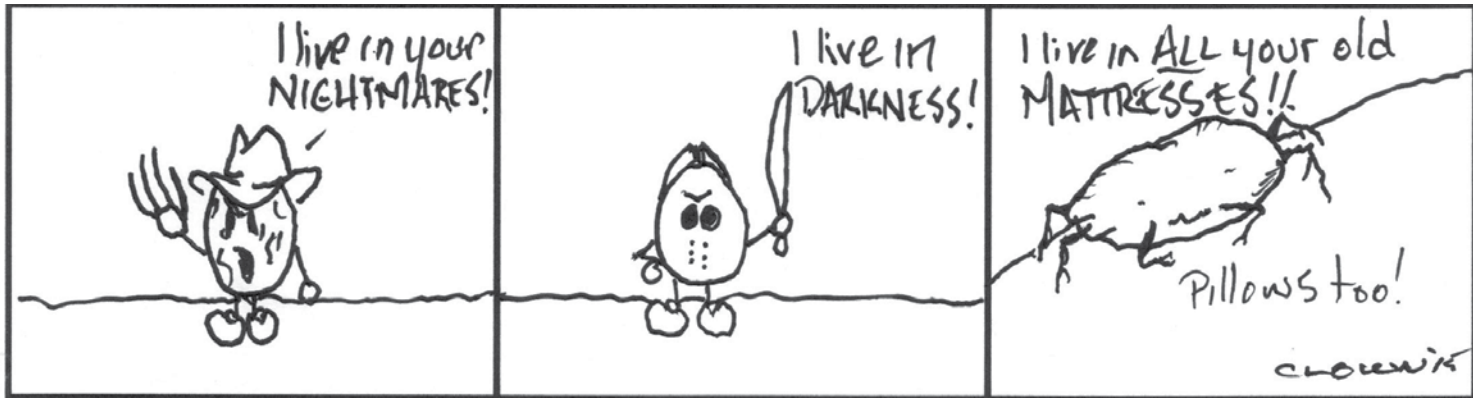
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EVENTS in your CITY

SUNDAYS IN MAY & JUNE 2015:

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- www.CharlotteKnights.com
5.03 vs. Scranton 2:05pm
5.10 @ Toledo 2pm
5.17 vs. Syracuse 2:05pm
5.24 @ Lehigh Valley 1:35pm
5.31 vs. Lehigh Valley 2:05pm
6.07 vs. Norfolk 2:05pm
6.14 @ Buffalo 1:05pm
6.21 vs. Indianapolis 2:05pm
6.28 @ Rochester 1:35pm

- www.CharlotteRollerGirls.com
5.17 AWAY All-Stars vs. Suburbia (Yonkers)
6.14 AWAY All-Stars Beach Brawl Tournament (Ft. Lauderdale)
6.28 4pm HOME All-CLTRG Fan Appreciation Bout
- Purple vs. Black
* HOME BOUTS @ Grady Cole Center

- www.CharlotteHounds.com
5.03 @ Outlaws 5pm
5.10 vs. Bayhawks 1pm

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

Sundays @ Olde Mecklenburg Brewery
2:30pm Bike-In

Sun., May 24th @ Charlotte Motor Speedway
Coca-Cola 600

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

Sundays @ NoDa Brewery
Tap Room open 1-6pm / food truck : Imperial
Sandwich Company / Brewery Tour 3pm

Sundays @ Olde Mecklenburg Brewery
open 11am-10pm / tours 2, 3 & 4pm

Sundays @ Sir Edmund Halley's
1/2 price wine by the bottle

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

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

LIVE MUSIC:

Sundays @ Tommy's Pub
6:30pm Bluegrass open jam w.Greg M.Clarke

Sundays @ the Wine Vault
Jared Allen

Sun., May 3rd @ the Visulite
the Relationship (members of Weezer, US Bombs &
Bravery), Gringo Starr

Sun., May 10th @ the Fillmore
Blue October

Sun., June 7th @ the Evening Muse
the Tragic Thrills, Beta Play

PLAY OR POETRY READINGS / BOOK
SIGNINGS:

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

COMEDY / THEATRE:

Sundays @ the Comedy Zone
5.10 Jim Breuer
5.24 Bruce Bruce

MUSEUMS / ART:

Sundays @ the Last Word (UNCC)
2-3pm K-8th art classes (\$7)

Sundays @ the Levine Museum of the New South
free admission (for groups no larger than 10)

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

DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE OR DRAG:

Sundays @ Cathode Azure
DJ Lil Betty

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

Sundays @ the Bar at 316
noon Brunch w.Buff Faye / 4-8pm Buff Faye's
Showtune Sing-A-Long Sunday - followed by
Karaoke (9pm-2am)

KARAOKE:

Sundays @ Snug Harbor
karaoke w.Bryan Pierce

MONDAYS IN MAY & JUNE 2015:

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- www.CharlotteRollerGirls.com
5.04 Meet & Greet @ the Shark Tank 6:45pm

- www.CharlotteKnights.com
5.11 vs. Louisville 7:05pm
5.18 @ Scranton 6:35pm
5.25 vs. Columbus 7:05pm
6.08 @ Pawtucket 7:05pm
6.22 @ Syracuse 7:05pm
6.29 @ Norfolk 7:05pm

Mondays @ Sir Edmund Halley's
7pm Trivia Night

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

Mondays @ Bonterra
service industry night - 1/2 wine by the glass /
Meatball Mondays

Mondays @ Bulldog Beer & Wine
6:30 MEAT Up

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

Mondays @ NoDa Brewery
Tap Room Open 4-8:30pm / Brewery Tour 6pm

Mondays @ UpStage
7pm Iron Bartender

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LIVE MUSIC:

Mondays @ Bradshaw Social House
open mic

Mondays @ the Comet Grill
Hunter's Travesty

Mondays @ the Double Door Inn
Monday Night All Stars

Mondays @ the Evening Muse
"Find Your Muse" open mic band night w.guest
headliners
5.04 Suzie Brown
5.11 Tattletail Saints
5.18 Brad Thomas (of the Turnstiles)
6.01 Wesley Cook

Mondays @ Puckett's
open mic w.Piece Bucket

Mondays @ Thomas Street Tavern
residents: the Luciferian Agenda

Mondays @ the Uptown Amphitheatre
6.08 Taylor Swift
6.15 Flogging Molly, Gogol Bordello, Mariachi El
Bronz

Mon., May 4th @ the Visulite Theatre
Tiger's Jaw, Lemuria, Somos

PLAY OR POETRY READING / BOOK SIGNINGS:

Mondays @ Morehead Tavern
7pm last Monday of every month : "Artistic
Fusion" feat. spoken word, models, sketch artists,
photography, open mic & featured artists

COMEDY / THEATRE:

Mondays @ the Comedy Zone
5.18 Cindy Kaza
6.01 TJ Miller

Mondays @ Tommy's Pub
9pm Wickedly Witty Comedy Showcase w.Daryl
Smith

MUSEUMS / ART:

Mondays @ Twenty-Two
Figure Drawing & Beer Tasting

DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE OR DRAG:

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

Mondays @ Growler's Pourhouse
DJ Elon Shomaker

Mondays @ Snug Harbor
Fresh Grounds Presents: "Knocturnal" w.residents:
Justin Aswell, Swan Mega, Ray + Bboy & MC
cyphers

Mondays @ Soul Gastrolounge
DJ Mookie Brill

TUESDAYS IN MAY & JUNE 2015:

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

• www.CharlotteKnights.com
5.05 @ Columbus 6:35pm
5.12 vs. Louisville 7:05pm
5.19 @ Scranton 6:35pm
5.26 vs. Columbus 7:05pm
6.02 @ Durham 7:05pm

6.09 @ Pawtucket 7:05pm
6.16 vs. Pawtucket 7:05pm
6.23 @ Syracuse 7:05pm
6.30 @ Norfolk 12:05pm

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

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

Tuesdays @ Olde Mecklenburg Brewery
6:30 Yoga on Tap

Tuesdays @ Pint Central
8pm Mindless Minutia Trivia

Tuesdays @ Hackerspace
7:30pm open meeting

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

Tuesdays @ Bonterra
Taco Tuesday

Tuesdays @ Sir Edmond Halley's
BBQ Tuesdays

Tuesdays @ NoDa Brewing Co.
"NoDable Series" (new beers released in their
taproom) / Tap Room open 4-8:30pm / food truck:
OooWee BBQ / Brewery Tour 6pm / #charitytuesday

Tuesdays @ Nan & Byron's
1/2 off by the glass & bottles of wine

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

Tuesdays @ Terra
all-you-can-eat mussels

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

LIVE MUSIC:

Tuesdays @ the Comet Grill
Red Rockin' Chair

Tuesdays @ Dvine
open mic w.Shannon Lee

Tuesdays @ the Double Door
Bill Hanna Jazz Jam

Tuesdays @ the Fillmore
5.19 Ministry
6.02 Vincent

Tuesdays @ the Neighborhood Theatre
5.05 Shy Girls, Young Ejecta
5.19 Lake Street Drive, River Whyless
5.26 the Story So Far, Four Year Strong, Terror,
Souvenirs

Tuesdays @ Petra's
1st & 3rd : Perry Fowler Presents: "Broken Mic
Night" (signups at 8pm)

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)

Tues., May 5th @ Belk Theater
an Evening w.the Doobie Brothers
Tues., May 12th @ Ovens Auditorium
the Pixies, John Grant

Tues., May 19th @ the Evening Muse
Sean Watkins Trio

Tues., May 26th @ the Knight Theatre
Dr. John & the Nite Trippers, Dirty Dozen Brass
Band

PLAY OR POETRY READINGS / BOOK SIGNINGS:

Tuesdays @ Apostrophe
open mic spoken poetry w.Jah Smalls

COMEDY / THEATRE:

Tuesdays @ Jackalope Jack's
Open Mic Comedy Night hosted by James Dugan

DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE OR DRAG:

Tuesdays @ Soul Gastrolounge
DJs Shanti & Brad Pressley

Tuesdays @ the Stashe House
DJ DR

Tuesdays @ Texicali
Salsa Night w.Charlotte Latin Dance

WEDNESDAYS:

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

• www.CharlotteKnights.com
5.06 @ Columbus 6:35pm
5.13 vs. Louisville 12:05pm
5.20 @ Scranton 10:35am
5.27 vs. Columbus 7:05pm

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

Wednesdays @ Brixx Pizza (Fairview)
8pm South Charlotte Wednesday Night Bike Ride
w.Leisure (to the Lodge for a social then back to
Brixx)

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

Wednesdays @ Birdsong Brewing
6:30pm brewery tours

Wednesdays @ Bonterra
1/2 wine by the glass

Wednesdays @ Central Coffee
15% off of pounds of coffee

Wednesdays @ the Common Market (Plaza-
Midwood)
7-9pm Free beer tastings

Wednesdays @ Fairview Plaza
SouthPark Eats Alternative Food Truck Wednesdays

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

Wednesdays @ NoDa Brewery
Tap Room open 4-9pm / food truck: Papa Libretto's
Street Pizza / Brewery Tour 6pm / Run Club 6:30pm

Wednesdays @ Pisces
1/2 off bottles of wine

Wednesdays @ Sir Edmund Halley's
1/2 wine by the bottle

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

Wednesdays @ Zen Fusion
Robert Fernandez + 1/2 price Sangrias

LIVE MUSIC:

Wednesdays @ the Comet Grill
Open Mic Jam

Wednesdays @ the Common Market (Southend)
6-8pm wine tasting \$5 + **Jah Sun Rising (Jason Herring) Presents: "Cool Breeze Sessions" w.weekly special guests**

Wednesdays @ the Evening Muse
(every 1st Wednesday of every month) John Tosco
Presents: "the Tosco House Party" 5.06, 6.03)

Wednesdays @ the Fern
Jim Garrett

Wednesdays @ the Fillmore
5.13 Nightwish, Delain, Sabaton
5.27 Tech N9ne

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

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

Wednesdays @ Smokey Joe's
Rock Fabulous & the Mystery Machine

Wednesdays @ the Uptown Amphitheatre
5.06 John Fogerty
6.10 Third Eye Blind, Dashboard Confessional

Wednesdays @ the Visulite
5.13 Primal Scream
6.10 Temples

Wed., May 6th @ the Milestone
the Midnight Ghost Train, the Seduction, No Anger Control, MadeReady, From the Gun

**Wed., May 13th @ Tremont
Child Bite**

Wed., May 20th @ the Double Door
Bradford Lee Folk & the Bluegrass Playboys

**Wed., June 3rd @ the Neighborhood Theatre
Kate Tempest**

COMEDY / THEATRE:

Wednesdays @ the Comedy Zone
5.06 Bottoms Ups
5.13 Wyatt Cenac
5.20 John Crist
6.03 Sid Davis

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

MUSEUMS / ART:

Wednesdays @ the Mint Museum (Randolph & Tryon locations)
5pm free admission / 6pm ArtFusion

DANCE MUSIC / DJs / BURLESQUE OR DRAG:

Wednesdays @ Scorpio
Tiffany Storm, RageN'Ray

**Wednesdays @ Soul Gastrolounge
5.06, 5.20, 6.03, 6.17 every other Wednesdays
w.DJ That Guy Smitty**

THURSDAYS IN MAY & JUNE 2015:

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

• www.CharlotteKnights.com
5.07 @ Columbus 10:35am
5.14 vs. Louisville 7:05pm
5.21 @ Lehigh Valley 7:05pm
5.28 vs. Columbus 7:05pm
6.04 @ Durham 7:05pm
6.11 @ Buffalo 4:05pm
6.18 vs. Pawtucket 7:05pm
6.25 @ Syracuse 7:05pm

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

Thurs., May 21st @ Charlotte Motor Speedway
NASCAR Sprint Cup Series

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

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

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

Thursdays @ Bonterra
Tapas Night & 1/2 all Spanish wines by the glass

**Thursdays @ the Chop Shop
6-9pm www.CLture.org Presents the NoDa F.A.M. Rally (food trucks, art & music)**

Thursdays @ the Common Market (South End)
6-8pm Free beer tasting

**Thursdays @ NoDa Brewery
Tap Room Open 4-8:30pm / food truck: Tin Kitchen / Brewery Tour 6pm**

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

Thursdays @ Twenty-Two
1/2 off wine by the bottle

LIVE MUSIC:

Thursdays @ Amos'
6.11 Royal Blood
6.18 the War on Drugs

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

Thursdays @ the Fillmore
6.04 Reel Big Fish
6.11 Brandi Carlile

**Thursdays @ the Neighborhood Theatre
5.07 Delta Rae, Greg Holden
5.14 Ani DiFranco
5.21 Jantsen X Dirt, Monkey, Ray Volpe
6.04 the Nth Power, Cory Henry & the Funk Apostles (of Snarky Puppy)
6.11 Shakey Graves
6.18 Snarky Puppy**

Thursdays @ Tommy's Pub
open mic w.Zach Moss

Thurs., June 11th @ Time Warner Cable Arena
Kenny Chesney

Thurs., June 25th @ the Belk Theater
Natalie Cole

PLAY OR POETRY READINGS / BOOK SIGNINGS:

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

COMEDY / THEATRE:

Thursdays @ the Comedy Zone
5.07 Josh Blue
5.21 Bruce Bruce
5.28 Illiza Schlesinger
6.04 Bobby Lee
6.11 Sarah Colonna

Thurs., May 28th @ Belk Theater
Jay Leno + the Funx

DANCE MUSIC / DJs / BURLESQUE OR DRAG:

Thursdays @ Cathode Azure
"SouthBeach Invasion" w.DJ Rob Reeves

Thursdays @ Snug Harbor
10pm DJ Scott Weaver Presents: "Shiprocked"

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

Thursdays @ Thomas Street
10:30pm-2am DJ That Guy Smitty

KARAOKE:

Thursdays @ Jackalope Jack's
karaoke w.Greg Martinez

FRIDAYS IN MAY & JUNE 2015:

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

• www.CharlotteKnights.com
5.01 vs. Scranton 7:05pm
5.08 @ Toledo 7pm
5.15 vs. Syracuse 7:05pm
5.22 @ Lehigh Valley 7:05pm
5.29 vs. Lehigh Valley 7:05pm
6.06 vs. Norfolk 7:05pm
6.19 vs. Indianapolis 7:05pm
6.26 @ Rochester 7:05pm

• www.CharlotteHounds.com
6.05 vs. Macine 7:30pm

• www.CharlotteRollerGirls.com
**5.01 @ Hattie's : Meet & Greet 7pm
6.12 AWAY All-Stars Beach Brawl Tournament (Ft. Lauderdale)**

Fridays @ Charlotte Motor Speedway
5.15 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series 200
5.22 World of Outlaws Sprint Car Showdown

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

• in South End (Camden & Park)
"Food Truck Fridays" (+ 1st Fridays of the month South End gallery crawl)

**Fridays @ NoDa Brewery
Tap Room Open 4-9:30pm / Brewery Tour : 6pm / Food Truck: Chrome Toaster / Live Music 6:30-8:30pm**

Fridays @ Triple C Brewing
Vitos Pizza (food truck)

Fri., May 29th @ the Fillmore
7-10pm www.CharlotteBOBawards.com feat. DJ Complete

LIVE MUSIC:

Fridays @ the Comet Grill
the Lenny Federal Band

Fridays @ the Double Door
5.08 Toleman Randall (EP release), Sam the Lion,
Bless These Sounds Under the City
6.26 9pm Junque Gallery (CD release)

Fridays @ the Evening Muse
5.01 Elephant Revival / the Black Cadillacs, Pullman
Strike
5.08 Matthew Mayfield / Rhythm Future Quartet
5.29 Pierre Bensusan
6.05 Mike Farris

Fridays @ the Fillmore
5.01 Zoso (a Led Zeppelin tribute)
6.05 Drop It, Yellow Claw
6.19 Juicy J.

Fridays @ the Neighborhood Theatre
5.01 Outlaw Country Tribute feat. the New Familiars,
Amigo, Jim Avett, the Sammies, Sherman Hellville,
Chris Cook, Kodiak Brotherhood, John Dungan,
Stress Test, Ross Adams, Funky Geezer, Heywire,
Evergone & more
5.08 Zappa Plays Zappa
5.15 Suzy Bogguss
5.29 Delbert McClinton
6.05 Wilfrido Vargas

Fridays @ the Visulite
5.01 Houndmouth
5.08 Butch Walker, Jonathan Tyler
5.22 the Slackers, the Duppies

Fri., May 1st @ Snug Harbor
Black Lodge Brouhaha : a Celebration of Twin
Peaks feat. Sam the Lion, Toleman Randall &
Roman Candles

Fri., May 29th @ Smokey Joe's
Angwish

Fri., June 5th @ Amos'
George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic

Fri., June 12th @ Old Town Amphitheater (Rock Hill)
Kansas

Fri., June 17th @ the Uptown Amphitheatre
Hozier, Dawes

Fri., June 19th @ Ovens Auditorium
Weird Al Yankovic

COMEDY / THEATRE:

Fridays @ the Comedy Zone
5.08 Josh Blue
5.15 Bob Saget
5.22 Bruce Bruce
5.29 Illiza Schlesinger
6.05 Bobby Lee
6.12 Sarah Colonna

SYMPHONY / OPERA / DANCE:

Fridays @ Knight Theater
5.15 www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Musical
Fireworks : Handel & the Royals w. Scott Allen
Jarrett conducting + Oratorio Singers of Charlotte

MUSEUMS / ART:

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

Fridays @ Ciel Museum
6:30-8:30pm 3rd Fridays - Lets Make Earrings
Ladies Night

DANCE MUSIC / DJs / BURLESQUE OR DRAG:

Fridays @ Char Bar 7
10pm-2am 1st & 3rd Fridays w. DJ That Guy Smitty

Fridays @ the Common Market (Plaza-Midwood)
2nd & 4th Fridays 9pm-1am w. DJ That Guy Smitty

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

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

Fridays @ Vinmaster Wine Shop
DJ DR

Fridays @ Whiskey Warehouse
DJ Matt Bolick

Fri., May 8th @ Crown Station
Heavy Heads Presents: Hertz feat. Amoss

Fri., June 26th @ Milestone
9pm New Wave Undertow

FILM:

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

SATURDAYS IN MAY & JUNE 2015:

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

Saturdays @ Charlotte Motor Speedway
5.16 NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race
5.23 NASCAR Nationwide Series 300

• www.CharlotteKnights.com
5.02 vs. Scranton 7:05pm
5.09 @ Toledo 7pm
5.16 vs. Syracuse 7:05pm
5.23 @ Lehigh Valley 6:35pm
5.30 vs. Lehigh Valley 7:05pm
6.06 vs. Norfolk 7:05pm
6.13 @ Buffalo 7:05pm
6.20 vs. Indianapolis 7:05pm
6.27 @ Rochester 7:05pm

• Saturdays on www.WFNZ.com 610 AM Sports
Franchise Radio
8-11am Ray Terry's About Your House Radio
1st Saturdays a month 10-10:30am My City
Magazine's Ellen Gurley 5.02, 6.06
5.02 guest is Scott Lindsley of www.JanusCharlotte.
com and/or partner Joey Hewell of www.
LinwellFarms.com and www.NoDaFarmersMarket.
com / treat for the crew will be courtesy of www.
FuManChuCupcakes.com
6.06 guest is Martin "the Clown" Barry of www.
CharlotteRollerGirls.com / treat for the crew will be
courtesy of Central Coffee Company
• www.CharlotteHounds.com
5.16 @ Machine 7pm
5.23 vs. Cannons 7pm
5.30 vs. Lizards 7pm
6.20 @ Lizards 7pm
6.27 vs. Outlaws 7pm

• www.CharlotteRollerGirls.com
5.02 Tryouts 10am-12pm
5.09 HOME B-Dazzlers vs. Star City Rollergirls
5.16 AWAY All-Stars vs. Garden State (NJ)
6.13 AWAY All-Stars Beach Brawl Tournament (Ft.
Lauderdale) vs. TBA
* HOME BOUTS @ Grady Cole Center

Sat., May 2nd @ the Gateway Village Promenade
www.AidsWalkCharlotte.org

Sat., May 16th @ Central Piedmont Community
College (Belk Plaza)
www.WalkToEndLupus.org
(support Louisa Kleto by donating at www.Kintera.
org/i.asp?id=1129469-412190427)

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

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

Saturdays @ Earl's Grocery
1pm (once a month) mixology w. Bob Peters (next
one TBA)

Saturdays @ NoDa Brewing Co.
Tap Room open 12-10pm / Brewery Tour 5pm

Saturdays @ Olde Mecklenburg Brewery
open 11am-11pm / tours @ 2, 3 & 4pm

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

LIVE MUSIC:

Saturdays @ the Evening Muse
5.02 Seth Giler
5.09 Stu Larsen
5.23 Whiskey of the Damned

Saturdays @ JSam's
Grey Brewster

Saturdays @ the Neighborhood Theatre
5.16 Reverb Fest. feat. Beach Fossils, Elvis
Depressedly, Yardwork, Jackson Scott, the Mineral
Girls, Family Bike, Aggrocragg, Shell
6.06 William Fitzsimmons
6.20 the Weepies, Carsie Blanton
6.27 There was a Time: Rock & Roll in the 1960s
in Charlotte & NC (Daniel Coston) Presents: the
Charlotte 1960s Rock & Roll Reunion

Saturdays @ Tremont
5.02 Michael Tracy, Dallas Moore Band
5.30 Dead Fish Music Presents: "I See Evil" feat.
Fractured Fairytales, Knuckles & Guns, Parasitik
Twins, Nightmare Sonota

Saturdays @ the Visulite
5.02 the Movement, Signal Fire
5.09 BYOG, Runaway Gin
5.16 Vacationer

Sat., May 9th @ Uptown Amphitheatre
NeedToBreathe

Sat., May 16th @ the Fillmore
Nico & Vinz

Sat., May 16th @ Coyote Joe's
Aaron Watson
Sat., May 16th @ the Double Door
Bruce Katz Band w. the Traffic Jam Band

Sat., May 23rd @ Carowinds
JoyFest (Gospel)

Sat., June 6th @ Belk Theater
An evening w. Chris Botti

Sat., June 13th @ PNC Music Pavilion
Lana Del Rey, Courtney Love

Sat., June 20th @ Knight Theater
Tosco Music Party Beatles Tribute

COMEDY / THEATRE:

Saturdays @ the Comedy Zone
5.09 Josh Blue
5.16 Bob Saget
5.23 Bruce Bruce
5.30 Illiza Schlesinger
6.06 Bobby Lee
6.13 Sarah Colonna

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

Sat., May 28th @ Actor's Theatre
www.OTCImprov.com

SYMPHONY / OPERA / DANCE:

Saturdays @ Knight Theater
11am www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents:
Lollipops Family Concerts + Petting Zoo w.Roger
Kalia conducting + Gray Seal Puppets
5.16 Peter & the Wolf + Michael Boudewyns (actor
& narrator)

TRADE / INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

• Sat., May 2nd : www.FreeComicBookDay.com @
Heroes Aren't Hard to Find, A.Pennyworth's, Rebel
Base & Spandex City

Sat., May 16th @ 1916 Commonwealth
4th Annual VegFest 2-7pm

Sat., May 30th @ Heist Brewery
11:30am-3:30pm Queen City Conscious Market

DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE OR DRAG:

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

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

Saturdays @ Cathode Azure
resident DJs Rob Reeves & Fotizo

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

Saturdays @ Roxbury
DJ Jody

Sat., May 2nd in NoDa Charlotte
1-7pm NoDa Day : Streetfun feat. DJs Melodious
Funk, Aline Nunez, JLazy, Johnny D. & JFlexx

Sat., May 30th @ the Chop Shop
the Mystics Ball - No Place like Rome

FASHION:

Sat., May 9th @ Le Meridien (Carolina Ballroom)
8pm www.CharlotteSeen.com Presents: Decades
of Fashion

MORE ...

SPECIAL OR MULTIPLE DAY EVENTS:

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

• Romare Bearden free fitness classes : Mondays
7:30-8:15am Tai chi / Tuesdays 6-6:45am Boot
Camp & 5:30-6:30pm Zumba / Thursdays 6-6:45am
Boot Camp & 12:15-1pm Tai Chi & 5:30-6:30pm
Zumba
• May 14th-17th @ Mecklenburg County Aquatic
Center : 2015 www.GrandPrixCharlotte.com

LIVE MUSIC:

• May 1st & 2nd @ Walter Elisha Park (Fort Mill,
SC) : www.SCStrawberryFestival.com (Fri. " 6pm
Natural Wonder)
• May 2nd & 3rd @ Rock City Campgrounds
(Charlotte Motor Speedway) : www.
CarolinaRebellion.com (Sat. feat. Korn, Marilyn
Mason, Cheap Trick, Sammy Hagar, Bush, Scott
Weiland & the Wildabouts + more / Sun. feat.
Slipknot, Godsmack, Slayer, Slash, Queensryche,
Suicidal Tendencies + more)
• May 8th-9th @ Historic Rural Hill (Huntersville)
: www.NCBrewsMusic.com feat. Steep Canyon
Rangers, Sol Driven Train, Brushfire Stankgrass,
Sister Sparrow & the Dirty Birds, Town Mountain,
Yarn, Edward David Anderson, Dead 27s

COMEDY / THEATRE:

• May 15th & 16th @ Actor's Theatre : www.
OTCImprov.com
• May 15th-31st @ Theatre Charlotte : Jesus Christ
Superstar
• May 19th-24th @ Belk Theater : Pippin
• June 10th-27th @ Actor's Theatre of Charlotte :
Donna Moore's Cougar : the Musical
• June 30th - July 19th @ Booth Playhouse : Dixie's
Tupperware Party
• June 30th - July 5th @ Knight Theater : Mamma
Mia!

SYMPHONY / OPERA / DANCE:

• May 1st @ 2nd @ Belk Theater : www.
CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Pink Martini
w.Albert-George Schram conducting
• May 19th-24th @ Belk Theater : Pippin

MUSEUMS / ART:

• May 29th & 30th @ the Light Factory : the Shoot
Out
• THRU June @ Harvey B. Gantt Center for
African-American Arts + Culture : Venturing out of
the Darkness (with exhibit drawing inspiration from
Joseph Conrad's novel "Heary of Darkness")
• THRU June 14th @ Mint Museum (Uptown) :
Halston & Warhol : Silver & Suede
• THRU Sept 6th @ Mint Museum (Randolph or
Uptown TBA) : Body Embellishments
• May 1st - June 30th @ Elder Gallery : Carolina's
Got Art feat. 100 artists
• THRU Sept. 7th @ Bechtler Museum : the art
books of Henri Matisse

TRADE / INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

• May 3rd-4th @ Belk Theater : www.ShenYun.com
Chinese Festival
• May 9th & 10th @ the Light Retreat : 9th 9am
Divine Alignment & Straightening workshop / 10th
9am Family Constellation workshop

WEEKLY SPECIALS/ENTERTAINMENT:

• **Fridays & Saturdays @ Zen Fusion : 1/2 off tapas**
• Saturdays & Sundays @ the Common Market
(Plaza-Midwood) : Mimosa Bar
• @ 316 Fridays & Saturdays : DJ Eric B. /
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)

INTERNET RADIO:

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

COMICS:

• **June 19th & 20th 2015 www.HeroesOnline.com
Convention @ the Charlotte Convention Center**

TRAVEL TO EVENTS:

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

• May 15th-16th @ Union County Dragway
(Union, SC) : Steel in Motion : Hot Rods & Guitars
geargoyles@hotmail.com
• May 15th-16th @ the Playground (Elgin, SC) :
Boardstock

LIVE MUSIC:

• May 1st-3rd www.FrenchBroadRiverFestival.com
feat. Sol Driven Train, Larry Keel Experience, Big
Daddy Love, the Dead 27s & more (Hot Springs)
• May 16th-17th @ the KSU Sports & Ent. Park
(Atlanta) : www.ShakyBoots.com Music Fest. feat.
Rascall Flatts, Dwight Yoakam, Old Crow Medicine
Show, Blake Shelton, Brad Paisley & many more
• May 22nd-24th in Kingston Downs, GA : www.
CounterpointFestival.com feat. Widespread Panic,
the Roots, Dillon Francis, Lettuss, Earphunk,
Haywire, Galactic & many more
• May 29th @ the Drunk Horse Pub (Fayetteville)
: Dead Fish Music Presents: Fractured Fairytales,
Knuckles & Guns, Parasitik Twins, Nightmare
Sonata, Succumbus Sorority - Bloody Burlesque
• June 11th-14th @in Manchester, TN : www.
Bonnaroo.com Music & Arts Fest. feat.Billy Joel,
Mumford & Sons, Robert Plant & the Sensational
Space Shifters, My Morning Jacket, Bassnectar,
Bela Fleck & Abigail Washington, Jessica
Hernandez & the Deltas, Aylvan Ezzo, Shakey
Graves, Earth, Wine & Fire & many more

DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE:

• May 14th-18th @ Deerfields (Asheville) : www.
KinnectionCampout.com
• May 29th-31st in Forest City Neon Music Fest.

www.TWEETSIE.com

• June 5th-14th Day Out with Thomas the Train
• June 27th-29th Spongebob SquarePants & Patrick

FLEA MARKETS:

• Sundays www.MtCroghanFleaMarket.com
• Fridays-Sundays www.JockeyLot.com (Anderson,
SC) Flea Market
• Fridays-Sundays www.SmileysFleaMarkets.com
(Fletcher)
• Saturdays & Sundays www.NewportFleaMall.com
• Saturdays & Sundays www.CooksFleaMarket.com
(Winston-Salem)

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FRI APR 24 9PM

BANKERTOWN BRAWL 5

VULTURE | BASK
VOLNUT | BASE OF BASS
FUNERAL CHIC

SAT APR 25 8PM

BRANDY CLARK

WITH
SAM LEWIS

MON APR 27 8PM

AN EVENING WITH ANDREA GIBSON

THU APR 30 9PM

FAMILY & FRIENDS AND THE COLLECTION

FRI MAY 1 8:30PM

TRIBUTE TO OUTLAW COUNTRY

BENEFIT FOR
LEVINE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

SUN MAY 3 8PM

MANDOLIN ORANGE

WITH
THE DEAD TONGUES

TUE MAY 5 8PM

SHY GIRLS

WITH
YOUNG EJECTA

THU MAY 7 8PM

DELTA RAE

WITH
GREG HOLDEN

FRI MAY 8 8PM

ZAPPA PLAYS ZAPPA

THU MAY 14 8PM

ANI DIFRANCO

FRI MAY 15 8PM

SUZY BOGGUSS

SAT MAY 16 7PM

REVERB FEST

BEACH FOSSILS | YARDWORK
ELVIS DEPRESSEDLY | SHELL
JACKSON SCOTT | AGGROCRAGG
THE MINERAL GIRLS | FAMILY BIKE

TUE MAY 19 8PM

LAKE STREET DIVE

WITH
RIVER WHYLESS

THU MAY 21 9PM

JANTSEN x DIRT MONKEY

WITH
RAY VOLPE

TUE MAY 26 7:30PM

THE STORY SO FAR

FOUR YEARS STRONG
TERROR | SOUVENIRS

FRI MAY 29 8PM

DELBERT MCCLINTON

WED JUN 3 8PM

KATE TEMPEST

THU JUN 4 8PM

THE NTH POWER CORY HENRY & THE FUNK APOSTLES

FRI JUN 5 7PM

WILFRIDO VARGAS

SAT JUN 6 8PM

WILLIAM FITZSIMMONS

coming soon SHAKEY GRAVES, SNARKY PUPPY, THE WEEPIES, STRIKING MATCHES + THE SECRET SISTERS,
BLUES DOGS, HOT CLUB OF COWTOWN, THE STEELDRIVERS, CHATHAM COUNTY LINE, CARBON LEAF & MORE