

# My City

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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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Hi Charlotte,

We hope that you enjoy this issue and we thank you for picking it up. We introduce readers to the one and only Felicia "Smelly Felly" Castelow in this My City Magazine and walk you through the new location of Knife & Fork Restaurant. As always, Martin "the Clown" Barry gives us his comic strip "Micro Monsters" and his advice column "What do I know, I'm just a Clown". He always includes tips on not being a jerk. You're welcome. See if you can find "Frogboy" in the comic series by John Burgin in each installment and, in this one, we show you Rogue Woodwork by Emily Berger. Also get acquainted with Willow in this time's Pet Profile. 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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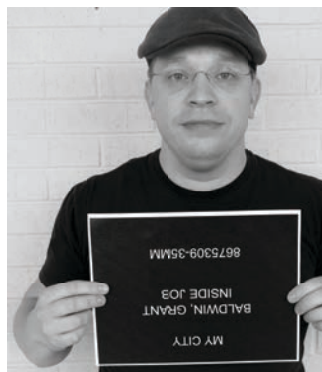
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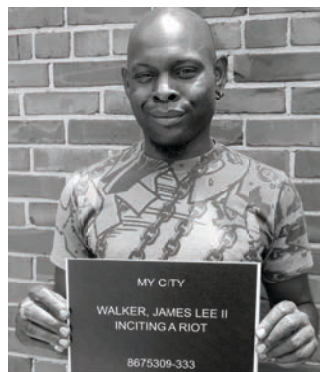
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# PET PROFILE

## Willow

My name is Willow Whilden-Spencer and I am a rescue Rottweiler who lives in Windsor Park. I was born on Election Day in 2015, so I care a lot about my community. I've been told I have really good eyebrows.

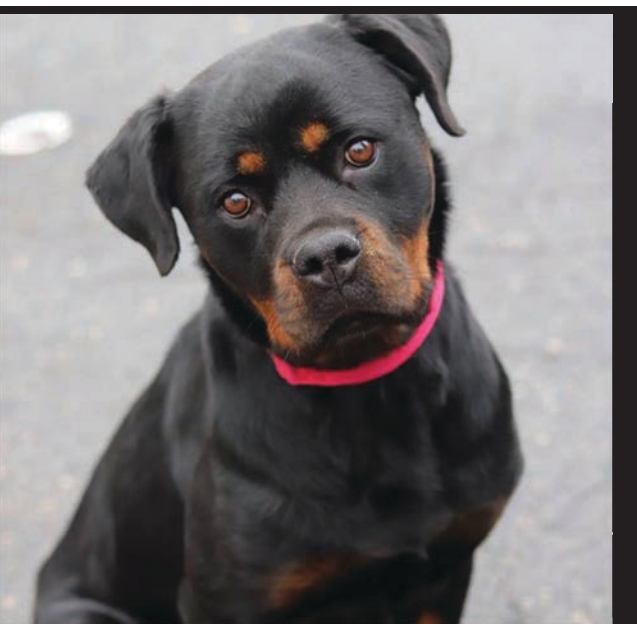
When I was younger, I lived on a farm where I played with a lot of other dogs and horses. I learned quickly that when I do good things I get treats. My favorite rewards are peanut butter bites, but I'll eat anything - including strawberries from my grandmother.

Earlier this year I came to live with a wonderful family in Charlotte, where they treat me like a queen. There are a lot of things I'm getting used to since I moved to the big city. We don't have runners or bikers out on the farm, so I may get excited and bark at them every now and then.

However, I've made a lot of new friends at the dog park, including Boone, Bruno, and Momo. I've also been walked in a bunch of neighborhoods, including Midtown, Belmont, Plaza-Midwood, and Uptown.

I love the greenway and public parks are my favorite place to poop (don't worry, my dad always picks it up for me). If I could vote, I would vote for humans who will complete our greenway network, and make sure there are parks in every neighborhood so all dogs have a chance to play outside and be healthy.

Humans like to tell me that I'm one of the best behaved dogs they know. I rarely bark. I'm easy to spot at a park or on a greenway: if my mom is walking me, I'll have on my pink sweater. If I get a chance to meet you, I'll want to shake your paw so I can practice for when I walk for county commission. I already have a campaign slogan: Barks for Parks!



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# EMILY BERGER

by: Ellen Gurley

If you drive (at all) in Charlotte, then you have had the pleasure of seeing the Welsh Lovespoon- inspired ArtPop billboard by Emily Berger. She is the local artist behind all of the beautiful utensils featured on that Adams Advertising placard. Arts & Science Council grant recipient and active member of the creative community, Berger uses reclaimed materials for Rogue Woodwork, aptly named after her adopted cat.

Constantly learning and experimenting with new techniques, Berger sells her wooden bowls, scoops, ladles, shovels, cutting and serving boards, trivets, petite cheeseboards, platters, spreaders, butter knives, traditional Viking drinking cups (Kuksa's), and spoons. So many spoons. Some commissions have included Avett Brothers inspired banjo-shaped spoons, spoons that feature the Bat-symbol, and mustache-shaped spoons. I've seen her crank out straining spoons of all types, sixteenth note ladles, scoop and stir combo utensils, and spoons with infinity or looped handles. Sometimes the handles look like they are still in nature with intricate leaves or are Springbok horn-shaped.

"I've long been inspired by the animal kingdom and particularly enjoy carving horns and antlers." Berger says, "Broken fines sometimes happen as a result of an inaccurate shot from a hunter or a violent, but natural, stag fight." She says she got to mimic that in a few pieces when her "bandsaw zigged instead of zagged". Sometimes she will start out with one spoon and she will 'play' with the shape and turn out with two spoons. There is a lot of "winging" it in her art. She finds herself "snatching up branches with the perfect crooks in them" often leaving a thin layer of under bark because she likes colour variation. She says that she has "always liked the idea of using naturally, reclaimed material. Knots, cracks, and imperfections are part of the charm in handmade goods."

Rosewood, Granadillo, Cherrywood, Ebony, Bubinga, Kingwood, Tulipwood, Maple, Poplar, Flame Maple, and Tigerwood are not the ingredients of a hot, new cocktail. They are, however, the raw materials that Berger uses to create her wooden masterpieces. Not only making vessels and tools for food, she takes commissions for custom skate decks, wooden buffalo skulls, rifle racks / mounts, custom handmade wooden maps, (wooden) worry stones, framed wood carvings, wall hangings, and carved yoga blocks. She even makes her own lacquered barrel beads for crafting her handmade jewelry.





I don't think that there is much that she cannot do with a 'hunk of wood' and you'll be hard pressed to find a career that she hasn't had (see: art framing, axe throwing, dental assistant, talent buyer, and graphic designer). She is also currently a very popular and sought-after yoga instructor. You can catch her at her various pop-up classes in NC Yoga Bar at the Space. When not in the woodshop or studio, it's hard to catch up with Berger. Mudding in the woods, hiking in the mountains, doing cosplay at a convention, romping around at Krampus Krawl, modeling at a local fashion show, or traveling are just a few of the ways that Berger takes life by the horns. Formerly an avid runner, she still participates in charity 5K's and she can't get enough of riding her bike around town (sometimes in charity runs or exploring a regional bike week). She obtained her beloved Ophelia, a 1974 Honda CB350F, from local musician Jude Gulick and it has been a fun love story to follow. Emily Berger isn't just an artist, an athlete, and a philanthropist. Her zest for life is quite contagious and she always wants to spread the joy and 'give back'. This makes her one of My City Magazine's favorite Charlotte people and we are willing to share her.

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**Fun fact:**

***Her love of riding came from her father and her desire to pick up woodworking is a nod to her great grandfather.***

**Cute quote from her:**

***"When I die, bury me in sawdust and cat fur. I'll feel right at home in the afterlife."***



# ASK THE CLOWN

What do I Know? I'm just a Clown :  
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"Ask the Clown" : an advice  
column by The Clown

Q

Dear Clown,  
I have a weekly lunch date with colleagues in my office. My manager is kind enough to pick up the tab every week and it is a benefit we all enjoy. Lately, a newer co-worker has been complaining during this lunch and has involved the restaurant manager in three separate places. The first time, I thought that this was a legitimate thing, but now it seems like a habit. None of us want to lose this benefit, but we do not want this co-worker coming along anymore. How should we handle this?  
Sincerely,  
Annoyed

A

Dear Annoyed,  
I can see a few ways you could solve this problem. One, invite the boss along so that he can see this behavior. It may be an indication of a poor fit of other areas in your work dynamic. If not, the boss may have a talk with this individual. Two, change the day of the week without telling them. This is immediate relief and it sends a message. Three, have lunch brought into the office. This can be a way to cut down individual customization and nobody is present to field complaints. Four, tell this person that you don't want them coming along anymore. Quite frankly, this is the option that I would take. Certainly, there cannot be a problem every time your group has lunch.  
Bon appetit'  
The Clown

Q

Dear Clown,  
I just found out that my mother has returned every gift I have given her over the past two years and that the amount paid was credited back to my accounts. Each time I have given a gift, she talks about how thoughtful it is and that she is very happy with it, but returned it each time. I am not in a situation where I cannot afford to do this, so I am wondering why it has been happening. Help?  
Sincerely,  
Loves His Mom

A

Dear Loves His Mom,  
Have a talk about this with your mother to see why she returned the gifts. She likely has a legitimate reason for this. If she refuses to talk about it, switch up your gift giving strategy to include her favorite foods and drinks and go enjoy them with her.  
Cheers!  
The Clown

Q

Dear Clown,  
My parents are giving me a headache. I decided to not have my children vaccinated due to research I have done and they keep insisting that I must do this. I keep trying to explain the dangers to them, but they will not listen. I want them to respect my decisions. What should I do?  
Sincerely,  
Anti-Vax Mom

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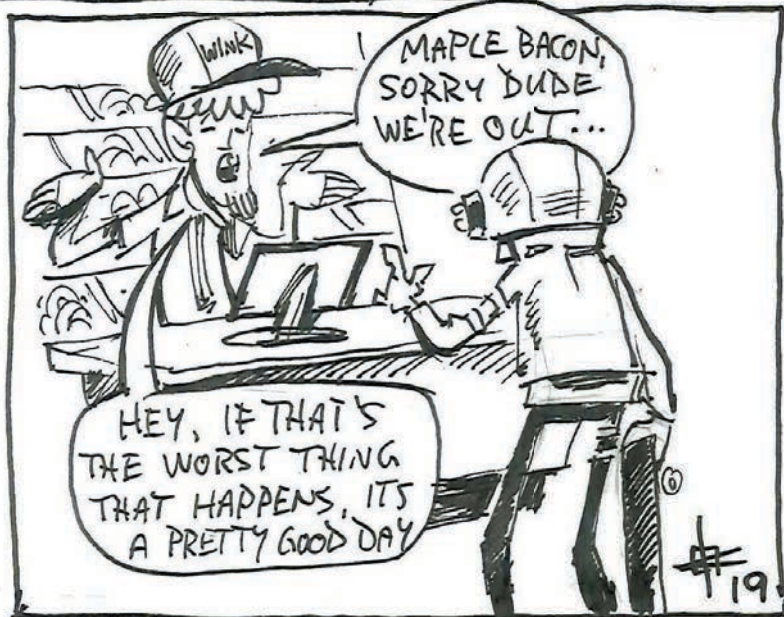
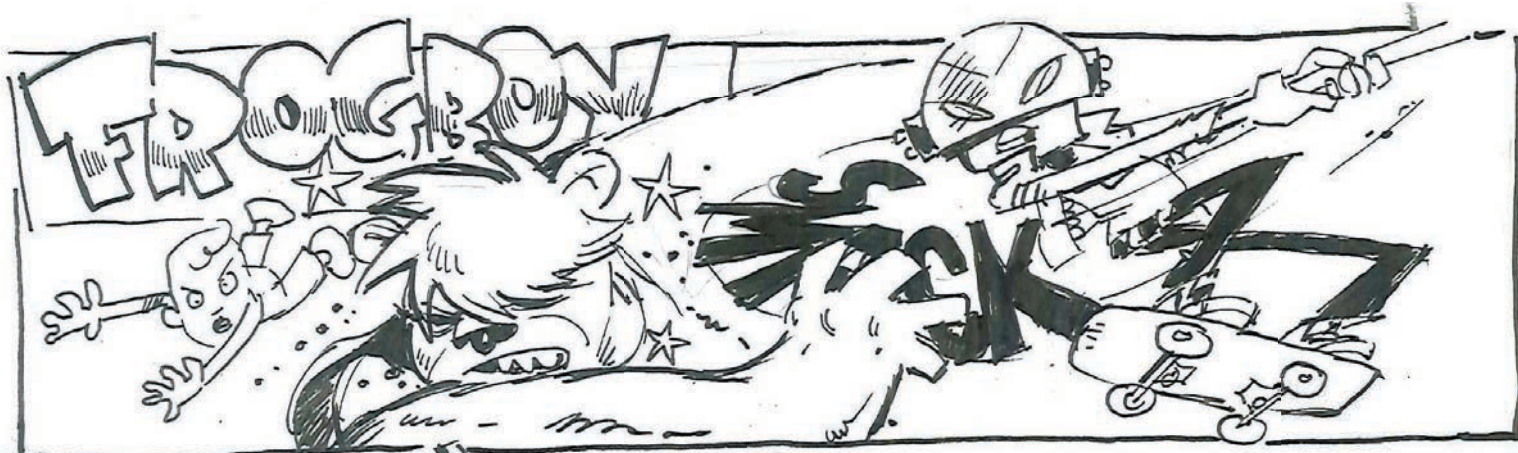
Dear Anti-Vax,  
It seems to me that you have tried to discuss this with your parents quite a bit. I am sure you presented all of the data you found arguing against vaccinations. This can be a struggle against the traditional medical practices and the history and results of these practices. Considering the results, and that herd immunity is a real thing, your selfish and poorly informed decision impacts your community. Make an appointment and get the vaccinations done. Stop enabling ignorance,  
The Clown

## THINGS I SHOULD NOT HAVE TO TELL YOU

Things I should not have to tell you

1. Science is real.
2. Windmills do not cause cancer.
3. Approach every problem with logic rather than emotion.
4. Never make fun of a person's appearance.
5. Play your favorite music loud and sing along.

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION FOR THE CLOWN? WRITE HIM AT [MARTIN.BARRY@YAHOO.COM](mailto:MARTIN.BARRY@YAHOO.COM)



# FELICIA CASTELOW

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'Bye....Uh, No.....Say HELLO, Felicia!

The first time I heard Felicia sing it was with a band called Smelly Felly, which she founded back in 2011 and the song was called "I Love You Don't Cut Me". While the song sounds about as dangerous as the title suggests, man if it's not catchy! But don't we all know that catchy lyrics will only get a girl so far these days? Luckily, Felicia, nicknamed "Felly" since her teens, had the voice to back it up. The voice is what stayed with me. It's a voice that sounds like a woman too young to know as much as she knows, and I wondered what she could teach me.

Citing her early influences as the Fleetwood Mac and Black Sabbath that her mother played for her, Felicia's first guitar teacher was also her mother. She learned guitar on a flea market Alvarez and came to have an appreciation for classic rock bands like Dio and Queen, counterculture ideas and thrift shop clothes.

Growing up in Columbia, SC, Felicia can remember early favorite first songs like "All That She Wants" by Ace of Base, but also really loved the range of Mariah Carey on "Fantasy" when she was about five or six. Her family introduced her to bluegrass, gospel, folk, and country. She always loved Irish music and culture and had some introduction to it through her mother's family as well.

Felicia made a serendipitous turn when she hooked up with Simon Strivelli and P.K. Chaney to form Bottle of Smoke in 2017. With Simon on mandolin and banjo, P.K. on fiddle and guitar, and Felicia joining in with her guitar and booming vocals, the trio became a powerhouse of Celtic folk rock music in the Charlotte area. Bottle of Smoke quickly became regular stars at Tommy's Pub and even performed while riding on the Tommy's float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Uptown Charlotte a few months back. But it was even before those events that the talk had already started. And that talk was about that majestic voice coming out of that young lady.

Jamie Starks, owner of Tommy's Pub, talks about how hearing her sing "Foggy Dew" while riding on the parade float gave him chills. "When she's on point and at the top of her game, she's just the best." Jamie is also impressed by Felicia's long-term support of the local punk and independent music scene and how inspiring she is to the younger women and girls who want to come hear her sing at open mic night at Tommy's. "She has the guts to go out and say what she believes," Jamie says of her thought-provoking songs about our current social and political times.

One example would be "Brolene" a parody of the Dolly Parton hit "Jolene" about an issue hitting hard in many Charlotte neighborhoods right now: gentrification. She also cares a lot about other crisis issues at a boiling point right now like addiction, mental illness, police brutality, and suicide. She feels strongly about "connecting to the hearts of the listeners and have them know that they matter."



Felicia and PK Chaney also team up in another band together, An Archaic Agenda, with Jordan Townsend to turn out even more Celtic folk tunes. But she says she would actually love to do more collaborations, for instance, with local hero, Andy the Doorbum. "Seeing him play as a teenager, I knew that I wanted to pour my heart into an acoustic guitar like he did from the day I heard 'Love Song for Cigarettes'," Felicia says fondly. On a larger scale she really admires Blind Guardian and Helloween for their power vocals and calls singing at the top of her lungs "the best feeling in the world."

At only the age of 30, Felicia already has quite a reputation for herself. The words "adorable" and "amazing" got kicked around a lot when I asked about her, but like her modest girl personality, Felicia takes it in stride. She really just wants to support local bands and to be a part of the scene. She also credits so much of her milestones in her music, like improving her singing range and her guitar skills, to her bandmates for pushing her to be her best.

Don't try to catch Felicia Castelow during the month of March. Between playing traditional Celtic folk music with her bands Bottle of Smoke and An Archaic Agenda around St. Patrick's Day, she will not have the time or the voice for you. But if you give her a few days, that sweet smile and powerful voice will be ready to come your way!

For the record, she's got too much on her plate to think about how awesome everyone thinks she is! She is always making her rounds in Charlotte at Tommy's, the Workman's Friend, the (World Famous) Milestone Club and other popular spots. So, if I could give you a bit of advice: if you are ever walking by a local tavern in Plaza-Midwood and hear an strong yet angelic voice floating out, do yourself a favor and walk on in. You may just come away a fan with a little bit of a girl crush like I did.

- First Thursdays of the month @ Tommy's Pub: open mic with Smelly Felly (that's Felicia).
- [www.Facebook.com/AnArchaicAgenda](http://www.Facebook.com/AnArchaicAgenda)
- [www.Facebook.com/BottleOfSmokeBand](http://www.Facebook.com/BottleOfSmokeBand)



# 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
- [www.CharlotteIndependence.com](http://www.CharlotteIndependence.com): 6.02 2pm @ Ottawa Fury
- @ Lenny Boy: 12pm run club
- [www.CharlotteHounds.com](http://www.CharlotteHounds.com): 5.05 @ Ohio / 5.19 @ Denver / 6.09 @ Atlanta / 6.16 @ New York / 6.23 7:30pm vs. Florida / 6.30 7:30pm vs. Atlanta
- [www.CharlotteKnights.com](http://www.CharlotteKnights.com): 5.05 1:05pm @ Norfolk / 5.12 2pm @ Louisville / 5.19 2:05pm vs. Lehigh Valley / 5.26 7:04pm vs. Durham / 6.02 1:05pm @ Toledo / 6.09 2:05pm vs. Louisville / 6.16 1:05pm @ Rochester / 6.30 1:05pm @ Norfolk

#### BEER / WINE / FOOD:

- @ 300 Restaurant: ½ wine by the bottle
- @ Letty's on Shamrock: Golden Girls Brunch
- @ 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:

- @ Amos': 5.05 Danny Worsnop (of Asking Alexandria), Testarossa, Shun the Raven, American Theory / 5.19 the Veer Union, Scars Remain, Neverwake, Hollow Intent
- @ Charlotte Metro Credit Union Amphitheatre: 5.19 the 1975 / 6.16 Jon Bellion
- @ Comet Grill: 8pm Omari & the Hellraisers
- @ the Evening Muse: 5.05 Secret Monkey Weekend, Lemon Sparks / Peter Mulvey, John Smith // 5.19 Trismalux, Band of Tomorrow // 6.02 Liz Longley, Michael McArthur // 6.09 Cave Twins, Vanessa Peters // 6.30 the Spongetones

@ the Milestone: 4-8pm Heavy Metal Weekly 5.05 8pm-12am Ether, Witch Motel / 5.19 8pm-12am Big Lazy, Don Telling's Island Mysteries / 6.02 8pm-12am Ol' Sport, Forges, Plans

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

@ the Visulite Theatre: 5.05 Boy Named Banjo / 5.19 Andy Frasco & the U.N. / 6.02 Epipalooza w. Brian Dunne, Aslyn, Broken Dreams, the Real Matt Perrone, Vicarious (benefiting epilepsy)

@ the Wine Vault: Jared Allen

- Sun., May 12th @ Ovens Auditorium: Keith Sweat
- Sun., May 19th @ the Underground: Sum 41
- Sun., May 19th @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 2pm Pat McGee / 8pm Willy Porter
- Sun., May 26th @ Calvary: 7pm the Youth Orchestra of Charlotte feat. the Musicians of the [www.CharlotteSymphony.org](http://www.CharlotteSymphony.org) Brass (benefiting Veterans Bridge Home)
- Sun., May 26th @ Snug Harbor: 5-9pm Snug 600 Day 3 Cookout w. Paint Fumes, Konvoi, Model Zero
- Sun., June 2nd @ PNC Music Pavilion: Luke Bryan

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

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

#### COMEDY / THEATRE:

- @ the Comedy Zone: 5.05 Luis Chataing / 5.12 Valarie Storm / 5.19 Kountry Wayne / 5.26 Gary Owen / 6.09 Craig Robinson
- Sun., May 5th @ Knight Theatre: Iliza Schlesinger

#### SYMPHONY / OPERA / DANCE:

[www.CharlotteSymphony.org](http://www.CharlotteSymphony.org): 6.16 @ Symphony Park: Star Wars - the Music / 6.23 @ Symphony Park: Best of Broadway

## MUSEUMS / ART:

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

## TRADE / INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

- Sun., May 19th @ Sanctuary Imports: 2-2:30pm Tarot 201 - the Fool w.Heather Gaffney Darnell / 3:30-5:30pm May Tarot Salon w.Metrolina Tarot Enthusiasts & Heather Gaffney Darnell

## 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 5.12 the Decks Ran Red / 6.09 No Way Out

## KIDS:

- Sun., May 5th @ Ovens Auditorium: PJ Masks Live

## PETS:

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

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## MONDAYS:

### SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- @ Sir Edmund Halley's: 7pm Trivia Night
- www.CharlotteKnights.com: 5.27 2:05pm vs. Durham / 6.03 7:04pm vs. Gwinnett / 6.24 7:05pm @ Durham

## BEER / WINE / FOOD:

- @ 300 East Restaurant: 1/2 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)
- Mon., May 6th @ 7th Street Public Market: 6:30-9pm Strawberry Tasting Dinner w.Orrman's Cheese Shop, Viva Raw, Pure Pizza & Uptown Yolk Café (40 seats only - call for tickets)

## 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 5.06 Tara Brown / 5.13 Joshua Carpenter / 5.20 McKenzie Lockhart
- @ the Fillmore: 5.13 Johnnyswim / 6.17 Todd Rundgren
- @ the Milestone: 5.06 Estatic Vision, Heavy Temple, Cheesus Crust / 5.20 Filth & Depths, Sleep Walker, Albert the Cannibal
- @ the Underground: 5.06 Smino / 5.13 the Struts
- Mon., May 6th @ Tommy's Pub: Danny Feedback, the Asbestos Boys, Deaf Comet
- Mon., May 13th @ the Neighborhood Theatre: Speedy Ortiz, Empath

## PLAY OR POETRY READING / BOOK SIGNINGS:

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

## COMEDY / THEATRE:

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

## 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
- @ Tip Top Daily Market: 8pm-12am Diggers Delight & Premium Sound Present: Motown Mondays w. guest DJs

## TUESDAYS:

### SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- @ the Common Market (Plaza-Midwood): 8pm PMTNR 15 mile bicycle ride w. a new route weekly (by Pamela Murray)
- @ Olde Mecklenburg Brewery: 6:30 Yoga on Tap
- @ Pint Central: 8pm Mindless Minutia Trivia
- @ Spirit Square: 6:15-7:45pm Breakers for Life - break dancing classes & lessons (ages 6-13) info: antoniorobinson82@gmail.com / 760-805-8978)
- www.CharlotteKnights.com: 5.07 6:35pm @ Columbus / 5.14 7:04pm vs. Rochester / 5.21 7:05pm @ Gwinnett / 5.28 7:05pm @ Indianapolis / 6.04 7:04pm vs. Gwinnett / 6.11 6:35pm @ Syracuse / 6.18 7:04pm vs. Syracuse / 6.25 1:05pm @ Durham

### 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 5.14 6:30pm Charlotte Beer Babes 2019 Ladies Brew Homebrewing 101
- @ Rhino Market: 1st Tuesdays of the month beer tasting
- @ Zen Fusion: 1/2 price wine by the glass & select bottles

### LIVE MUSIC:

- @ Amos': 5.14 Nita Strauss (of Alice Cooper) / 6.18 Frank Iero, the Future Violents, Reggie & the Full Effect
- @ the Comet Grill: Red Rockin' Chair

- @ the Evening Muse: 5.07 the Skinny Bully Slam / 5.14 LOLO, Garrison Starr / 6.11 James Renner
- @ the Fillmore: 5.14 Tash Sultana / 6.11 Catfish & the Bottlemen / 6.18 Nav
- @ the Milestone: 5.14 Cloven Hoof, Final Sign, Nemesis, Morganton / 5.21 Hey Thanks, Right On Kid, Dutch Tulips, Big Wave Small Wave / 6.18 Justice Yeldham, Paradot, Skewed, Clang Quartet / 6.25 the Pauses, Motel Glory, True Liliith
- @ Morehead Tavern: 8pm Bill Hanna Jazz Jam
- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 5.21 Cracker, Taylor Phelan / 6.11 Sleep, Big Business / 6.25 the Stolen, Mighty Mango
- @ Puckett's: open mic w. Jeff Claud
- @ Smokey Joe's: 9pm open mic night w. resident band the Smoking J's
- @ Snug Harbor: 5.07 Combo Chimbita, Chocala / 5.14 Murphy's Law, No Anger Control / 5.21 Anchor Detail, Uncle Buck / 6.18 the Spirit of the Beehive, Strange Ranger
- @ Tommy's Pub: 2nd Tuesdays Songwriters Showcase
- @ the Underground: 5.07 Marianas Trench / 5.14 Arizona / 6.04 New Found Glory
- Tues., June 4th @ PNC Music Pavilion: Ozzy Osbourne
- Tues., June 25th @ Charlotte Metro Credit Union Amphitheatre: Broken Hands

### PLAY OR POETRY READINGS / BOOK SIGNINGS:

- @ Apostrophe: open mic spoken poetry w. host Sir Abstraxxx
- @ 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
- Tues., May 14th @ Ovens Auditorium: Carol Burnett

### FILM:

- @ the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: Summer Films & Art Workshops for families: 11am June 18th & 25th

# WEDNESDAYS:

## SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- @ Abari Game Bar: 7pm-12am Overwatch League Wednesdays
- @ Lenny Boy: 6:30pm trivia night
- @ the Spoke Easy: 6pm (pay what you can) Yoga
- @ the Tippy Burro: 7pm Tippy Trivia w.prizes
- @ Renaissance Park: 5-7pm [www.NCBattle.com](http://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](mailto:antoniorobinson82@gmail.com) / 760-805-8978)
- [www.CharlotteKnights.com](http://www.CharlotteKnights.com): 5.01 11:05am vs. Gwinnett / 5.08 6:35pm @ Columbus / 5.15 7:04pm vs. Rochester / 5.22 7:05pm @ Gwinnett / 5.29 7:05pm @ Indianapolis / 6.05 7:04pm vs. Gwinnett / 6.12 6:35pm @ Syracuse / 6.19 7:04pm vs. Syracuse / 6.26 7:04pm vs. Gwinnett

## 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](http://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 5.17 3pm re-opening of the Davidson St. location - re modeled
- @ Sir Edmund Halley's: 1/2 off of wine by the bottle
- @ Triple C Brewing: Papi Queso (food truck) + Pilot Batch Release
- @ Zen Fusion: Robert Fernandez + 1/2 price Sangrias

## LIVE MUSIC:

- @ the Comet Grill: open mic / open jam
- @ the Evening Muse: 5.01 Tosco Music open mic / 5.08 Eleanor Tallie (canceled) / 5.15 the East Pointers, the Sweet Lillies / 5.22 Marti Jones, Don Dixon / 5.29 Grizzly Ghost, the New Rustics / 6.05 Motherfolk, Wylder / 6.19 Tosco Music open mic / 6.26 Scott Barlett, Chris "CJ" Johnson

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- @ the Fillmore: 5.01 Gunna / 5.08 Garbage / 6.05 Tesla / 6.12 Gojira / 6.19 Chase Atlantic / 6.26 Rich the Kid
- @ the Milestone: 5.01 Tiny Tree, Forever May Fall, Joules, Middleasia / 5.08 Planet Loser, Ol' Sport, Feelings Club / 5.15 Skewed, Truth Club, Patois Counselors / 6.12 Esham
- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 5.01 Kings Kaleidoscope, Wordsplayed / 5.08 Son Volt, Ian Noe / 5.29 Mickey Avalon, Dirt Nasty / 6.05 Shinyribs / 6.19 Moon Hooch
- @ 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
- @ Snug Harbor: 5.01 the Business People, Modern Primitives, the Walbournes, Champagne Hercules / 5.08 the Business People, Modern Primitives, Mammabear, Pnltybx / 5.15 the Business People, Sunset Cassette, Bergenli / 5.22 the Business People, Ancient Cities, Human Res / 5.29 the Business People, Sinners & Saints, Colpa M. / 6.05 Stone Mecca
- @ the Underground: 5.08 Chief Keef / 6.26 Parachute
- @ the Visulite Theatre: 5.29 Toubab Krewe, Jonathan Scales Fourchestra / 6.19 the Lemon Twigs
- Wed., May 1st @ Tommy's Pub: Aloha Broha, Dial Drive, Couch Surfer
- Wed., May 8th @ Ovens Auditorium: Home Free Vocal Group
- Wed., May 15th @ Charlotte Metro Credit Union Amphitheatre: Greta Van Fleet
- Wed., June 19th @ Knight Theatre: Bruce Hornsby & the Noisemakers
- Wed., June 19th @ Amos': Chon, doMI, JD Beck

## 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

## SYMPHONY / OPERA / DANCE:

- Wed., May 8th@ South Meck Presby: "On the Go"  
[www.CharlotteSymphony.org](http://www.CharlotteSymphony.org)

## TRADE / INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:


- @ Spandex City Comics: 5pm Pokemon league

## KARAOKE:

- @ Blackfinn Ameripub: karaoke
- @ the Press Box: karaoke w.Stacey Blackman
- @ 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:

- @ Petra's: 2nd Thursdays - Potions & Pixels (video games & board games)
- [www.CharlotteHounds.com](http://www.CharlotteHounds.com): 5.03 7:30pm vs. Chesapeake
- @ Queen City Bicycles: 6:30pm Tub Ride from there to Birdsong (free 12oz. to those with [www.BicycleBenefits.com](http://www.BicycleBenefits.com))
- [www.CharlotteKnights.com](http://www.CharlotteKnights.com): 5.02 6:35pm @ Norfolk / 5.09 6:35pm @ Columbus / 5.16 7:04pm vs. Rochester / 5.23 7:05pm @ Gwinnett / 5.30 7:05pm @ Indianapolis / 6.06 7:04pm vs. Louisville / 6.13 6:35pm @ Syracuse / 6.20 7:04pm vs. Syracuse / 6.27 7:04pm vs. Gwinnett
- Thurs., June 6th @ Ovens Auditorium: Family Feud Live

### BEER / WINE / FOOD:

- [www.PBSCharlotte.org](http://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:

- @ Amos': 5.09 the Stranger (a Billy Joel tribute) / 5.16 Adam Calhoun & Demun Jones, Crucifix
- @ Blue: John Alexander, Ron Brenale, Chris Garges  
[www.JaJazz.net](http://www.JaJazz.net)
- @ Buddy's Point (Monroe): open mic jam
- @ Charlotte Metro Credit Union Amphitheatre: 5.02 Clint Black, Trace Adkins / 5.09 Iration / 6.20 O.A.R., American Authors
- @ the Craft Tasting Room & Growler Shop: 8-10pm JoJo & Friends feat.local musicians & songwriters
- @ Crown Station: 7pm open mic w.the Willie Douglas Band
- @ the Evening Muse: 5.09 MICVH, Yung Citizen / 5.16 the Go Rounds, flipturn / 5.23 Matt Skillwell (full band) / 5.30 Stephen Day, Alexa Rose / 6.06 Mir Fontane
- @ the Fillmore: 5.30 Brytiago, Darell / 6.06 Slushii

- @ the Milestone: 5.16 Pullover, Lassyu, Mint Green, Futurists / 5.23 the Outliers, Withhold the Blood, Butterfly Corpse, Fools Generatuon / 6.13 Bask / 6.20 U.S Nero, the Cocker Spaniels, Witch Party
- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 5.02 Steve Gunn, Gun Outfit / 5.09 Lee Child & Naked Blue (exploring Jack Reacher through music) / 5.30 Paul Thorn Band, Steve Poltz / 6.06 Ona / 6.13 Josh Wolf, Sarah Tiana / 6.20 Todd Snider, Kevin Gordon
- @ Ovens Auditorium: 5.09 India.Arie / 6.20 JoJo Siwa
- @ PNC Music Pavilion: 5.16 Bob Seger & the Silver Bullet Band / 6.27 Rascal Flatts
- @ the Rack: 7-10pm Artist Spotlight Thursdays w.Aiden Lee & CFour Black
- @ Tommy's Pub: 1st Thursdays open mic w.Smelly Felly
- @ the Underground: 5.09 lovelytheband / 6.20 Ghostmane
- @ the Visulite Theatre: 5.02 Wilderado, Duncan Fellows / 5.30 Holland Teed
- Thurs., May 9th @ Oso Skate Park: 8-11pm Petrov, Perennial, Joules, Pet Bug
  - Thurs., June 20th @ McGlohon Theater: HousingFest feat.Mandolin Orange

## 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: 5.09 Nicole Byer / 5.16 Kountry Wayne / 5.23 Gary Owen / 5.30 Shuler King / 6.06 Craig Robinson / 6.13 Donnell Rawlings / 6.20 Nikki Glaser / 6.27 Southern Momma & Cledus T. Judd

## MUSEUMS / ART:

- @ the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: 6-10pm 3rd Thursdays free: Gantt After Dark 5.16 12-12:30pm ArtBreak Tour / 6.20 12-12:30pm ArtBreak Tour
- @ Levine Center for the Arts: 12pm 3rd Thursdays Take an "ArtBreak"

## TRADE / INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

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

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## 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
- Thurs., June 27th @ the Fillmore: Thunder from Down Under (male revue)

## 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

# FRIDAYS:

## SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- @ Thirsty Nomad Brewing Co.: 7pm Tabletop Game Night
- [www.CharlotteKnights.com](http://www.CharlotteKnights.com): 5.03 7:05pm @ Norfolk / 5.10 7pm @ Louisville / 5.17 7:04pm vs. Lehigh Valley / 5.24 7:04pm vs. Durham / 5.31 7:05pm @ Toledo / 6.07 7:04pm vs. Louisville / 6.14 7:05pm @ Rochester / 6.21 7:04pm vs. Louisville / 6.28 7:05pm @ Norfolk

## BEER / WINE / FOOD:

- [www.FeastFoodTours.com](http://www.FeastFoodTours.com)
- @ Duckworth's: 1/2 off of wine by the bottle
- @ Trinity Presbyterian Church: 5-9pm  
[www.Facebook.com/CotswoldTrucks2017](http://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:

- @ Amos': 5.03 East Viridian, Winters Gate, Curiosity Kills, Withdraw, Fault Union / 5.17 Blessthefall, Slaves, Glass Houses / 5.24 Running down a Dream (a Tom Petty tribute), Thought Police / 6.07 Living Colour, Den of Wolves, Fear Until Fury (benefiting Charlotte CARES) / 6.21 84 (a Van Halen tribute) / 6.28 Never mind (a Nirvana tribute)
- @ the Comet Grill: the Lenny Federal Band
- @ the Evening Muse: 5.03 Jet Black Alley Cat, Hardcastle // 5.10 the Brothers Gillespie / City of the Sun // 5.17 Chris Trapper, Bill West / DownTown Abby & the Echoes, Daniel Jordan // 5.24 Gareth Asher (record release), Jason Adamo / Rochambeau // 5.31 J.S. Ondara / Dalton & the Sheriffs // 6.07 Rooney / 100 Watt Vipers // 6.14 the Arcadian Wild / Sierra Ferrell // 6.21 Nathan Angelo (full band) // 6.28 Matt Heckler, Casper Allen
- @ the Fillmore: 5.10 Shakey Graves, Illiterate Light / 5.17 Ella Mai / 5.31 Appetite for Destruction (a G-n-R tribute), Fiftywatt Freight (cover band) / 6.21 Hippo Campus
- @ the Milestone: 5.03 Dylan Gilbert, Streak of Tigers, Blakeney Bullock, Nite Gallery / 5.10 Summer Cannibals, Bad Karol, Faye / 5.17 Stunner, Van Huskins / 5.24 Misanthropic Aggression, Novgorod, Oculum Dei, Valle Crucis / 6.21 Pro Teens, Dollhands / 6.28 Delicious, Van Huskins, Something went Wrong, the Asound

- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 5.03 Little Stranger / 5.10 Nashville P\*ssy, Guitar Wolf, the Turbo A.C.'s / 5.17 Hush Kids feat.Jill Andrews & Peter Groenwald, Lydia Luce / 6.07 the Sol Kitchen Presents: Purple Note 4 - celebrating the life of Prince through Jazz / 6.14 Amanda Anne Platt & the Honeycutters, Zoe & Cloyd / 6.28 Damien Jurado, Corrina Repp
- @ PNC Music Pavilion: 5.17 Chris Young / 6.14 Thomas Rhett / 6.21 Phish / 6.28 Dead & Company
- @ Snug Harbor: 5.03 Black Belt Eagle Scout, LeAnna Eden / 5.24 10am-2pm Snug 600 Day 1 w.Pleasures, Whispering Man, Acne & more
- @ Tommy's Pub: 5.03 2 Door Chicken Coupe / 5.10 Angwish, the Foes of Fern, the Whiskey Predicament / 6.21 Pen15, Queen City Rejects
- @ the Underground: 5.03 Missio / 5.10 Johnny Orlando / 5.17 Delta Rae / 5.31 Mostley Crue (a Motley Crue tribute) / 6.07 the Lemonheads / 6.21 Ari Lennox
- @ the Visulite: 5.03 Jahlistic, Zach Fowler / 5.17 Porch 40, the Get Right Band / 5.24 Coddle Creek, the Local Boys / 6.07 Brit Drozda, Courtney Lynn & Quinn / 6.21 Runaway Gin (a Phish tribute)
- Fri., June 14th @ Knight Theatre: the Fab Four (a Beatles tribute)

## 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: 5.03 Michael Blackson / 5.10 Nicole Byer / 5.17 Kountry Wayne / 5.24 Gary Owen / 5.31 Shuler King / 6.07 Craig Robinson / 6.14 Donnell Rawlings / 6.21 Nikki Glaser / 6.28 Southern Momma & Cledus T. Judd
- Fri., May 10th @ Triple C. (the Barrel Room): 8pm Im prov & Beer w.Charlotte Comedy Theater
- Fri., June 28th @ Ovens Auditorium: Ali Wong

## SYMPHONY / OPERA / DANCE:

- [www.CharlotteSymphony.org](http://www.CharlotteSymphony.org): 5.10 @ Mac Gray Auditorium: Community Concert / 6.21 @ Belk Theater: Video Games Live
- Fri., May 10th @ Knight Theater: Shout Out - Charlotte Hip Hop dance w.MC Bluz & DJ Steel Wheel feat.Twin Nation, Femme Fatale Trio, Leah Visser's Queen City Bitty's, Tron Robinson's Bboy Crew, Breakers 4 Life (Tron's kid crew) & many more

## 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)
- Fri., June 28th @ Serj: Mark Farina, Nat Black, JLazy, Aaron Sigmon & more

## KARAOKE:

- @ Noda 101: karaoke w.Sam Fleming

## FILM:

- @ Cinebarre: 1st & 3rd : Rocky Horror at Midnight feat. [www.ThatType.com](http://www.ThatType.com)

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# SATURAYS:

## SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- @ Lenny Boy: 10am \$5 yoga
- [www.CharlotteKnights.com](http://www.CharlotteKnights.com): 5.04 7:05pm @ Norfolk / 5.11 6:30pm @ Louisville / 5.18 7:04pm vs. Lehigh Valley / 5.25 7:04pm vs. Durham / 6.01 7:05pm @ Toledo / 6.08 7:04pm vs. Louisville / 6.15 7:05pm @ Rochester / 6.22 1:05pm & 7:04pm vs. Louisville / 6.29 7:05pm @ Norfolk
- [www.CharlotteIndependence.com](http://www.CharlotteIndependence.com): 5.04 7pm @ Hartford Athletic / 5.11 7pm vs. London United / 5.18 8pm @ Nashville SC / 5.25 7pm @ Pittsburgh River hounds / 6.08 5pm Swope Park Rangers / 6.15 7pm vs. Birmingham Legion / 6.22 7pm @ Louisville City / 6.29 7pm vs. Memphis 901

## BEER / WINE / FOOD:

- [www.FeastFoodTours.com](http://www.FeastFoodTours.com)
- @ Crafty Beer Guys: 2nd Saturdays home brew class
- @ EastSide Local Eatery & VisArt Video: 10am-12pm Morning Matinee - cupcakes, cookies, coffee, conversation, & cartoons

## LIVE MUSIC:

- @ Amos': 5.18 the Maine, Grayscale / 5.25 the Breakfast Club / 6.01 Beyond the Fade, Shun the Raven, Fifty Files, American Theory / 6.08 Studs of Steel / 6.15 Michael Tracy, Preacher Stone
- @ Charlotte Metro Credit Union Amphitheatre: 5.04 Bryan Adams / 6.22 Vampire Weekend
- @ the Evening Muse: 5.04 Tyler Ramsey, Dane Page // 5.11 Lisa DeNovo, Forest Bailey / Scott Mulvahill, Olivia Lane (trio), Joe Rathbone & the Mercy Alliance // 5.18 Arielle // 5.25 Reese McHenry / Monty Mak // 6.01 Groove 8, Masseur // 6.08 Caroline Spence (CD release) // 6.15 Will Varley, Travers Geoffray / the Technicolors // 6.29 Arson Daily, BadCameo
- @ the Fillmore: 6.01 DaBaby / 6.08 Yacht Rock Revue
- @ the Milestone: 5.04 Justin Fireball (Bday Bash) w.the Poontanglers, Lil Skritt, Trout Mouth, Tucker Riggelman, Nefarious, Ophelia Pop Tart / 5.11 Ceshi, Factor Chandelier (full band), Andy the Doorbum, Zeta, the Emotron / 5.18 Fogman, the Flight Risks, Something went Wrong, the Boron Heist / 6.01 No Anger Control, Thing Sloth, the Unsubs, Death of August / 6.08 Violent Life Violent Death (EP release), Circle Back, Arborlea, Basilica
- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 5.04 Run River North / 5.11 the Sol Kitchen Presents: PJ Morton (SOLD OUT) / 5.18 SugarRay Rayford / 6.08 Darrell Scott / 6.15 Kikagaku Moyo, Sarah Louise / 6.22 Kim Richey, Josh Rouse / 6.29 Michelle Malone, Sarah Peacock
- @ Snug Harbor: 5.04 Mdou Moctar, the Medium // 5.11 6pm Knives & Daggers, Candy Coffins, the Mystery Plan / 10pm Featherpocket (album release) // 5.18 5pm Brut Beat (live album recording) / 10pm Radio Rehab & the Sol Kitchen Present: Tall Black Guy, Preach // 5.25 10pm-2am Snug 600 Day 2. w.Temp Job, Indigo De Souza, Icky Bricketts // 6.01 Culture Shift 4 feat. the Hawthornes, Doctor Ocular, Akita
- @ Tommy's Pub: 5.04 the Feeds, Fireball XLS / 5.18 Brangle Bros Band (CD release) / 5.25 When Particles Collide, Motel Glory, SpyBaby / 6.01 Trash Room, the Boron Heist, the Flight Risks
- @ the Underground: 5.11 Stankonia (an Outkast tribute) / 6.01 A Very Get Sad Y'all / 6.08 Xavier Wulf
- @ the Visulite Theatre: 5.04 Lucy Dacus, Mothers / 5.11 Funk You / 6.08 Black Hole Son (a Chris Cornell tribute) / 6.29 Abacab (a Genesis tribute)
- Sat., May 4th @ Freeman's Pub (Gastonia): Van Huskins, the Menders, Sinners & Saints

- Sat., June 29th @ PNC Music Pavilion: Disrupt Fest.  
feat. the Used, Thrice, the Story so Far, Atreyu,  
Sleeping w.Sirens, Four Year Strong, Trophy Eyes,  
Juliet Simms, Hyro the Hero & more
- Sat., June 29th @ the Comet Grill: Leebo & Friends  
(benefiting medical relief for Renelvis)

## PLAY OR POETRY READINGS / BOOK SIGNINGS:

@ the Fresh Shop: Inkblot Slam w.host Breeze

## COMEDY / THEATRE:

@ the Comedy Zone: 5.04 Michael Blackson: 5.11  
Nicole Byer / 5.18 Kountry Wayne / 5.25 Gary Owen  
/ 6.01 Shuler King / 6.08 Craig Robinson / 6.15  
Donnell Rawlings / 6.22 Nikki Glaser / 6.29 Southern  
Mamma & Cledus T. Judd

## SYMPHONY / OPERA / DANCE:

www.CharlotteSymphony.org: 5.04 @ Northwest  
School of the Arts: Youth Orchestra Side-by-Side / 5.18  
@ Knight Theater: Youth Orchestra May Concert / 6.08  
@ Belk Theater: the Music of Queen

## MUSEUMS / ART:

- @ ClearWater Artists Studio: every 2nd Saturday  
10am-4pm Open Studios
- @ the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American  
Arts + Culture: 5.04 11am-1pm Family First Presented  
by Novant Health: Sculpting your Vision / 5.04  
11am-1pm Moving Spirits: African Diaspora Dance  
Workshops / 5.04 12-2pm Smartphone Storytellers -  
Intro to Photography for Smartphones / 5.11 11am-  
1pm Moving Spirits: African Diaspora Dance  
Workshops / 5.18 11am-1pm Moving Spirits: African  
Diaspora Dance Workshops / 5.25 11am-1pm  
Moving Spirits: African Diaspora Dance Workshops /  
6.15 9am-1pm Arts + Technology - One Day Camp  
/ 6.22 11am-1pm Lights, Set, Action / Ready for the  
Stage Performance Showcase
- @ the NASCAR Hall of Fame: 2nd Saturdays interactive  
program exploring racing
- Sat., May 4th @ Crown Station: 3-8pm Wrestling Art  
Show feat.Phoebie Alicia, Declan Murray, Lo'Vonja  
Parks, Julio Gonzalez & others w.the Gore Gore  
Luchadores & more (benefiting Hope Haven)

## PHILANTHROPY:

@ Oso Skate Park: 2nd Saturdays Issa Vibe Adventures  
Presents: Making Sandwiches for the Homeless

## TRADE / INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

- @ Spandex City Comics: 11am Pokemon league
- Sat., June 29th @ Charlotte Open Air Market: 2-8pm  
Charlotte Caribbean Carnival w.parade, fashion,  
art & entertainment

## DANCE MUSIC / DJs / BURLESQUE OR DRAG:

- @ 204 North Kitchen: DJ That Guy Smitty
- @ the Milestone: 5.25 Digital Noir w.DJ Spider &  
Michael Price / 6.22 Electrohex w.DJ Price
- @ Roxbury: DJ Jody
- @ Serj: 5.11 "Planet of the Drums" w.Dieselboy, Messinian,  
Dara & AK1200 / 6.01 Art of Techno w.Luis  
Armando, Nat Black, Jenna Gillmore, Fotizo, G3X
- @ Vibrations Lounge: 9pm-12am Old School Saturdays  
(live 105.3 broadcast) hosted by Rae Styles
- @ Workman's Friend: DJ Wiiz Kid (Steve Warwick)
- Sat., May 4th @ the Rabbit Hole: 9pm-2am  
Mandyland Presents: Cosmic Glam w.performances  
by Satarah, Tia Douglas, Jack Dolf, Ducky Delight,  
Fast & Loose + space trivia by Martin "the Clown"  
Barry & Grade A Grooves does Bowie tribute, the  
Intergalactic Bastard Band
- Sat., May 4th in NoDa: 1-7pm NoDa Day in May  
w.vendors & food trucks + DJs Melodious Funk,  
G3X, Johnny Darling, Chuck Martin, Mikael C. Fritts  
& more (benefiting Crisis Assistance)
- Sat., May 4th @ Tip Top Daily Market: 7pm CSDJ  
& Kraftward
- Sat., May 11th @ Crown Station: NC Reggae  
Presents: Bliss - an all white international day party  
w.Mix Master David

## KARAOKE:

@ Noda 101: Karaoke

## COMICS:

- Sat., May 4th @ Rebel Base Comics & Toys  
(Charlotte), Heroes Aren't Hard to Find (Charlotte),  
A.Pennyworth's Comics & News (Matthews),  
Spandex City (Charlotte), Nikelspot Comics &  
Collectibles (Fort Mill), & Jim Waugh's Collector's  
World (Cramerton): www.FreeComicBookDay.com
- Sat., May 4th @ Cabarrus Brewing Co.: 3rd Annual  
Concord Micro-Con

# 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)
- May 10th & 11th @ Historic Rural Hill (Huntersville):  
[www.NCBrewsMusic.com](http://www.NCBrewsMusic.com) w.NoDa Brewing, 26 Acres, Pikot, High Branch, Triple C., Wooden Robot, Fiddlin' Fish & many more + feat.the Infamous Stringdusters, Donna the Buffalo, Elonzo Wesley & others
- June 7th-9th in uptown (on Tryon): [www.TasteOfCharlotte.com](http://www.TasteOfCharlotte.com)

## LIVE MUSIC:

- May 2nd-3rd @ Knight Theatre: Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra - Wynton Marsalis
- May 23rd-25th @ Romare Beardon Park: Speed Street [www.600Festival.com](http://www.600Festival.com) feat. STYX & more
- May 25th-26th @ 3700 Seaforth Dr.: SlutFest w.Aarodynamics, Menastree, Phaze Gawd & many more

## COMEDY / THEATRE:

- June 6th-20th @ Hadley Theater (Queens Univ.): Actor's Theatre of Charlotte Presents: Fun Home (Lisa Kron & Jeanine Tesori)

## SYMPHONY / OPERA / DANCE:

- May 9th, 11th, & 12th @ Belk Theater:  
[www.OperaCarolina.org](http://www.OperaCarolina.org) Presents: Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin
- May 17th-19th @ Knight Theatre:  
[www.CharlotteSymphony.org](http://www.CharlotteSymphony.org) Presents: Ravel Bolero

## 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 May 4th @ Jerald Melberg Gallery: Robert Motherwell's Monotypes
- June 10th-21st @ the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: 9am-1pm Lights, Set, Action / two-week theatre camp
- June 14th-19th @ the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: Fine Art Fridays - family-friendly workshops @ 11am & 2pm
- June 25th-30th @ Knight Theatre: Falsettos (musical)
- THRU Sept. 1st @ the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: Welcome to Brookhill (photographs from this Charlotte neighbourhood)

## COMICS:

- June 14th-16th @ the Charlotte Convention Center: [www.HeroesOnline.com](http://www.HeroesOnline.com) Comic Book Convention

## INTERNET RADIO:

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

# TRAVEL TO EVENTS:

## BEER / WINE / FOOD:

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

## LIVE MUSIC:

- May 3rd-5th @ Central Park (Atlanta, GA):  
www.ShakyKneesFestival.com feat.Incubus,  
Beck, Cage the Elephant, Tame Impala, Tears for  
Fears, Interpol, the Struts, Liz Phair, Illiterate Light &  
many more
- Sat., May 4th @ Art Bar (Columbia, SC): Eight  
Track Parade, Candy Coffins, the Mystery Plan
- Thurs., May 9th @ Fleetwood's (W.Asheville):  
Guitar Wolf, Greg Cartwright, Zin Vetro, Paint  
Fumes
- Thurs., May 16th @ New Brookland Tavern  
(Columbia, SC): Anchor Detail
- Fri., May 17th @ Schoolkids Records (Raleigh):  
Anchor Detail

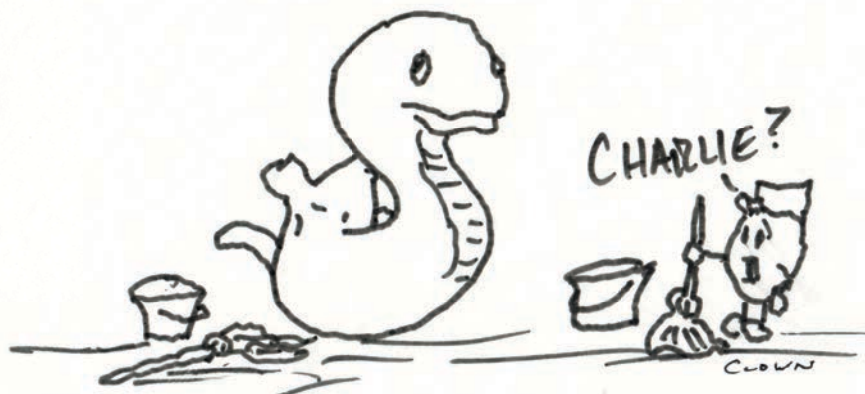
## DANCE MUSIC / DJs / BURLESQUE OR DRAG:

- Sat., May 18th @ Treehouse Beer Co. (Cedar  
Point, NC): Soundcheck Presents: For the Love of  
Drum & Bass 3 w.DJs Aggression, Danjamouse,  
DFly, Dr. Genesis, Echo-1, Grendel, Gyromite, J  
Dubb, John Wolf, Phobia + Mango, Shyguy,  
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# MICRO MONSTERS

by "The Clown"



# KNIFE & FORK RESTAURANT

by: Ellen Gurley



Charlotteans have seen a lot of mainstays reduced to nothing but rubble under the hand of growth and gentrification. With so much to be mad at these days, you may have forgotten the decades long-gone Knife & Fork. If so, behold the Phoenix rising from the ash. The original Knife & Fork was closed many years back when Independence Boulevard was doing the expanding thing. Once at the corner of Sharon Amity, there just shy of the intersection, Knife & Fork was a bustling diner that saw most of its play late at night. While we do have a couple of other Greek-owned joints that serve late on the weekends, this is about the Knife & Fork. Opened originally in 1963 and closed in 2001, regulars can remember rubbing elbows with drag queens and business men during the same hours, all while Charlie (RIP) was shouting out handwritten orders.

Same family, new location; just shy of the old one, on Albemarle Road. The new home contains all of the things that you would expect; classic booths, career waitresses, and large portions. Owned and operated by the Kalopitas men, Knife & Fork still has the steak and eggs, all the omelettes, and daily specials including fried fish and marinated pork tips. You already know that (my) Greeks are king at selling Italian dishes, plus there are generous submarine sandwiches and salads for days. They have the largest cut of baklava in town (call my bluff) and will do catering. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are all served for all hours of operation and, of course, they have gyros. With plenty of parking and our direction, My City Magazine will see you there soon.

**Hours: Monday-Wednesday 5:30am-10pm, Thursday open at 5:30am-Sunday 3pm**

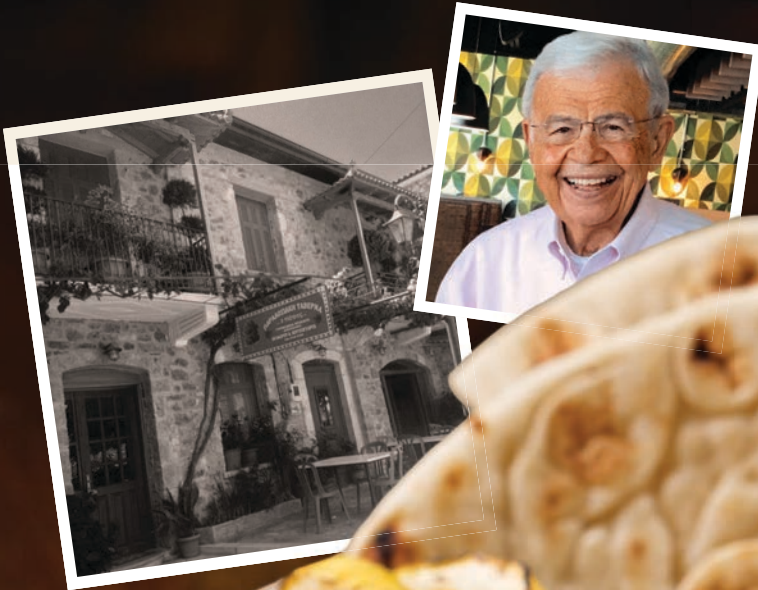
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