

# My City

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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

January / February 2019

Hello, Charlotte,

Happy New Year and thank you for picking up this issue of My City Magazine. Meet this month's pet profile, Sir Sky the cat and, as always, check out another installment of the "Frogboy" comic series from John Burgin. This one features a lot of familiar faces from Midwood Country Club. Martin "the Clown" Barry hooks us up, every time, with his advice column "What do I know, I'm just a Clown" and his comic strip "Micro Monsters". Our mixologist, Sabrina Hayko, serves us a beautiful Black Pepper & Strawberry Martini using TOPO Organic Distillery's vodka and bitters; just in time for you to DIY on Valentine's Day. We also introduce you to Kymm McLayne who does so many good things. We hope you enjoy this issue and we thank you for reading it. Don't forget to check out the exhaustive event listing and subscribe to our monthly newsletter by emailing 'subscribe' to [ellengurley@gmail.com](mailto:ellengurley@gmail.com).

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



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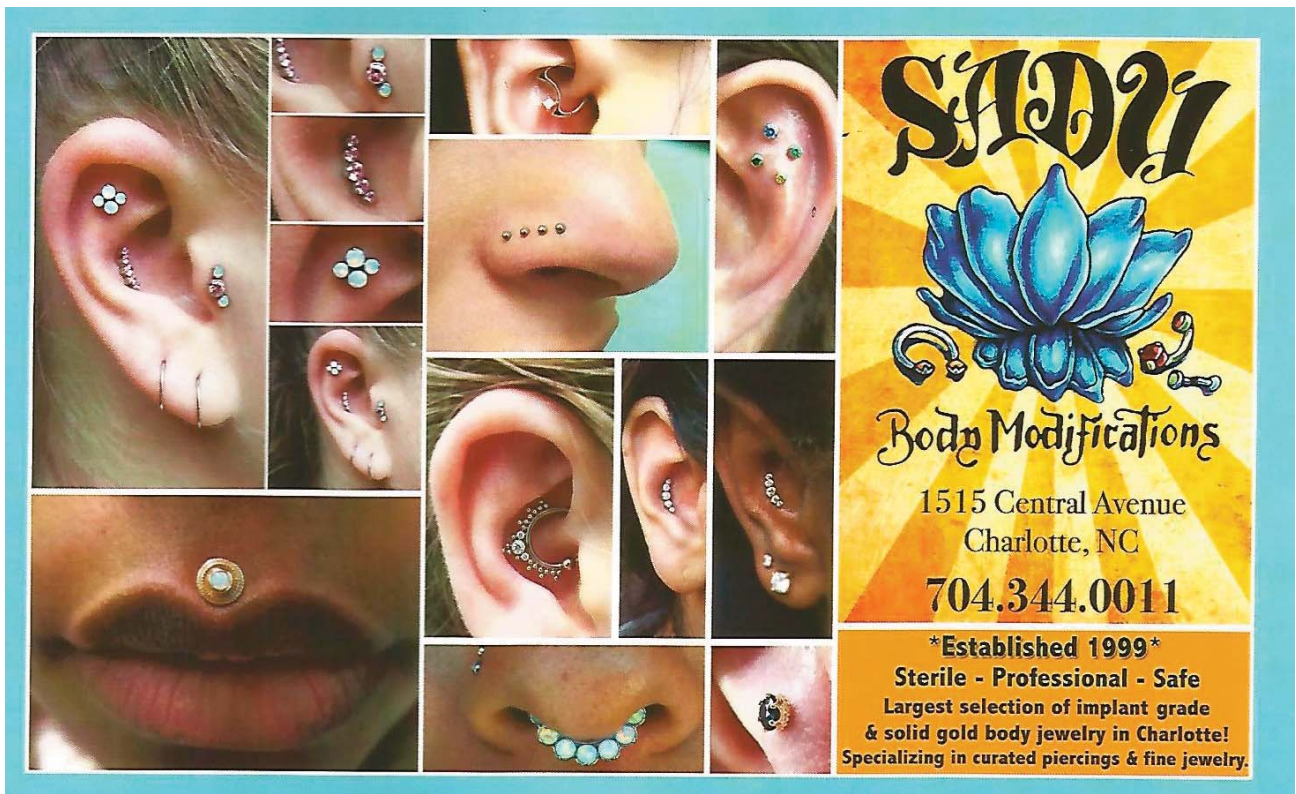
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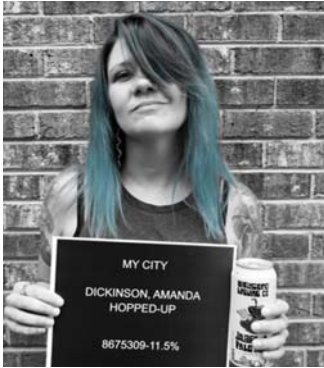
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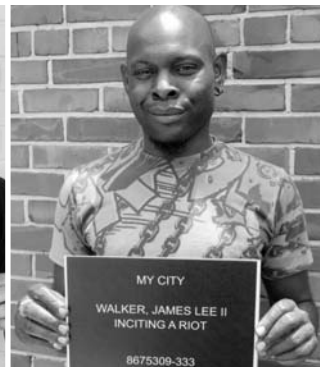
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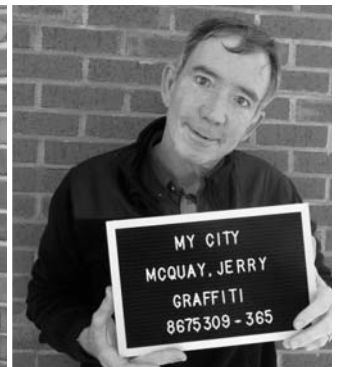
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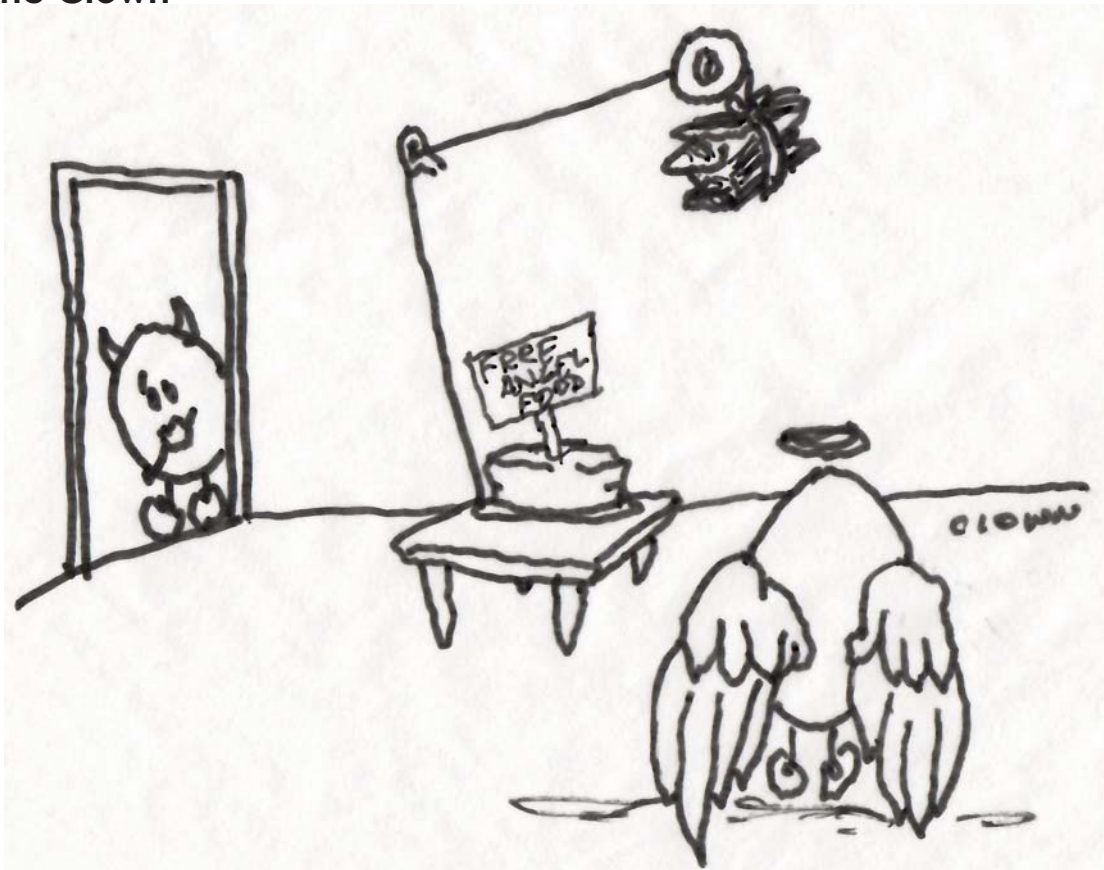
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# KYMM MCLAYNE

words: *Ellen Gurley*

Kymm McLayne is kind to animals and looks like a vamped-up Snow White, so it makes perfect sense for her to name one of her businesses "Who's the Fairest". She isn't, however, known to "sleep" on the important issues. She is a stylist by profession, a philanthropist by calling, and a vegan by choice. She first caught my eye while she was sharing her journey to becoming a healthier version of herself, dropping many pounds, and just changing her eating habits plus relationship with food. The results were so monumental that she wanted to share this adventure and all of the recipes with the world, being a testament to her generosity.

I have been following McLayne's story for more than a decade. She doesn't just make the world a prettier place beautifying others, she is a championed social media influencer who pushes everyone to be better people by her example. She came at it honestly, as her mother has a soft spot in her heart for the homeless and is a self-ascribed crazy cat lady who finds time to keep feral colonies completely stocked, while dealing with her Lyme disease, recovering from colon surgery, and smashing her breast cancer.

To get to know McLayne, you need to know that dogs are just as much a part of her brand as are Mac Cosmetics. Her favorite breed is the tea cup Chihuahua and she is known to have more than a handful of her own, not counting her fosters. Still reeling from the loss of her first dog, Spooky, McLayne has a whole slew of rescues (youngest is Echo, Sugar, Peanut, Angel, Kiki, Minnie, and Molly who plays the mama role).

At any given time, she has fosters that she will personally transport to the proper home and has taken them as far as New York state. Chesney Challenge, Akanke, Junior, Sarafina, Miss Novah, and so many more have been in her home, which, by the way, is open to anyone from natural disaster evacuees to the "discarded" pet. She is very transparent about her success stories and the occasional "fail". Having to rehome a set of triplets (Hansel, Greta, and Snoopy) was very hard for her, but the joy she continuously puts in so many lives is the pay-off.

She is instrumental in placing over a hundred pets (cats, too) into their new homes, including My City Magazine's mixologist's third dog Sugar Biscuit, who McLayne helped our Sabrina obtain. She works on this effort daily. Assisting in dog adoptions (through places like Take me Home Pet Rescue) and volunteering for non-profits (like the Humane Society) is what she does when she is not working. She doesn't just care deeply about animals, she gets hands-on with our veterans (at places like the Independence Fund), spends hours picking up donations for individuals and families that need a little relief, will (literally) roll-up on single mothers on the street corner with diapers and money, and donates her time empowering women or educating others at career fairs.



McLayne is a celebrated stylist who does makeup and hair (up-do's, curl, style). She can overhaul your closet or give you a fresh face for a party. Colored lens, prosthetics, jewels, airbrush, scarring fluid, metallic temporary tattoos, and regular ol' civilian makeup are just a number of tools in her box and she loves to have fun with wigs, cage veils, and hair rings, not just as a stylist, but as a model. She is a big fan of local Ambur Rose's head-pieces. She can appreciate the time put into a handcrafted piece, as some of her special F/X creations can take upward of eight hours.

She is not stingy with her time, her money, or her knowledge and is the walking, talking epitome of the belief that if you have abundance, you build a longer table. She came back from Los Angeles to be near family, but while there, she sold her clothing on Melrose and styled musicians, models, and otherwise famous folks. Charlotte is lucky to have her here available for photography, closet coordination, décor and design, spa services, image consulting, and as a mobile or in-studio make-up artist / instructor (alongside her team of over a dozen stylists). She just became a Certified Wellness Coach, has done cooking classes at a local Williams & Sonoma, has been seen teaching at CPCC in the cosmetology department, donates her time and income to so many causes, and brings smiles to little girls at birthday parties. She studs her own boots, makes gift baskets, wraps presents like a pro (year 'round), and will even go to battle for tattoos in the workplace and our gays ... when she is not mentoring a worthy, young person.

In her downtime, she is still creating, often supporting Deborah Triplet's #YardArtDay with benches covered in vinyl records. She has colorful chairs hanging from her trees and, if you're lucky enough to see inside her home, she creates many of her own furnishings including, but not limited to, gypsy-rag curtains, cabinets covered in CDs, and whimsical strands she crafted to hang from the chandeliers. She can be seen often in black on black on black with her best friend and colleague, Jessica Knoll Fernandez, or walking around teaching folks how to DIY a watering station with poop bags for your neighborhoods. She plugs all of her favorite spots and supports so many local businesses (hello, Subcreto and Social Lounge).







You can view her doing tutorials on subjects such as makeup application, how-to's for magnetic lashes and extensions, and, of course, there is glitter. She is humorous, useful, sincere, and constantly present in a world full of distractions. Her blog, BITE, urges you to "plant, grow, and thrive" and is extremely incomparable to like ones. Obsessed with Halloween, yet bourne on Christmas, she is a fresh breath of air in our community with her openness about sexual assault and recovery, simply because she's a sucker for emotional support and therapy pet stories, due to the fact that she considers the white squirrel her spirit animal, and, let's just face it, she IS just all around great. AND since you didn't get her a birthday present, belated is always okay. You can send her puppy pee pads, "Big Damn Band" merch, or gift cards. Even fairy Godmother's need love, too.

- Call Kymm McLayne for 2019 "Smoke and Mirrors" make-up workshops. These are classes for regular gals, aspiring artists, special F/X, and professionals for CE credits.

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# ASK THE CLOWN

What do I Know? I'm just a Clown | An Advice Column by The Clown

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Dear Clown,  
I just found out I am pregnant and I am excited to have this baby. I have some troubles, though. I am going to be a single parent and I have only just started my career after college. I definitely do not want the biological father involved. He knows, but he cut off all communication just after I told him. I am trying to come up with the courage to tell my parents now. They had me when they were young and made sacrifices to raise me. I know that they will worry. How would you proceed?

Sincerely,  
Expecting

A

Dear Expecting,  
Just be open with your parents. You are in a good position to support a child and they will likely be eager to help. They will always worry because that is what parents do. They want the best for you and they always will. I hope you have a happy and healthy baby.

Invite me to the baby shower,  
The Clown

wonderful. Recently, I have been thinking about something I left behind in order to raise a family. I was bitten by the acting bug early in life and I was an actor through college and after. Theater takes a lot of time, so I put it aside while we started our family. I would like to act again, but I am afraid to bring it up with my husband and children. Should I just let it go?

Sincerely,  
Starring Role

A

Dear Starring,  
It seems by the brief description of your situation, that you have good communication at home. Just have a family meeting and discuss the option of you acting again. Be sure to include all the details and resulting responsibilities for everyone at home. I am willing to bet that you will find some support. Be open to considering limitations on your endeavor as well. There may have to be a limit on the number of productions each year and what time of year they happen. I am sure you will be back in and off book before you know it.

Thank you five,  
The Clown

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Dear Clown,  
I am married with two children and a great husband. We built a great life so far and the children are

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Dear Clown,  
I have been offered a job opportunity in another city that would be a great move. I am divorced with a son and I have shared custody. Communication



with my ex is limited to concerns with my son and she is remarried. Naturally, I am concerned with what will happen with my son if I choose to make this move. If I get resistance from my ex, I may have to stay where I am. How do I bring this up?

Sincerely,  
Working Dad

**A**

Dear Working,

Plan this conversation with options on where your son can be during specific times of the year. For instance, if you make this move, your son could spend summers with you or he could attend school where you are and have summers with his mother. There are several options here, including incorporating online school, home-schooling, etc. If you present this with well-crafted options, it may work in everyone's favor.

Best of luck,  
The Clown

## THINGS I SHOULD NOT HAVE TO TELL YOU

1. Do the research
2. Helping someone else is never a waste of time.
3. Call your parents and grandparents while you can
4. Hot sauce is for enjoyment, not a challenge or dare, don't be an idiot

Do you have a question for The Clown? Write him at [martin.barry@yahoo.com](mailto:martin.barry@yahoo.com)



# BLACK PEPPER & STRAWBERRY MARTINI

## Craft Cocktail Recipe

by: Sabrina "the Lady Beans" Hayko

The products from TOPO Organic Distillery have been a favorite of mine for quite some time and I have featured them in countless cocktails over the years. They offer a variety of spirits: vodka, gin, rum, whiskey, moonshine, and, most recently, bitters. Made from high quality, local, organic, non-GMO ingredients, their products take the local spirit game to a new level.

Proprietor Scott Maitland is a veteran of the army, graduated from West Point, and is an attorney. He is passionate and precise. His knowledge of the creative process, his attention to detail, and his love for locally sourced ingredients is what have made every branch of the TOPO brand successful.

Maitland's approach to spirit-making is an art that has been lost to the need for mass production. Sourcing the soft red winter wheat used in all of their products, except their rum, is just the first step in a very thorough process. From the on-site fermentation to the distillation, they craft their spirits with a

care that comes through as smooth and delicious. Being the first organic distillery in the south, TOPO has been recognized by the NC Department of Agriculture for assisting in the creation of the local organic wheat market.

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# PET PROFILE

## Sky

Ohhhh! Well, hello there, friends, foes, and furries! Sir Sky here, ruler of the household. Don't tell my human, though. She thinks she's in charge. My human is really funny like that. Anyways, more about me, The Siamese King of Elizabeth. I recently celebrated my 3rd birthday on Halloween, which happens to be my human's favorite holiday. She tried (silly human) to dress me up for the occasion, but I wasn't having it. I'm in charge, here, lady! Mrrrowwwww, I will bite you. I used to scratch my human a lot, but I've been trying to be nicer. Now that I'm 3, I can't act like a baby anymore. I still nibble her, though, when we are playing with my favorite squawking bird toy and I'm having a freaking blast. If she turns around to do something else, I give a quick chomp on the ankle or calf. Highly recommend this method of attention reclaiming. If she yelps or squeaks, I know I've bitten just the right amount. Let me tell you, it is so satisfying! Sometimes, she'll squirt water on me to retaliate. I hate that, so sometimes, I'll retaliate by pushing stuff off the mantle or eating a plant and then puking on the edge of a rug, preferably in a spot she won't notice until she steps in it. Very entertaining. My human is pretty loud, so I don't talk much. Apparently other Siamese are very chatty, but not me! Occasionally I reveal to my human my sing-song kitty voice, but not too often. I much prefer to communicate non-verbally. Less chatting, more action, yaknowwhatimean?

Honestly though, this is the best human I've ever had. I had two other homes to rule as a kitten, but neither house could handle me. So just after my 1st birthday, I was rehomed to my current human and SHE IS A KEEPER. Finally, a human that can handle me! I think it's because we have so much in common, personality wise. She just gets me! We are both pretty moody. The human who people call Mignon Ibrahim, likes to blame it on the fact that she's an Aquarius, but I think that's nonsense. Humans are so funny! My human and I both love fuzzy blankets and sunshine. I like to jump out the window and sit on the roof, but the human never joins me. Sometimes, I'll bring her a gift, like a bird or mouse, which sends moody human into a wild frenzy! When I'm not chilling on the roof, I like to be as close to my human as possible. I like to watch her at all times and follow her around. Usually, she's doing crafts or playing with tarot cards. She spends a lot of time in the kitchen creating meals that she takes pictures of. I don't like it when she leaves the house, so sometimes I'll wait in the foyer to block the door. Unfortunately, she's much bigger than I am, so she can usually escape regardless of my hostage taking tactics. Time for a nap. Signing off, King Sky. MEOW!



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# EVENTS IN YOUR CITY

## JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2019

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### SUNDAYS:

#### SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- @ Common Market (Plaza-Midwood): 2pm Slow Riders - 15 mile bike ride
- @ Lenny Boy: 12pm run club
- www.Hornets.com: 1.06 8pm @ Suns / 1.20 6pm @ Pacers
- www.GoCheckers.com: 1.06 4pm @ Toronto Marlies / 1.20 1pm vs. Toronto Marlies / 2.10 5pm
- @ Hershey Bears / 2.17 3pm @ Bridgeport Sound Tigers

#### BEER / WINE / FOOD:

- @ 300 Restaurant: ½ wine by the bottle
- @ Olde Mecklenburg Brewery: open 11am-10pm / tours 2, 3 & 4pm / 2:30pm Bike-In
- @ Sir Edmund Halley's: 1/2 off of wine by the bottle
- @ Zen Fusion: 1/2 price by the bottle (under \$45)
- @ Central Food Hub: 11am-2pm Vegan Farmers Market

#### LIVE MUSIC:

- @ Comet Grill: 8pm Omari & the Hellraisers
- @ Petra's: 2nd Sunday - Jazz Workshop & Improv w. John Shaughnessy
- @ the Wine Vault: Jared Allen
- Sun., Feb. 24th @ Spectrum Center: Fleetwood Mac

#### PLAY OR POETRY READINGS / BOOK SIGNINGS:

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

#### COMEDY / THEATRE:

- Sun., Jan. 20th @ the Comedy Zone: Don "DC" Curry

#### SYMPHONY / OPERA / DANCE:

- Sun., Jan. 20th @ South Meck. Presby.: www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: "Charlotte Symphony On the Go"

#### MUSEUMS / ART:

- @ the Levine Museum of the New South: 1st Sunday free admission / 1/2 off admission (every Sunday thereafter)
- @ the Mint Museum (Uptown): 1-4pm free admission for kids + hands-on art activities, yoga & more

#### DANCE MUSIC / DJs / BURLESQUE:

- @ Petra's: 1st Sundays 3-8pm "Hazy Day"
- @ Soul Gastrolounge: DJ Scott Weaver

#### KARAOKE:

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

#### FILM:

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

#### PETS:

- @ Brewers at 4001 Yancey: Skip & Sip (group dog walk + live music & food)
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### MONDAYS:

#### SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- www.Hornets.com: 1.14 8:30pm @ Spurs / 1.28 7pm vs. Knicks / 2.11 7pm @ Pacers / 2.25 7pm vs. Warriors
- @ Sir Edmund Halley's: 7pm Trivia Night

#### BEER / WINE / FOOD:

- @ 300 East Restaurant: ½ wine by the glass
- @ Bardo Restaurant: 1/2 wine by the glass
- @ Bulldog Beer & Wine (Park Rd.): 6:30 MEAT Up
- @ Lebowski's: 1/2 off bottles of wine
- @ NoDa Brewing Co.: Tap Room open 4-9pm w. Food Truck Tin Kitchen (5pm) / You Drink, We Donate (benefiting a local charity each week)

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## LIVE MUSIC:

- @ Bradshaw Social House: open mic
- @ Crown Station: 8:30-10pm Jazz Mondays w.Troy Conn, DC Ocie Davis & more
- @ the Evening Muse: 8pm "Find Your Muse" open mic band night w.guest headliners
- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 1st Mondays w.the Monday Night All-Stars

## PLAY OR POETRY READING / BOOK SIGNINGS:

- @ the Rabbit Hole: 8-11pm 1st & 3rd Mondays : "Monocle" : Improv Monday
- @ the Press Box: Avant Elocution w.host Bluz
- @ Petra's: 1st Mondays 7-11pm slam poetry w.hosts Isiah & Grannae's Boys
- @ Topics: Rhythm & Poetry w.host CFour Black

## COMEDY / THEATRE:

- @ the Comedy Zone: stand-up comedy private class

## DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE OR DRAG:

- @ Growler's Pourhouse: DJ Elon Shomaker
- @ Snug Harbor: Fresh Grounds Presents: "Knocturnal" w.Justin Aswell & friends + Bboy & MC cyphers
- @ Soul Gastrolounge: DJ Mookie Brill

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## TUESDAYS:

### SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- www.Hornets.com: 1.08 10:30pm @ Clippers / 2.05 7pm vs. Clippers
- www.GoCheckers.com: 1.15 7pm vs. Bridgeport Sound Tigers / 2.05 7pm vs. Cleveland Monsters
- @ the Common Market (Plaza-Midwood): 8pm PMTNR 15 mile bicycle ride w.a new route weekly (by Pamela Murray)
- @ Olde Mecklenburg Brewery: 6:30 Yoga on Tap
- @ Pint Central: 8pm Mindless Minutia Trivia
- @ Spirit Square: 6:15-7:45pm Breakers for Life - breakdancing classes & lessons (ages 6-13) info: antoniorobinson82@gmail.com / 760-805-8978)

## BEER / WINE / FOOD:

- @ 7th Street Public Market: 5-7pm the Assorted Table Wine Shoppe Weekly Wine Tasting (\$5, 5 wines + nibbles)
- @ Birdsong Brewing: open 3-10pm / Get Fit Yoga w.NC Yoga Bar 6:30pm \$10
- @ Cornelius Draffthouse & Bottle Shop: 1/2 off wine
- @ Crafty Beer Guys: beer tastings
- @ NoDa Brewing Co.: "NoDable Series" (new beers released in their taproom 4pm) / Tap Room open 4-9pm / Tin Kitchen food truck 5pm
- @ Rhino Market: 1st Tuesdays of the month beer tasting
- @ Zen Fusion: 1/2 price wine by the glass & select bottles

## LIVE MUSIC:

- @ the Comet Grill: Red Rockin' Chair
- @ Morehead Tavern: 8pm Bill Hanna Jazz Jam
- @ Puckett's: open mic w.Jeff Claud
- @ Smokey Joe's: 9pm open mic night w.resident band the Smoking J's
- @ Spectrum Center: 1.08 Justin Timberlake / 1.29 Cher
- Tues., Jan. 29th @ Visulite Theater: Bronze Radio Return
- Tues., Feb. 12th @ the Neighborhood Theatre: Doyle, Whitney Rose

## PLAY OR POETRY READINGS / BOOK SIGNINGS:

- @ Apostrophe: open mic spoken poetry w.host Sir Abstraxx
- @ Loft & Cellar: Sayword w.host Jst Jah

## DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE OR DRAG:

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

## COMEDY / THEATRE:

- @ the Comedy Zone: open mic / comedy battles 1.08 Steve Burton, Bradford Anderson / 2.19 Rita Rudner

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## WEDNESDAYS:

### SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- www.Hornets.com: 1.02 7pm vs. Mavericks / 1.23 8pm @ Grizzlies / 1.30 7:30pm @ Celtics / 2.06 8:30pm @ Mavericks / 2.27 7pm vs. Rockets
- www.GoCheckers.com: 1.16 7pm vs. Bridgeport Sound Tigers / 2.06 7pm vs. Cleveland Monsters
- @ Abari Game Bar: 7pm-12am Overwatch League Wednesdays
- @ Lenny Boy: 6:30pm trivia night
- @ the Spoke Easy: 6pm (pay what you can) Yoga
- @ the Topsy Burro: 7pm Topsy Trivia w.prizes
- @ Renaissance Park: 5-7pm www.NCBattle.com Presents: Dagorhir - hit nerds with foam swords, etc.
- @ Kadi Fit Studio (Cornelius): 4-5pm Breakers for Life - breakdancing classes & lessons (ages 6-13) info: antoniorobinson82@gmail.com / 760-805-8978)

### BEER / WINE / FOOD:

- @ 300 East Restaurant: ½ wine by the bottle
- @ Amelie's: 1/2 off of glasses & bottles (all locations but NoDa)
- @ Central Coffee: 15% off of pounds of coffee
- @ the Common Market: 7-9pm Free beer tastings
- @ Burtons Grill & Bar: 1/2 wine by the bottle
- @ Crafty Beer Guys: wine tasting
- @ Dilworth Neighborhood Grill: 1st Wednesdays www.CarolinaBrewMasters.com meeting
- @ JJ's Red Hots: kids eat free (w.purchase of an adult combo)
- @ NoDa Brewing Co.: Tap Room open 4-9pm w.Food Truck Tin Kitchen (5pm) / Run Club 6:30-8:30pm
- @ Sir Edmund Halley's: 1/2 off of wine by the bottle
- @ Triple C Brewing: Papi Queso (food truck) + Pilot Batch Release
- @ Zen Fusion: Robert Fernandez + 1/2 price Sangrias

### LIVE MUSIC:

- @ the Comet Grill: open mic / open jam
- @ Petra's: 7:30-9:15pm songwriter open mic
- @ Rhino Market (Westside): Wak Wednesdays w.Derrick Hines 1st & 3rd w.open mic
- @ Smokey Joe's: Rock Fabulous & the Mystery Machine
- Wed., Jan. 16th @ the Evening Muse: Mat Alano-Martin, Dwight Simmons

### PLAY OR POETRY READINGS / BOOK SIGNINGS:

- @ Flo Bar Lounge: 7-10pm Floetry w.host Iz-Real
- @ Mugs Coffee: 7:30pm Free the Mic w.host Shane & the Guerilla Poets
- @ Red 28th (UNCC): 9pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays Release Therapy w.host A Poet Named Superman

### COMEDY / THEATRE:

- @ the Comedy Zone: 1.23 Chad Daniels / 2.13 Love & War w.Blair Nias & Ryan van Genderen

### TRADE / INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

- @ Spandex City Comics: 5pm Pokemon league

### KARAOKE:

- @ Blackfinn Ameripub: karaoke
- @ Tommy's Pub: Karaoke w.DJ Michelle Ma Belle

### FILM:

- @ Tip Top Daily Market: 7-9pm Diggers Delight & Premium Sound Present: Movie Night w.music documentaries

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## THURSDAYS:

### SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- www.Hornets.com: 2.14 7pm @ Magic
- @ Petra's: 2nd Thursdays - Potions & Pixels (video games & board games)
- @ Queen City Bicycles: 6:30pm Tub Ride from there to Birdsong (free 12oz. to those with www.BicycleBenefits.com)

### BEER / WINE / FOOD:

- www.PBSCharlotte.org: 8:30pm Charlotte Cooks
- @ Birdsong Brewing: 3-10pm open /3pm Thirsty Thursdays (new releases) / 6:30pm brewery tours
- @ Bottled & Tapped: 1/2 price wine
- @ Cabarrus Creamery (Concord): 7-9pm Thursdays Cabarrus Homebrewers Society

### LIVE MUSIC:

- on UNC-TV: 7:30pm Our State Magazine
- @ Blue: John Alexander, Ron Brenale, Chris Garges www.JaJazz.net
- @ Buddy's Point (Monroe): open mic jam
- @ the Craft Tasting Room & Growler Shop: 8-10pm JoJo & Friends feat.local musicians & songwriters
- @ Crown Station: 7pm open mic w.the Willie Douglas Band
- @ the Rack: 7-10pm Artist Spotlight Thursdays w.Aiden Lee & CFour Black
- Thurs., Jan. 17th @ the Evening Muse: Andy Wood, Seth Rosenbloom
- Thurs., Jan. 31st @ the Neighborhood Theatre: Windhand, Genocide Pact

## PLAY OR POETRY READINGS / BOOK SIGNINGS:

- @ Roc's Jazz Bar: Touch One Thursdays w.host Jaycee
- @ Wired Coffee Express (Kannapolis): One Mic Stand w.host Daniel & the Guerilla Poets

## COMEDY / THEATRE:

- @ the Comedy Zone: 1.03 Steve Byrne / 1.10 Shuler King / 1.17 Don "DC" Curry / 1.24 Nate Bargatze / 2.07 TJ Miller / 2.14 Adam Ray

## MUSEUMS / ART:

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

## TRADE / INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

- @ Providence Country Club: 7:15-8:45am Ballantyne Business Network robfiga@gmail.com

## DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE OR DRAG:

- @ Rhino Market (Westside): DJ Jah-Sun Rising (Jason Herring) + 1st Thursdays of the month wine tasting
- @ Snug Harbor: 10pm-2am Le Bang w.Buckmaster
- @ Soul Gastrolounge: Jason Cooper

## KARAOKE:

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

## FILM:

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

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## FRIDAYS:

### SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- www.Hornets.com: 1.11 10pm @ Trail Blazers / 1.25 8:30pm @ Bucks / 2.01 7pm vs. Grizzlies / 2.22 7pm vs. Wizards
- www.GoCheckers.com: 1.04 7pm @ Belleville Senators / 1.11 7pm vs. Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins / 1.25 7:05pm @ Providence Bruins / 2.01 7pm vs. Providence Bruins / 2.15 7:05pm @ Spring field Thunderbirds / 2.22 7pm vs. Lehigh Valley Phantoms

## BEER / WINE / FOOD:

- www.FeastFoodTours.com
- @ Duckworth's: 1/2 off of wine by the bottle
- @ Trinity Presbyterian Church: 5-9pm  
www.Facebook.com/CotswoldTrucks2017
- @ 2161 Hawkins St.: 5-10pm SouthEnd Food Truck Friday
- @ East Blvd. & Scott Ave.: 6-10pm Dilworth Food Truck Friday
- @ Sycamore Brewing: 5pm SouthEnd Food Truck Friday

## LIVE MUSIC:

- @ Cigars Etc. 2: 6-11pm Soul Fridays
- @ the Comet Grill: the Lenny Federal Band
- Fri., Jan. 4th @ the Evening Muse: Taylor McCall
- Fri., Jan. 25th @ the Visulite: Mo Lowda & the Humble, C2 & the Brothers Reed, Arson Daily

## PLAY OR POETRY READINGS / BOOK SIGNINGS:

- @ McGlohon Theater: SlamCharlotte 3rd Fridays w.host Bluz
- @ Camp North End: 3rd Fridays Off Broadway Page to Stage

## COMEDY / THEATRE:

- @ the Comedy Zone: 1.04 Steve Byrne / 1.11 Sherri Shepherd / 1.18 Don "DC" Curry / 1.24 Nate Bargatze / 2.08 TJ Miller / 2.15 Brad Williams

## MUSEUMS / ART:

- in SouthEnd: 1st Fridays Gallery Crawl
- 2nd Fridays @ Oak Street Mill (Cornelius): art, music, & vendors

## DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE OR DRAG:

- @ the Common Market (Plaza-Midwood): 1st & 3rd Fridays w.DJ That Guy Smitty
- @ Scorpio's: DJ Lin Benfield + MC Tiffany Storm
- @ Sullivan's Steakhouse: "Beer & Beats" w.resident DJ Selector E (Eric Brayman)
- @ Vibrations Lounge: Grown Folks Friday w.DJ KL
- @ Whiskey Warehouse: DJ Matt Bolick
- @ Workman's Friend: DJ Wiiz Kid (Steve Warwick)
- @ Petra's: last Fridays : Mirror Moves ('80's/'90's) w.DJs Cody Hare & Jah-Sun Rising (Jason Herring)

## KARAOKE:

@ Noda 101: karaoke w.Sam Fleming

## FILM:

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

## SATURDAYS:

### SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- www.Hornets.com: 1.12 10pm @ Kings / 1.19 5pm vs. Suns / 2.02 7pm vs. Bulls / 2.09 7:30pm @ Raptors / 2.23 7pm vs. Nets
  - www.GoCheckers.com: 1.05 7pm @ Belleville Senators / 1.12 6pm vs. Wilkes-Barres/Scranton Penguins / 1.19 6pm vs. Toronto Marlies / 1.26 7pm @ Hartford Wolf Pack / 2.02 6pm vs. Providence Bruins / 2.09 7pm @ Hershey Bears / 2.16 7:05pm @ Providence Bruins / 2.23 6pm vs. Lehigh Valley Phantoms
- @ Lenny Boy: 10am \$5 yoga

### BEER / WINE / FOOD:

- www.FeastFoodTours.com
- @ Crafty Beer Guys: 2nd Saturdays home brew class

### LIVE MUSIC:

- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 1.09 Greg Laswell / 2.16 Rayla
- @ the Visulite Theatre: 1.12 Unknown Hinson / 1.19 Jupiter Coyote / 2.09 Martin Sexton, Chris Trapper

### PLAY OR POETRY READINGS / BOOK SIGNINGS:

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

### COMEDY / THEATRE:

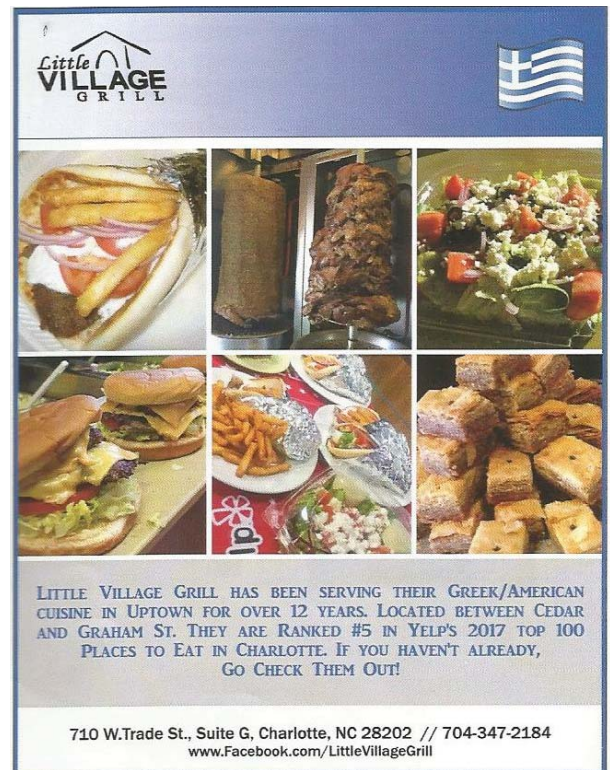
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### SYMPHONY / OPERA / DANCE:

- Sat., Feb. 23rd @ Knight Theater:  
www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Classical Kids Live - Beethoven Lives Upstairs

### MUSEUMS / ART:

- @ ClearWater Artists Studio: every 2nd Saturday  
10am-4pm Open Studios
- @ the NASCAR Hall of Fame: 2nd Saturdays  
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- @ Oso Skate Park: 2nd Saturdays Issa Vibe  
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### TRADE / INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

- @ Spandex City Comics: 11am Pokemon league

### DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE OR DRAG:

- @ Roxbury: DJ Jody
- @ the Stashe House: DJ DR
- @ Vibrations Lounge: 9pm-12am Old School  
Saturdays (live 105.3 broadcast) hosted by Rae Styles
- @ Workman's Friend: DJ Wiiz Kid (Steve Warwick)
- Sat., Feb. 9th @ Amos' SouthEnd: www.SingleCell.us Presents: "Purgatory" - Red & Black Formal w.emcee Coen the Butcher, DJs Koji & Spider, live performances by Karol Helms, Sinister Suspensions, Djinn the Nitechylde, Arcane Arts, the Nocturnals, Heykona, dungeon area, go-go dancers & more

### KARAOKE:

- @ Noda 101: Karaoke

### FLEA MARKETS:

- @ Midwood Country Club: 3rd Saturday of every month, 12-4pm That Charlotte Flea  
(info: ellengurley@gmail.com)

# SPECIAL OR MULTIPLE DAY EVENTS:

## SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- Thursdays-Sundays [www.FunnyBus.net](http://www.FunnyBus.net) (starts @ 7th Street Station)
- Historic Uptown Neighborhood Tour [www.CharlotteNCTours.com](http://www.CharlotteNCTours.com) (daily)

## BEER / WINE / FOOD:

- Tuesdays-Sundays @ Wooden Robot : the Twisted Eats by Kre8 Food Truck
- Thursdays-Sundays @ Dragon Moonshine : 4-8pm facility tours & tastings
- Tuesdays-Saturdays @ Great Wagon Road Distillery: tours
- Mondays-Thursdays 5-9pm & 12-4pm Fridays @ Sycamore Brewing : Papi Queso food truck
- Southern Food Bicycle Tour [www.CharlotteNCTours.com](http://www.CharlotteNCTours.com) (daily)

## COMEDY / THEATRE:

- Jan. 24th-Feb. 16th @ Hadley Theater (Queens Univ.): Actor's Theatre of Charlotte Presents: Nina Simone - Four Women (Christina Ham)

## SYMPHONY / OPERA / DANCE:

- Jan. 19th, 20th, & 24th @ Belk Theater: [www.OperaCarolina.org](http://www.OperaCarolina.org) Presents: Bizet's Carmen
- Jan. 25th & 26th @ Knight Theater: [www.CharlotteSymphony.org](http://www.CharlotteSymphony.org) Presents: Rachmanioff Symphonic Dances
- Feb. 1st & 2nd @ Belk Theater: [www.CharlotteSymphony.org](http://www.CharlotteSymphony.org) Presents: Pink Martini
- Feb. 8th & 9th @ Belk Theater: [www.CharlotteSymphony.org](http://www.CharlotteSymphony.org) Presents: Scheherazade
- Feb. 22nd & 23rd @ Knight Theater: [www.CharlotteSymphony.org](http://www.CharlotteSymphony.org) Presents: Tchaikovsky Sleeping Beauty

## MUSEUMS / ART:

- Liberty Walk: self-guided tour of the American Revolution - [www.CharlotteLibertyWalk.com](http://www.CharlotteLibertyWalk.com) / [www.HandHeldHistory.com](http://www.HandHeldHistory.com) [contact@meckdeck.org](mailto:contact@meckdeck.org)
- THRU Jan. 11th @ 19725 Oak St. (Cornelius): Un-Cover Re-Cover by Paul Farmer
- THRU Apr. 28th @ Mint Museum (Randolph): African-Print Fashion Now! w.curators: Suzanne Gott, Kristyne S. Loughran, Betsy D. Quick, & Leslie W. Rabine

## TRADE / INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

- Jan. 25th-27th @ Belk Theater [www.ShenYun.com/Charlotte](http://www.ShenYun.com/Charlotte) Chinese Culture Festival

## INTERNET RADIO:

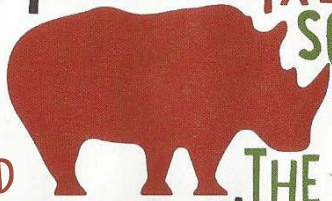
- check out [www.PMCRadio.org](http://www.PMCRadio.org) for a schedule of DJs daily


## KIDS:

- Jan. 25th-27th @ Spectrum Center: Marvel Universe Live - Ages of Heroes
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