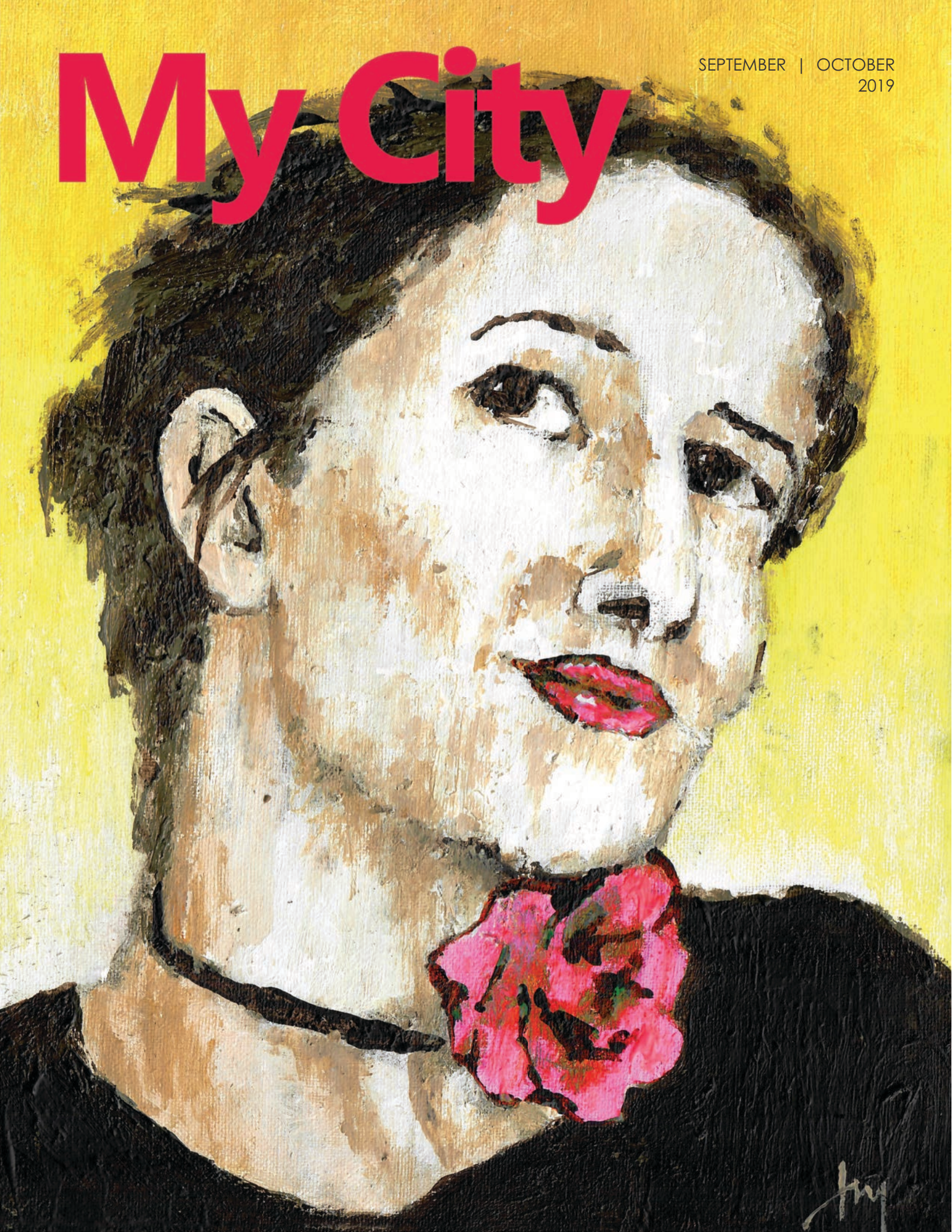


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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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Hi Charlotte,

We hope you enjoy this issue and thank you for reading. Let My City Magazine's Clown introduce you to DJ Spider and reintroduce you to his haunted attraction list. 'Tis the season for fall farm fruit pickin', so check out our list in this issue. Let Sabrina Hayko share her Punkin Spiced Natte drink recipe, which is always a hit, and always check out John Burgin's Frogboy. Meet Jesse in this installment's Pet Profile then see the Clown's advice column and his Micro Monsters. Plus don't forget to check out the exhaustive event listing and subscribe to our monthly newsletter by emailing 'subscribe' to ellengurley@gmail.com.

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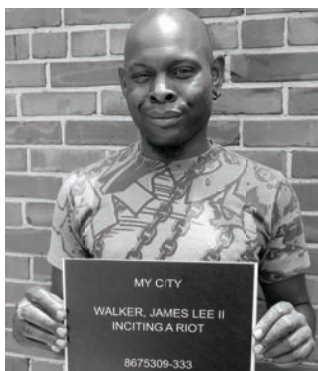
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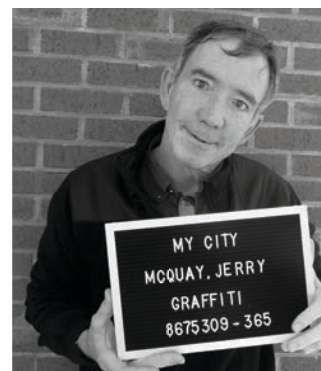
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FALL HAUNTED ATTRACTION LIST

BY: THE CLOWN

When the most wonderful time of the year arrives and the temperatures begin to drop, the talented people of the haunted house industry come out to play with their new concepts and features. These regional, haunted attractions put on productions that are worth the drive and the admission prices. Check the websites for features, hours of operation, and ticket information and take in the mayhem.

www.BOOGERWOODS.org

Boogerwoods is a guided attraction that includes multiple haunts to give patrons a well-rounded fright experience. You may get a bit dirty and damp at this one, so dress accordingly. Check the website for dates, times, and policies.

725 Phaniel Church Road, Rockwell, NC, 28138, 704-855-7922

www.FEARWORLD.com

Netherworld Haunted House is the undisputed king of haunted houses in the region. Netherworld has two enormous, walk-through, haunted attractions and there are escape rooms for a separate entry fee. You could spend an entire day exploring here. Don't forget to check out the resplendent gift shop.

2076 West Park Place Boulevard, Stone Mountain, GA,
404-608-2484

www.NCHAUNTEDFARM.com

Just a short drive can get you to The Haunted Farm, a three part attraction taking you through a wooded trail, a farm, and a haunted hayride.

624 Townsend Road, Hendersonville, NC 28762, 828-702-7911

www.RALEIGHHAUNTEDHOUSE.com

The Haunted Forest at Panic Point is an outdoor trail delivering scares all along the half mile path. Several smaller attractions are featured here as well, including laser shots at zombies. Wear shoes proper for outdoors.

2808 Cedar Creek Road, Youngsville, NC 27596, 919-526-8612

www.SCARRIGANFARMS.com

Weekends in October see a transformation of this 170 acre farm into one of the scariest, haunted trails in the region. Scarigan Farms has varying features along the trail that will transport you to new areas of terror. Get your boots on and prepare for the thrills of this attraction.

1213 Oak Ridge Farm Highway, Mooresville, NC 28115,
704-644-1450

www.SPOOKYWOODS.com

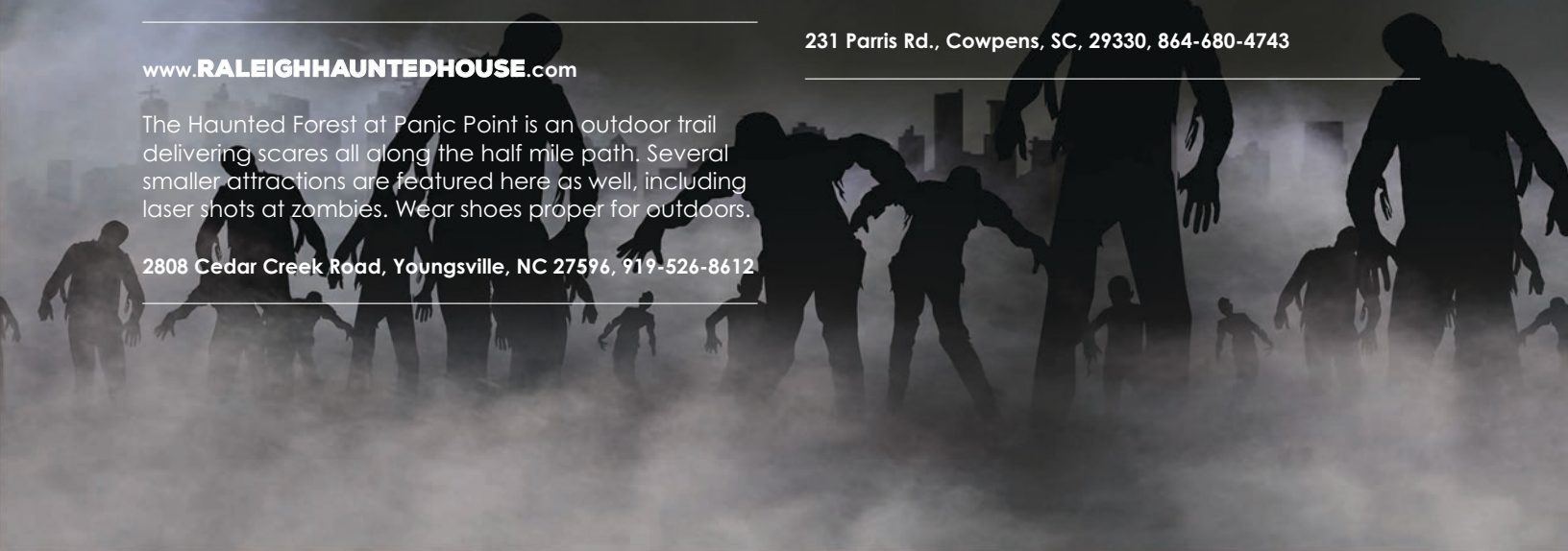
Kersey Valley Spookywoods is an enormous attraction which has a midway, corn maze, trams, and haunts that are certain to chill and thrill. The experience has been known to include the 1930's farm house where the very walls will attack you. Make sure to visit the gift shop and wear sensible shoes.

1615 Kersey Valley Rd., Archdale, NC 27263, 336-431-1700

www.WOMPUSWOODS.com

Wompus Woods is an outdoor, haunted attraction based on the legend of the Wompus Monster featuring hayrides, concessions, and a souvenir shop. The website recommends against coming alone.

231 Parris Rd., Cowpens, SC, 29330, 864-680-4743



PUNKIN SPIKED NATTE

CRAFT COCKTAIL RECIPE BY: SABRINA "THE LADY BEANS" HAYKO



After living in the south for twenty five years, I simply cannot understand why people start going "fall crazy" in August. We still have at least another month, if not two, of (this) sweltering heat. This year, it was in the '90's until the middle of October. I need cooler weather and changing leaves to appreciate pumpkin-spiced-every-thing. Pumpkin weather starts at Halloween and goes through the holidays, in my world. So without further ado, I present to you the Punkin Spiked Natte (as in, it is not a latte, but it tries).

INGREDIENTS :

- Vodka- I used Tito's because I had it.
- Pumpkin purée- I got mine from The Urban Garden at The Community Table Bistro which is part of food services at Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont.
(Thank you, Andrew King, for supplying this for me.)
- Coffee- I used Organic Peruvian beans from S&D coffee
(Thank you, Mark Hepp, for those.)
- Vanilla beans, cinnamon sticks, and heavy cream

PUNKIN SPIKED NATTE :

- In a mason jar
 - 1/2 cup ground coffee
 - 1 split vanilla bean
 - 1 cinnamon stick
 - 1 cup Vodka
- Close jar, shake lightly to mix ingredients, put in your fridge for 3-5 days. The longer it sits, the stronger the flavor.
 - Strain mix through a fine mesh strainer then push lightly on the ingredients to release as much liquid as possible.
 - Layer 2 oz. pumpkin purée in the bottom of mug, pour 2 oz. coffee infused vodka on top, then top with lightly whipped heavy cream. Sprinkle cinnamon on top.
 - Make sure you stir the ingredients before drinking. Or if you are not looking for the layered affect, put pumpkin and coffee vodka in a shaker and dry shake then top with whipped cream. ENJOY!

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"ASK THE CLOWN" : AN ADVICE COLUMN BY THE CLOWN

Q

DEAR CLOWN,

My friends and I have been together since college and we make a point to do something together every week. Some of the women in our group seem to be upset with me lately. If they are walking to their car in a group, I stay put, but if one is leaving alone, I always walk them to their car. The last time I did this, I was told that it started a rumor among them that I was hitting on the solo ones. I assured them that my concern was only for their safety, but there is still some coldness there. How can I fix that? Sincerely,
The Guardian

A

DEAR GUARDIAN,

The next time all of you are out, address it to the group. Safety is always warranted when you are out anywhere, and your presence is a good deterrent. If it were me, I would add that after knowing them for so long, there is no possible way I could stand to date them. Stay vigil,
The Clown

Q

DEAR CLOWN,

My mother is dating an ex-girlfriend's father. They met at random and my mother had

never met my ex-girlfriend until lately. Now I am dreading that family events will include everyone. That relationship ended badly with her cheating and stealing from me. How do I even approach handling this?

Sincerely,

Unwanted Past

A

DEAR UNWANTED PAST,

Prioritize mom's happiness. Have an honest conversation about what happened in the past and begin to strategize together on how to handle anything that may be awkward. After some time, you may find that this has less impact than you imagine. That is the usual case for the things we dread the most.

Breathe,

The Clown

Q

DEAR CLOWN,

I have had several people turn against me lately. Some of these people have been friends since high school and some have even been family. Their problem with me is that I don't tolerate racism, xenophobia, and some of the terrible things that I see happening lately. I work against hate daily and have several causes where I contribute or volunteer. I also call people out when they are racist or hateful. It tears at my heart that people have

turned against me. Is there any remedy to that?

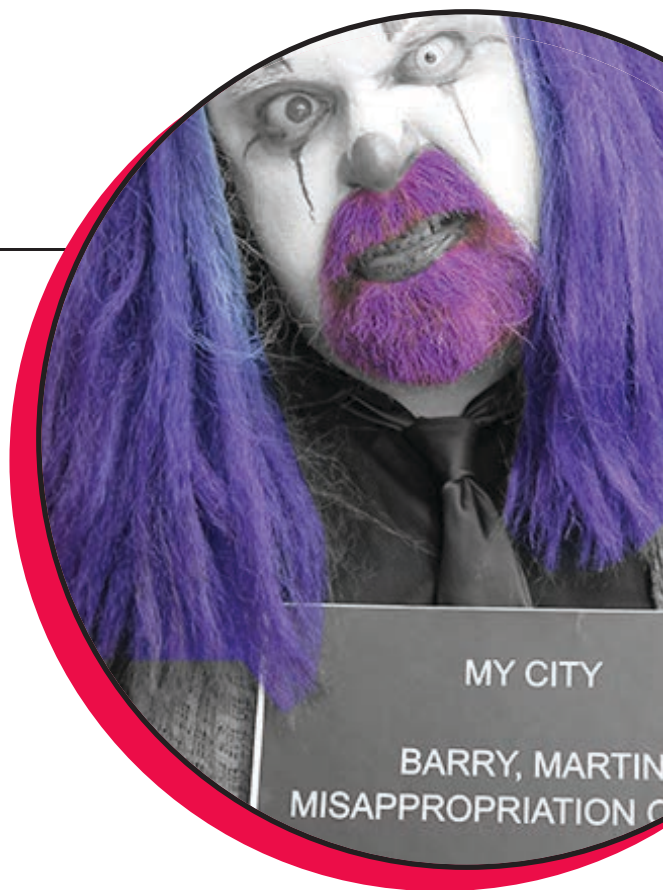
Sincerely,
Harmonious

A

DEAR HARMONIOUS,

The adage says that if you have enemies, it means you stood for something. Compromising on an ideal like the elimination of fear and hatred to be accepted by anyone else, including family members, would be wrong. The current rejection may tear at your heart, but letting go of this ideal would tear up your soul.

Live honestly,
The Clown



THINGS I SHOULD NOT HAVE TO TELL YOU
In this edition, I have one simple thing for all of you.

The Rogers Rule: If Fred Rogers (Mister Rogers' Neighborhood) or Steve Rogers (Captain America) would NOT do a thing or say a thing, then you probably should not either.

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

FARMERS MARKET LIST

- **7th Street Public Market**, 224 E.7th St., www.7thStreetPublicMarket.com
- **Atherton Market**, 2104 South Blvd., www.AthertonMillAndMarket.com
(Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays)
- **Belmont Farmers Market**, 6 N.Main St., Belmont
- **Bradford Store**, the 15915 Davidson-Concord Rd., Huntersville, www.TheBradfordStore.com
- **Charlotte Regional Farmers Market**, 1801 Yorkmont Rd., www.NCAR.gov./facilities/markets/Charlotte, May-Sept. daily except for Mondays
- **Columbus Tailgate Market Courthouse Square**, www.PolkCountyFarms.org
- **Common Grounds**, 119 Huntley Pl., Charlotte, www.CommonGroundsFarmStand.org
- **Conover Farmers Market**, www.ConoverFarmersMarket.org
- **Cramerton Farmers Market**, www.Cramerton.org
- **Crossroads Regional Farmers Market**, 1551 E.Broad St., Statesville, www.CrossroadsRegionalFarmersMarket.org
- **Davidson Farmers Market**, 120 S.Main St., Davidson, NC, www.DavidsonFarmersMarket.org (Saturdays 8am-noon)
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- **Highland Creek Farmers Market**, 6213 Bell's Bill Dr., www.HighlandCreekFarmersMarket.com Apr.-Oct. Wednesdays 3-7pm
- **Huntersville Farmers Market**, 103 Maxwell St., Huntersville, NC, www.Huntersville.org May-Oct. Saturdays 8am-12pm
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- **Kings Drive Farmers Market / Simpson's Produce**, 939 S.Kings Dr., 704-332-6366, Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays
- **Lincolnton Market**, 225 W.Water St., Lincolnton, NC, www.LincolnCountyFarmersMarket.com
- **Lowell Farmers Market**, www.LowellNC.com
Matthews Community Farmers Market, 188 N. Trade St., Matthews, NC, www.MatthewsFarmersMarket.com, Saturdays
- **Mecklenburg County Market**, 1515 Harding Pl., www.MecklenburgCountyMarket.com
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- **Mill Hill Farmers Market**, 7601 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd., Mint Hill, NC, www.MintHillHistory.com
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- **Mooresville Rotary Farmers Market**, 150 S.Church St., Mooresville, NC, 704-451-9190
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- **Mount Holly Farmers Market**, 130 S.Main St., Mount Holly
- **Newell Farmers Market**, 1704 Rocky River Rd., 704-578-1415, www.NewellFarmersMarket.com
- **NoDa Farmers Market**, www.NoDaFarmersMarket.com @ NoDa Company Store 3221 Yadkin Ave., 980-859-0441, www.TheCompanyStoreNoDa.com, Saturdays 9am-12pm all seasons
- **North Mecklenburg Farmers Market**, 700 N.Tryon St., 704-336-2561
- **Pickles Farmers Market**, 136 E.36th St.
- **Piedmont Farmers Market**, 518 Winecoff School Rd., Concord, NC, www.Piedmont-FarmersMarket.com
- **Pilot Mountain Farmers Market**, 206 E.Main St., Pilot Mountain, www.Surry.ces.ncsu.edu
- **Pineville Farmers Market**, 300 Main St., Pineville, www.TownOfPineville.com, Saturdays 8am-12pm
- **Plaza-Midwood Farmers Market**, 2007 Commonwealth Ave., 704-794-2033
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- **Rock Hill Old Town Market**, 121 Caldwell St., Rock Hill, www.OnlyInOldTown.com/Market
- **Salisbury Farmers Market**, www.SalisburyMarket.com
- **Shamrock Farmers Market**, 1501 Eastway Dr., Charlotte
- **Selwyn Farmers Market**, 3100 Selwyn Ave., Wednesdays 3-7pm
- **Sow Much Good Urban Farm & Market**, 3400 Sunset Rd., 704-947-6842, www.SowMuchGood.org
- **Stanly County Farmers Market**, 100 Railroad St., Albermarle, www.AlbermarleDowntown.com
- **Statesville Evening Farmers Market**, 134 N.Center St., www.TheEveningFarmersMarket.com
- **Statesville Rotary Farmers Market**, 131 E.Sharpe St., www.StatesvilleRotary.org
- **Union County Farmers Market**, 802 Skyway Dr., Monroe, NC
- **Wallace Community Tailgate Market**, 11202 Harris Rd., Huntersville
- **Waxhaw Farmers Market**, 116 McDonald St., Waxhaw, www.WaxhawFarmersMarket.org, Saturdays 9am-1pm
- **Wedgewood Farmers Market**, 4800 Wedgewood Dr., www.WedgewoodFarmersMarket.com
- **Winecoff Market**, 518 Winecoff School Rd., Concord
- **Yadkin Farmers Market**, 1230 Tennessee St., Yadkinville
- **York Tailgate Market**, 802 E.Liberty St., York, www.YorkTailgateMarket.blogspot.com

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- **A Way of Life Farm**, www.AWayOfLifeFarm.com
Allee 'Bubba, 3600 Wendy Ln., Concord
- **Apple Orchard Farm & Cider Mill**, 2075 Pleasant Hill Ave., Morganton, NC 28655, 828-437-1224, www.AppleOrchardFarmNC.com (apple picking August-November / stores & stands August-December / closed Sundays)
- **Aw Shucks**, 3718 Plyer Mill Rd., Monroe, NC, 704-709-7000, www.AwShucksFarms.com (Pick-Your-Own Pumpkin : FALL)
- **Bame**, 1585 Patterson Rd., Salisbury
- **Barbee**, 1000 Shelton Rd., Concord, 980-521-1395 (Mon.-Fri. 9am-3pm)
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- **Big Oak Farm**, 6565 Beaver Rd., Kannapolis
- **Bountiful Harvest Farm**, www.BountifulHarvestFarmNC.com
- **Burton Farms**, Vale, NC, www.Facebook.com/BurtonFarms
- **Bush-N-Vine Farm**, 803-684-2732, www.BushNVine.com (fall corn maze, Pick-Your-Own Pumpkin & hayrides)
- **Carrigan Farms**, 1261 Oak Ridge Farm Hwy., Mooresville, NC, 704-664-1450, www.CarriganFarms.com (Strawberry picking May / apples in Sept. / FALL : Pick-Your-Own Pumpkin)
- **Coddle Creek Farms**, 2200 Coddle Creek Hwy., Mooresville, 28115, 704-402-8885 (Wed.-Sat. 10am-6pm)
- **Coldwater Creek**, 2151 Bethlehem Church Rd., Gold Hill, www.ColdwaterCreek.com
- **Commonwealth Farms**, 704-756-4948, FB: Commonwealth Farms
- **Cotton Hills Farm**, 2575 Lowrys Highway, Chester, SC 29706, 803-581-4545, www.CottonHillsFarm.com (strawberry picking thru April / peaches June-Sept. / pumpkins FALL)
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- **Fading D Farm**, 295 Fading D Farm Rd, Salisbury, 28144, 980-330-8189 (Saturdays 3-6pm)
- **Gilcrest Natural Farm**, 1164 Lowes Ln., Iron Station
- **Good Karma Ranch Alpacas**, 1041 Brevard Place Rd., Iron Station
- **Grateful Growers**, 3006 Mack Ballard Rd., Denver, www.GGFarm.com
- **(CLOSING SOON) Hall Family Farm**, 10713 Providence Rd. W., 704-562-4021, www.HallFamilyFarm.com (strawberry picking Apr.-June / FALL : Pick-Your-Own Pumpkin)
- **Happy Hills Alpaca Farm**, 708 Winding Brook Rd., Monroe
- **Hickory Nut Gap**, www.HickoryNutGapFarm.com
- **Hodges Farm**, 3900 Rocky River Rd., 704-494-0107, www.HodgesFarmNC.com (FALL : Pick-Your-Own Pumpkin)
- **Hoffner Organic Farms**, 1030 Kerr Mill Rd., Mount Ulla
- **Hunter Farm**, the, 13624 Providence Rd., Weddington, NC 704-846-7975, www.theHunterFarm.org (FALL : Pick-Your-Own Pumpkin & hayrides)
- **Lewis Farm**, 3330 Lewis Rd., Gastonia, NC, 704-842-1208, www.LewisFarm.org (FALL : Pick-Your-Own Pumpkin)
- **Linwell Farms**, 704 E. 36th St., 28205, 704-906-1705, www.LinwellFarms.com (not open to the public)
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- **Small City Farm**, 704-962-1025, Kim@SmallCityFarm.com
- **Summerberry Farm**, 3430 Rimer Rd., Concord, NC 28025, 704-721-0670 (blackberry picking June-July / closed Sundays)
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- **Underwood Family Farms**, 917 Oak Grove Cloverhill Church Rd., Lawndale, uffarms@aol.com
- **Whispering Hope Farm**, 704-674-8911, Gastonia, www.WhisperingHomeFarm.com
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PET PROFILE

JESSE

Hey, My City Magazine readers. My peeps doggone told me I've been asked to give you a little intel on my life, so here's what I've got.

HISTORY:

It was a cold, wintery mix on January 19th, 2008 when Uncle Dave found me on the porch and scooped me up. He put me in the tub with blankets to keep me safe and warm. The next thing I remember, a lady named Tracie (I think her friends call her Nasty) held me in her arms. Our eyes met and we fell in love. I have no idea how I ended up on the porch that day, but Mommy

thinks I was sent from Heaven. You see

Mommy's BFF John was no longer here on earth.

He must've known that she felt

alone and needed unconditional love...Poof and there I was. There were 2 factors that helped determine my name. 1. The day I was found, Mommy was attending a funeral for her friend Jesse and 2. John's favorite song was Jesse's girl. Jesse was the perfect name to honor them both.

FAMILY LIFE:

Mongrel, Jesse Bean and Chin Chin are some of my nicknames. Daddy likes to call me Jesse The Bad and says I'm funny looking, but that's just his way of telling me he loves me. I first lived with Mommy and my older brother Felix. Being a finicky feline, he's the one who taught me the importance of ninja fighting skills. We then moved in with Daddy and my step brother Mack and it was the shiznit! Mack loved to play with my adorable self. He was the guard dog and showed me the ropes. When both Felix and Mack crossed the rainbow bridge, I knew it was time for me to put my big girl panties on and run the show. So now I'm the ringleader of this family freak show. My sister from another mister is named Booty and boy does she love her toys like they were her babies. Definitely the maternal type, unlike myself, who prefers to shake and kill the toys walking away like a badass beast. Then there's this "random"





that showed up and never left. His name is Mick and he is "BRO-tastic" for sure. They probably should've named him Brad or Chad, but whatevs. And rounding out the gaggle is my cuz, Chloe, who is an American Dingo. I think she looks like a deer...I mean, for real, I think she's a deer...and I think her eyes are a little crossed.

EMPLOYMENT:

My first job was the bar greeter at The Chop Shop in NoDa. I snuggled in my bed underneath the bar ice well while mom made drinks and as the customers walked by. I came out to greet them to make sure they were having an amazing time. My best job suddenly ended when the big bad brown particle board apartments came and took it over. It was the worst day ever ever, but Mommy has a new gig over at The Shed Amphitheater and it looks like I'll be coming out of retirement at the next venue! *fingers crossed"

FAVORITE THINGS:

Hopping in the back of Mom's FJ and hitting the beach is where it's at. Nothing beats the sand in my paws, waves crashing, and the smell of the ocean to help me unwind after the long drive. But my absolute faaaave is going to 300 East to see Aunt Kris! She is the best chef in town and makes the tastiest dog treats (Grrrunch). Of course, I share with my siblings, because Mommy raised me right. But what I really want to say to them is "Nah G...ALL the treats are for me"!!

Know what makes me feel on top of the world?

Mommy singing silly songs to me and telling me I'm the love of her life. I can't tell Daddy, because I'm sure he thinks that he's the number one in her life... but come on folks look at this face: these teeth...this underbite...my fluffy tail. I could go on and on.

Sorry, y'all, but I have to cut this short. I smell Mom cooking up a storm and I'm on floor clean up duty. Thanks for reaching out and if you need to know more about my awesome life, have your people call my people. PEACE OUT, My City Magazine, readers. Keep them paws up! Jesse

Would you like to see your pet's profile in My City Magazine? Email EllenGurley@gmail.com

DJ SPIDER | NOT ALL DJS WEAR CAPES

BY THE CLOWN



You have seen her. She is the one making you want to dance at Gin Mill or Milestone. She is the one dressed up at Heroes Aren't Hard to Find for Free Comic Book Day. She is the one at the Heroes Convention showing up in three or more costumes a day and then popping up as Wonder Woman to host the costume contest. She is the one that you see in Atlanta at Dragon Con spinning music for an event dressed as Dazzler and making you wonder if that is the same DJ from Charlotte. She can set the mood of any event, inspire cosplayers of all ages, and make kids believe in heroes.

Suzann Knudsen, AKA DJ Spider, has been one of the city's best entertainment bets for years. Every DJ event is a unique experience that make you never want to miss an appearance. Her cosplay is visually stunning and precise. Suzann is also one of the nicest people you will ever meet and a true ambassador of Charlotte. The Clown caught up with DJ Spider during the critical window between coming down from Heroes Con and ramping up for Dragon Con.

CLOWN: What influences from your childhood follow you to this day? How do you share them with the world?

DJ SPIDER: Musically, my dad was a jazz clarinet player, so we grew up surrounded by music. Growing up in the Caribbean, musical influences came from everywhere, as it's really a cultural melting pot of transplants from around the world. I don't let genres tell me if I'll like it. I'll always listen first.

CLOWN: What are your current challenges as a DJ and what keeps it interesting for you?

DJ SPIDER: There's been a ton of great growth in the city, but as a result we've lost some of the more established venues that were open to booking off-beat nights or smaller bands (and parking...we've lost so much parking!). It can be challenging to find the right

spot to launch a night. As for what keeps it interesting, it's definitely the people. No two nights are ever the same, no matter what genre I'm spinning.

CLOWN: What are your key steps for preparing for a set?

DJ SPIDER: It's always reviewing the music, but it depends on the type of night. For themed events, it's combing through my library to find tracks that will help set the tone or mood, or doing research online if it's left-of-center, which I actually love doing. I had no idea I would like 60's French pop until a gig called for it. If it's more current or mainstream music, I look over the charts and skim social media. If it's more of a dance or rave, I'll dig through sites like SoundCloud and poke through YouTube for things that make my butt wiggle.

CLOWN: In selecting tracks to play in a set, do you find it to be pure subjectivity/bpm/theme, or are there



other criteria that you use?

DJ SPIDER: It's part popular vote, part event theme, and part gut-feeling. When I'm actually DJing, it can all go out the window depending on what the crowd is like or what my instinct says. You have to be able to read a crowd and help that flow along.

CLOWN: With so many remakes, remixes, mash-ups, and other versions of songs available, what is your opinion on respecting the source material and traditional live mixes?

DJ SPIDER: Again, I think it comes down to the crowd. If a track is overplayed, a remix can make it fresh again. An interesting remake is worth playing, but a remake that sounds EXACTLY LIKE THE ORIGINAL? I'll usually play the original. Sometimes a crowd just needs reminding. I've been doing this long enough to have played Vanilla Ice when he dropped "Ice Ice Baby" the first time, so occasionally dropping Queen on a crowd was sort of my way of being educational.

CLOWN: You make each of your sets a unique experience for the audience. What methods do you use to achieve this? Does most of it come naturally or is some of it difficult?

DJ SPIDER: Every audience is unique. Even at a residency, any number of dynamics can change the vibe, whether it's something as simple as a heat wave, a competing event, or a bachelorette party. The dance floor and crowd are a living organism that you have to kind of keep in tune with. They're unique so the experience is unique. If the music can help that along, even better. Sometimes it's tough, sure. I did a gig in the DC area years ago that I went into ready to get everyone moving, only to find that a local member of the community had just passed away suddenly and they had an impromptu wake going on at the same time. You have to be ready to adapt to situations like that.

CLOWN: Did cosplay come before DJing or did these endeavors evolve together?

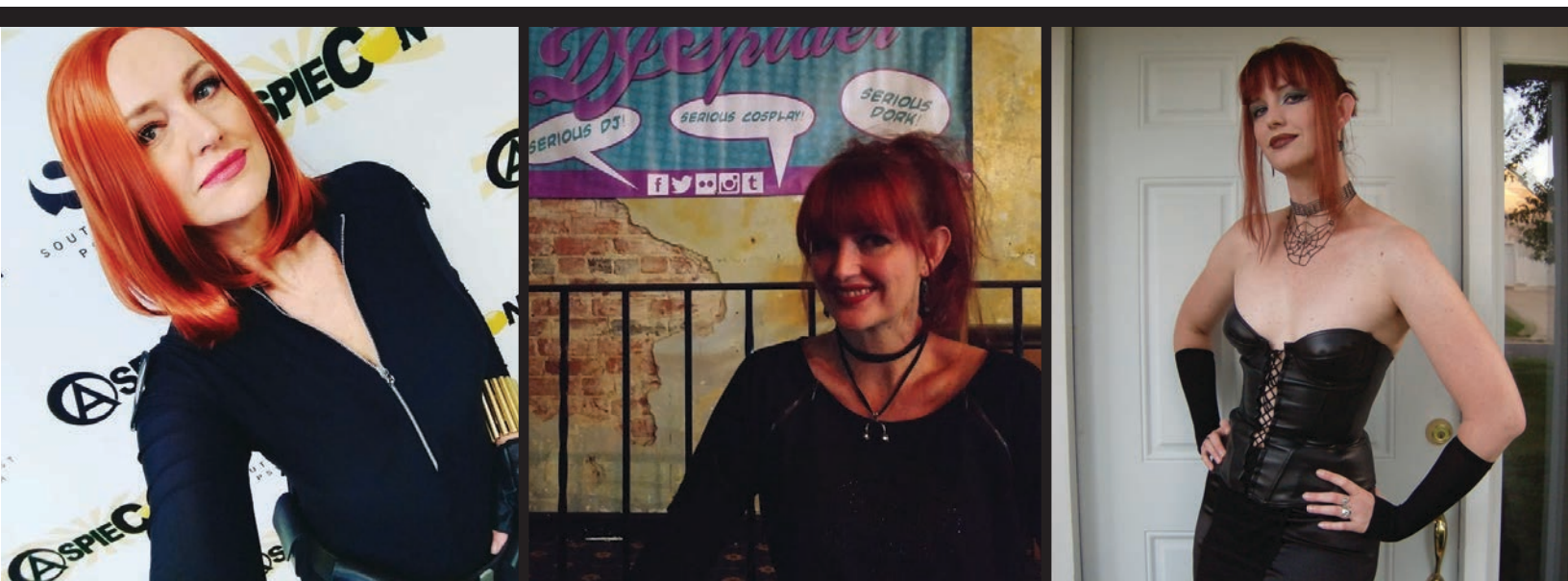
DJ SPIDER: DJing probably came first, but Halloween events were always in the mix. It wasn't until I discovered conventions that I realized that I had been cosplaying for years and just didn't know it. Being able to combine the two over time was an absolute bonus.

CLOWN: What was your most complex cosplay and how did you handle the difficulties?

DJ SPIDER: Every cosplay has challenges, but the one that probably took the most amount of rigging was my Dreamqueen costume. Rigging the horns and wig to sit on my head involved several trips to the Lowe's plumbing department and the deep V is held in place with some wiring, fashion tape, and prayers. Plus, there was body paint to keep in place, fangs, and four-inch heels. I think I was about seven feet tall when all was said and done, so walking through hallways was an adventure.

CLOWN: You are known for excellent fabrication. What are your top three craftsmanship tips?

DJ SPIDER: Start at the end. Figure out any challenges you might face while actually wearing the costume. Important questions can include; are there fragile pieces that might fall off, do you have to carry large props, can you pee? Figure out how you're going to get to wherever you're going in it. Does it fit in the car? Do YOU fit in the car when wearing it? Does it need its own seat on a plane? What date do you need it by and can you get these specialty items you have to order to me on time? You will make mistakes. You will end up starting over on some portion of it. Don't freak out and don't put yourself down. You'll fix it. And the next time you do it it'll get easier. I only sew sleeves on inside-out about HALF of the time now and I've been doing this a LONG time. Choose the right underwear. I



have what I call an "Underwear Manifesto" regarding the use of dance belts and keeping yourself family friendly at a con.

Pro Tips: For the love of all that is spandex...MEN! Buy a freakin' dance belt! Remember kids are eye level with your junk! I promise you that no one's treasured family photo is going to end up being their little angel next to your little package. Also boxers do not work under spandex, not even for Ambush Bug. And LADIES, a note to you since I recently saw a picture that made me cringe a little. Far be it from me to tell you how to landscape, but if you choose to go commando under your suits, please check to make sure it doesn't look like you're smuggling ramen into the building, m'kay? Underwear is ridiculously important for your costumes. When you are doing fittings or taking measurements, make sure you are wearing what you plan to wear under the costume, to make sure all of the details lie where you expect them to. Remember that spandex has a tendency to flatten the bosom, so a good bra (or two, if you're Jersey Shorein' it) is super important. Be wary of moose knuckles and camel toe. There are plenty of options online to help you figure out how to solve them. There are also a multitude of thong styles out there to help you avoid panty lines. And my personal pet peeve - please make sure your undies are in nude shades or match your outfit. Valkyrie looks a lot less fierce when Spongebob is peeking out.

CLOWN: Do you have a favorite character?

DJ SPIDER: Dazzler is my first love and might have played a small part in why I do any sort of musical performance (as a DJ - I can't sing a note or play a single instrument). Her story inspired me, her powers enthralled me, and the fact that a roller-skating superhero in KISS makeup has managed to stand the test of time is testament to her story and longevity in the Marvel universe. On a larger scale, Wonder Woman is deep in my heart and soul, as well, for the standard she sets for not only other women, but for the world. We can only

hope to live in a world where love is the first choice, not war.

CLOWN: Is there a dream character that you have not done?

DJ SPIDER: I have 50 or 60 more cosplays on my to-do list. The last one will probably be Spidey's Aunt May if I can figure out how to do it. The Rachel Summers Excalibur-era Phoenix with an actual full Alan Davis-style Phoenix lit up behind me on command.

CLOWN: If you could tell your past self anything about cosplay, what would you say?

DJ SPIDER: Do fewer of them and spend more time with friends, actually. I usually set myself on a frenetic pace to complete a ridiculous number of cosplays every year and I wish I had gotten into the habit of saying "no" to my inner voice a lot earlier in my life.

CLOWN: Tell us your funniest cosplay story and the most horrific?

DJ SPIDER: Funniest -The first year I did Big Barda, I crafted a female chest plate with a much larger cup size that I have and I wasn't used to it. I was constantly opening doors into them or hitting people in the back of the head on the escalator. My husband would just apologize with a sigh and say, "Sorry, they're new". Most Horrific - I don't know if I have anything truly horrific, but I was reprising my classic Barbarella for a sci-fi themed burlesque show and, due to some timing issues, I only had about 30 minutes to change in the bathroom at the venue after dress rehearsals were over. While trying to shimmy into the chain mail, one of the pieces snagged on the inside lock of the stall, and the entire piece came apart beyond repair. But the show must go on, and instead of being an iconic space queen, I ended up looking like a space hooker in green.

CLOWN: What else do you want My City readers to know about DJ Spider/Suzann?

DJ SPIDER: Just be excellent to each other.

You can catch DJ Spider at the following upcoming events:

The Milestone for Digital Noir September 21st and November 30th

The Gin Mill for Spider's Hot Mess September 28th and November 15th

The Atlanta Steampunk Expo October 4th

[www.Facebook.com/DJSpiderEBM/](https://www.facebook.com/DJSpiderEBM/)

[www.Facebook.com/thatDJSpiderCostuming/](https://www.facebook.com/thatDJSpiderCostuming/)

EVENTS IN YOUR CITY

SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER | 2019

SUNDAYS

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES

- @ Common Market (Plaza-Midwood): 2pm Slow Riders - 15 mile bike ride
- @ Lenny Boy: 12pm run club
- www.Panthers.com 9.08 1pm vs. Los Angeles Rams / 10.06 1pm vs. Jacksonville Jaguars
- www.CharlotteKnights.com: 9.01 6:05pm @ Norfolk
- www.Hornets.com: 10.06 @ Boston Celtics 6pm / 10.27 @ LA Lakers 9:30pm

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

- @ Charlotte Metro Credit Union Amphitheatre: 9.15 Lizzo / 9.29 the Head & the Heart
- @ Comet Grill: 8pm Omari & the Hellraisers
- @ the Evening Muse: 9.08 Andrew Duhan / 9.15 Lazer Lloyd / 9.22 Phat Lip, LeAnna Eden / 9.29 Jonah Tolchin (album release) / 10.06 Dan Rodriguez / 10.13 Michaela Anne / 10.27 Cat Clyde
- @ the Milestone: 4-8pm Heavy Metal Weekly
- @ Petra's: 8-11pm Bill Hanna's Jazz Sessions
- @ Thomas Street Tavern (patio): 5-8pm Josh Daniel
- @ the Visulite Theatre: 9.08 a Dog's Dream - Bluegrass Fundraiser for Humane Society feat. River Boy / 9.22 the Rocket Summer, Royal Teeth / 9.29 Jade Bird, Flyte / 10.20 the Black Lillies
- @ the Wine Vault: Jared Allen
- Sun., Sept. 15th @ NoDa Brewing Co. (Tryon location): Snarky Puppy
- Sun., Sept. 22nd @ the Underground: Hoodie Allen
- Sun., Sept. 29th @ Spectrum Center: Phil Collins

PLAY OR POETRY READINGS | BOOK SIGNINGS

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

COMEDY | THEATRE

- @ the Comedy Zone: 9.15 Corey Holcomb / 9.22 Nikita B. / 10.13 DJ Hughley / 10.20 Ryan O'Flanagan

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

DANCE MUSIC | DJS | BURLESQUE

- @ Petra's: 1st Sundays 3-8pm "Hazy Day"
- @ Soul Gastrolounge: DJ Scott Weaver
- @ Tommy's Pub: 1st Sundays "Reflexions" w. DJs Velvetine, Sanity Ana, & Tech Bat

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)

MONDAYS:

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES

- @ Sir Edmund Halley's: 7pm Trivia Night
- www.CharlotteKnights.com: 9.02 1:05pm @ Norfolk
- www.Hornets.com: 10.14 @ Grizzlies 8pm / 10.28 @ LA Clippers 10:30pm

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
- @ Lebowsky'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)

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 9.09 Matthew & the Atlas / 9.16 Ritt Momney / 9.23 Joe McGovern / 9.30 Beth Rombara / 10.07 Trismalux
- @ the Fillmore: 9.16 the Aquabats / 9.30 K. Flay
- Mon., Sept. 9th @ Ovens Auditorium: Paul Anka

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

MUSEUMS | ART

- Mon., Sept. 2nd: www.YardArtDay.org

TRADE | INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS

- @ Oak Steakhouse: 11am Ben's Friends (sobriety meetings for individuals in food service)

DANCE MUSIC | DJS | BURLESQUE OR DRAG

- @ Growler's Pourhouse: DJ Elon Shomaker
- @ 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 - 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
- @ the Evening Muse: 9.03 Jason Charles Miller, Roger Hodges / 9.10 Jesse Marchant / 9.17 Jesse Lamar Williams, the Menastree Jazz Jam / 9.24 the Talbott Brothers, Ross Adams / 10.08 Sonny Digital / 10.22 Locals Only Sound, Vincent Darby / 10.29 the Dirty Grass Players, Zack Hayes
- @ Puckett's: open mic w.Jeff Claud
- @ Smokey Joe's: 9pm open mic night w.resident band the Smoking J's
- @ Tommy's Pub: 2nd Tuesdays Songwriters Showcase
- Tues., Sept. 3rd @ the Neighborhood Theatre: the Alarm, Modern English, Gene Loves Jezebel
- Tues., Sept. 24th @ the Milestone: Aesthetic Perfection, Empathy Test, Lazerpunk, IO

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 10.22 Steve Hofstetter / 10.29 Box of Oddities (Kat & Jethro Gilligan Toth)
- Tues., Sept. 24th @ the Evening Muse: All Organic Comedy open mic feat.Tyler Wood

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
- www.Hornets.com: 10.09 @ 76er's 7:30pm / 10.16 vs. Detroit Pistons 7pm / 10.23 vs. Chicago Bulls 7pm / 10.30 @ Kings 10pm
- @ Renaissance Park: 5-7pm www.NCBattle.com Presents: Dagorhir - hit nerds with foam swords, etc.
- @ Kadi Fit Studio (Cornelius): 4-5pm Breakers for Life - break dancing classes & lessons (ages 6-13) info: antoniorobinson82@gmail.com / 760-805-8978)

BEER | WINE | FOOD

- @ 300 East Restaurant: 1/2 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

- @ Charlotte Metro Credit Union: 9.25 Dropkick Murphys, Clutch / 10.09 Maggie Rogers
- @ the Comet Grill: open mic / open jam
- @ the Evening Muse: 9.04 Tosco Music open mic / 9.11 Anteloper, Blacks' Myths / 9.25 michigander / 10.09 the Bundys, Stephen Babcock / 10.16 Coral Creek / 10.23 Katie Toupin
- @ McGlohon Theater: 9.18 Keb Mo (solo acoustic) / 10.30 Jimmy Webb
- @ 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., Sept. 11th @ the Neighborhood Theatre: Neal Francis
- Wed., Sept. 18th @ the Visulite Theatre: the Weeks, Spendtime Palace, the Vernes
- Wed., Sept. 25th @ Spectrum Center: Guns N' Roses
- Wed., Oct. 16th @ Ovens Auditorium: Bethel Music

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 | THEATER

- @ the Comedy Zone: 9.11 Heather McMahan (SOLD OUT) / 9.18 Pauly Shore / 10.09 Joe Bartnick / 10.23 Girls Gotta Eat (SOLD OUT)

TRADE | INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS

- @ Spandex City Comics: 5pm Pokemon league

DANCE MUSIC | DJS | BURLESQUE

- @ Rhino Market (NoDa): DJ Jah Sun Rising (Jason Herring)

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

THURSDAYS:

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES

- @ Petra's: 2nd Thursdays - Potions & Pixels (video games & board games)
- www.Panthers.com: 9.12 8:20pm vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- @ 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

- @ Blue: John Alexander, Ron Brenale, Chris Garges www.Ja Jazz.net
- @ Buddy's Point (Monroe): open mic jam
- @ the Craft Tasting Room & Growler Shop: 8-10pm JoJo & Friends feat.local musicians & songwriters
- @ Crown Station: 7pm open mic w.the Willie Douglas Band
- @ the Evening Muse: 9.05 RYLY, Tyler Jarvis / 9.12 the Commonheart / 9.19 Smooth Hound Smith / 9.26 LPT / 10.03 the Slocan Ramblers / 10.10 the Terence Young Experience / 10.17 Brian Dunne, Kate Rhudy / 10.24 Stoop Kids / 10.31 Bonnie Bishop, Sirsy
- @ the Rack: 7-10pm Artist Spotlight Thursdays w.Aiden Lee & CFour Black

- @ Tommy's Pub: 1st Thursdays open mic w.Smelly Felly
- @ the Visulite Theatre: 9.12 Litz, Porch 40 / 10.03 Langhorne Slim, the Lost at Last Band, Katie Pruitt / 10.17 Melvins, Redd Kross
- Thurs., Sept. 12th @ the Fillmore: Daniel Caesar
- Thurs., Sept. 19th @ Charlotte Metro Credit Union Amphitheatre: Kacey Musgraves
- Thurs., Oct. 10th @ Heist Brewery: Wild Adriatic, Andrew Scotchie & the River Rats, the Hawthornes

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: 9.12 Sid Davis / 9.19 Ali Siddiq / 9.26 the Plastic Cup Boys / 10.03 Doug Stanhope / 10.10 DL Hughley / 10.24 Trae Crowder / 10.31 Jeff Dye

MUSEUMS | ART

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

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
- @ the Jump Off: 3rd Thursdays w.DJ A-Huff

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
- Thurs., Sept. 19th @ 203 S.Meeting St. (Statesville): 4pm Full Bloom Film Festival

FRIDAYS:

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES

- @ Thirsty Nomad Brewing Co.: 7pm Tabletop Game Night
- www.Hornets.com: 10.11 @ 76er's 7:30pm / 10.25 vs. Timberwolves 7pm
- www.CharlotteIndependence.com: 9.13 7pm @ New York Red Bulls II

BEER | WINE | FOOD

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

- @ Pilot Brewing: 1st Fridays: Firkin Fridays w.merchants, artists, food truck & more
- @ Sycamore Brewing: 5pm SouthEnd Food Truck Friday

LIVE MUSIC

- @ the Comet Grill: the Lenny Federal Band
- @ the Evening Muse: 9.06 Emily Scott Robinson, Abigail Dowd / Side Hustle, Darren & the Buttered Toast // 9.13 Kelsey Ryan (album release), David Taylor & the Tallboys / Young Bull, Moonstalker, Cyanca // 9.20 Twisted Pine // 9.27 Matthew Mayfield / Bakalao Stars // 10.04 Jordy Searey, Stephen Day / Courtney Gibson
- 10.11 William Matheny, Josh Nolan / Arson Daily, Rare Creatures // 10.18 Eliot Bronson / 49 Winchester // 10.25 Chase Makai Trio (album release) / Chantae Cann, Ryan Connors
- @ the Visulite: 9.13 the Noises 10, MOA / 9.20 Magic City Hippies / 10.04 Chi-Town Transit Authority / 10.18 C2 & the Brothers Reed, Swim in the Wild / 10.25 Boombbox, Bombassic
- Fri., Sept. 13th @ Heist Brewery: Charlotte Does Jamiroquai feat.Charlotte Music Heroes
- Fri., Sept. 13th @ the Fillmore: Banks
- Fri., Sept. 20th @ PNC Music Pavilion: Kid Rock
- Fri., Sept. 27th @ Ovens Auditorium: Lucinda Williams
- Fri., Oct. 4th @ the Neighborhood Theatre: Perpetual Groove

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: 9.06 Steve-O / 9.13 Corey Holcomb / 9.20 Al Siddiq / 9.27 the Plastic Cup Boys / 10.04 Rhys Darby / 10.11 DL Hughley / 10.18 Phoebe Robinson / 10.25 Trae Crowder

MUSEUMS | ART

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

TRADE | INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS

- Fri., Sept. 13th @ Amos': Extreme Midget Wrestling

DANCE MUSIC | DJS | BURLESQUE OR DRAG

- @ the Common Market (Plaza-Midwood): 1st & 3rd Fridays w.DJ That Guy Smitty
- @ Rhino Market (uptown): DJ Jah Sun Rising (Jason Herring)
- @ 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

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SATURDAYS:

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES

- @ Lenny Boy: 10am \$5 yoga
- www.CharlotteIndependence.com: 9.07 7pm vs. Tampa Bay Rowdies / 9.21 7pm vs. Swope Park Rangers / 9.28 7pm vs. Hartford Athletic / 10.05 7pm @ Bethlehem Steel / 10.12 8pm @ Memphis 901 / 10.19 7pm vs. Ottawa Fury

BEER | WINE | FOOD

- 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
- Sat., Sept. 21st @ Aldersgate: www.FestivalLatinoAmericano.org
- Sat., Oct. 5th @ Symphony Park: 17th Annual Great Grapes Fest. www.UncorkTheFun.com

LIVE MUSIC

- @ Amos': 9.14 Schism (a Tool tribute) / 10.19 Bars & Melody
- @ the Evening Muse: 9.07 Ari Hest, Sarah Siskind / Jason Ket, Curt Keys // 9.14 Kate Teague, Trouvere / Veaux, Reptile Room // 9.21 Swearingen & Kelli (album release) / Ellis Dyson & the Shambles // 9.28 Cheeno Ghee, Steeno, Andreaa, Jerrel / Electric Kif, Gray Scale Whale // 10.05 Dan LaMorte, Michael Terry, Maggie Crane / Moonlander, Rob Flo, Depression, NxtMike, Chris Buxton // 10.19 Pierce Edens, Rob Baird / XOXOK, Jall // 10.26 JMichael Peoples (EP release)
- @ McGlohon Theater: 9.21 Rodney Crowell / 10.05 the Kingston Trio
- @ Ovens Auditorium / 9.14 KC & the Sunshine Band / 9.21 Travis Tritt

- @ the Visulite Theatre: 9.21 Tribute (an Allman Brothers tribute) / 9.28 the Dirty Doors (a Doors tribute)
- Sat., Sept. 7th @ Spectrum Center: Chris Brown
- Sat., Sept. 7th @ Canvas Tattoo & Art Gallery: 4pm Punk Rock Picnic #10 feat. Corporate Fandango, Odd Squad, the Madd Hatters, Commonwealth, the Hooliganz, No Anger Control, Forsaken Profits, Godd*mnZilla, Aloha Broha, Couch Surfer
- Sat., Sept. 28th @ the Milestone: NoFriends Family Reunion II feat. Mikah K Hill, Slufur, Int80 of Autocorrect, Tribe One of the Remnant, Fake Four Anti-Boss, Ceshi Ramos
- Sat., Sept. 28th @ Tommy's Pub: the Menders, Van Huskins, Dead Regions

PLAY OR POETRY READINGS | BOOK SIGNINGS

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

COMEDY | THEATRE

- @ the Comedy Zone: 9.07 Steve-O / 9.14 Corey Holcomb / 9.21 Ali Siddiq / 9.28 the Plastic Cups / 10.05 Rhys Darby / 10.12 DL Hughley / 10.19 Phoebe Robinson / 10.26 Trae Crowder
- Sat., Sept. 7th @ Knight Theater: Patton Oswalt
- Sat., Sept. 14th @ Spectrum Center: Trevor Noah
- Sat., Sept. 28th @ Ovens Auditorium: Temptation Stage Play

SYMPHONY | OPERA | DANCE

- Sat., Oct. 5th @ Belk Theater: www.CharlotteSymphony.org Itzhak Perlman Plays Mendelssohn

MUSEUMS | ART

- @ ClearWater Artists Studio: every 2nd Saturday 10am-4pm Open Studios

- @ the NASCAR Hall of Fame: 2nd Saturdays interactive program exploring racing
- Sat., Sept. 7th @ the Rabbit Hole: Christina Apostolo's 5 Elements art show
- Sat., Sept. 28th @ Evoke: ArtPop Pop-up Gallery Show feat. Emily Berger, Ladianne Henderson, Ash Knight, Tina Albarni, & Justin Driscoll

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., Sept. 7th @ the Park Expo & Conference Center: 11am Charlotte Vegfest
- Sat., Sept. 7th @ Camp North End: World Street Food Fest.
- Sat., Sept. 14th @ Reed Gold Mine: 10am-3pm 30th Annual Gold Panning Competition
- Sat., Oct. 12th in uptown: Hola Charlotte Festival

DANCE MUSIC | DJS | BURLESQUE OR DRAG

- @ 204 North Kitchen: DJ That Guy Smitty
- @ the Milestone: 9.21 Digital Noir w. DJ Spider & Michael Price / 10.19 Electrohex (a Death Eaters Ball) w. DJ Price
- @ Roxbury: DJ Jody
- @ Vibrations Lounge: 9pm-12am Old School Saturdays (live 105.3 broadcast) hosted by Rae Styles
- @ Workman's Friend: DJ Wiiz Kid (Steve Warwick)
- Sat., Oct. 5th @ the Visulite Theatre: Big Mammies House of Burlesque's Dead Sexy
- Sat., Oct. 19th @ the Rabbit Hole: the Fellowship of Bling (the Flamingo Revue burlesque tribute)

KARAOKE

- @ Noda 101: Karaoke

SPECIAL OR MULTIPLE DAY EVENTS:

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES

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


BEER | WINE | FOOD

- Tuesdays-Sundays @ Wooden Robot : the Twisted Eats by Kre8 Food Truck
- Thursdays-Sundays @ Dragon Moonshine : 4-8pm facility tours & tastings
- Tuesdays-Saturdays @ Great Wagon Road Distillery: tours
- Mondays-Thursdays 5-9pm & 12-4pm Fridays @ Sycamore Brewing : Papi Queso food truck
- Southern Food Bicycle Tour www.CharlotteNCTours.com (daily)
- Sept. 5th-8th: www.YiasouFestival.org / Greek Festival @ Holy Trinity (East Blvd.)
- Oct. 21st-27th in Charlotte: Black Restaurant Week

COMEDY | THEATRE

- Oct. 29th-Nov. 3rd @ Ovens Auditorium: Les Miserables

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SYMPHONY | OPERA | DANCE

- Sept. 20th & 21st @ Knight Theater:
www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Sinatra & Beyond
- Sept. 20th & 21st @ Booth Playhouse: Trumpet Summit
(jazz tribute to Miles Davis, Freddie Hubbard, & more)
- Sept. 27th-29th @ Knight Theater:
www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1
- Oct. 18th & 19th @ Belk Theater:
www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Stravinsky Firebird

MUSEUMS | ART

- Liberty Walk: self-guided tour of the American Revolution -
www.CharlotteLibertyWalk.com /
www.HandHeldHistory.com contact@meckdeck.org
- THRU Sept. 1st @ the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: Welcome to Brookhill (photographs from this Charlotte neighbourhood)
- THRU Sept. 2nd @ Discovery Place (Science): Towers of Tomorrow (LEGO creations)
- THRU Sept. 13th @ Soco Gallery: Faces in the Crowd feat.Art Kane & Summer Wheat
- THRU Sept. 27th @ Lark & Key Gallery and Boutique: Plumage feat.Katrina Berg, Asta Bublione, Rebekah Strickland, Kim Ferreira, Duy Huynh, Eleanor Miller, Vicki Sawyer, & Mary Alayne Thomas
- THRU Sept. 28th @ Elder Gallery of Contemporary Art: Summer Selects
- THRU Oct. 11th @ the Light Factory: exhibition curated by Efrem Zelony-Mindell
- THRU Oct. 13th @ Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: A Woman's Work - Selections from the John & Vivian Hewitt Collection of African American Art
- Sept. 13th-Nov.8th @ Soco Gallery: Shifted Horizons feat.Clare Rojas
- THRU Nov. 3rd @ Mint Museum (Randolph): Abandon Imagination - the Fantastical art of Tony DiTerlizzi
- Sept. 12th-Nov. 16th @ McColl Center for Art + Innovation: New Works/Alumni Four feat.Lori Larusso, Izel Vargas, & Zoe Charlton
- Sept. 13th-Nov.29th @ Hodges Taylor Art Consultancy: Cuero Equisito by Cristina Cordova
- THRU Dec. 1st @ Bechtler Museum of Modern Art: Nomadic Murals - tapestries of the modern era
- THRU Feb. 8th @ NASCAR Hall of Fame: RCR 50 - Only in America exhibit

- Sept. 21st-Apr.26th @ Mint Museum (uptown): Immersed in Light Studio Drift feat.Ralph Nauta & Lonneke Gordijn

TRADE | INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS

- Sept. 13th-Oct. 27th www.Scarowinds.com
- Sept. 20th-22nd @ Freedom Park: www.FestivalInThePark.org
- Sept. 21st & 22nd @ US National Whitewater Center: Flow Fest (wellness, etc.)
- Oct. 5th-Nov. 29th @ 16445 Poplar Tent Rd. (Huntersville):
www.CarolinaRenFestInfo.com
- Oct.12th & 13th: www.IndiaFestival.net

FILM

- Sept. 25th-29th www.CharlotteFilmFestival.org

INTERNET RADIO

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

TRAVEL TO EVENTS:

BEER | WINE | FOOD

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

LIVE MUSIC

- Sat., Sept. 7th @ Scuppernong Books (Greensboro): NC Folk fest feat.2 Door Chicken Coupe & more
- Sat., Sept. 7th @ GroundZero (Spartanburg): Benefit for Keonni feat.Deadlock, Reason Define, Ill Kings, Anonymous Concept, Saving Darkness, Cadaver Creator, a Feasting Beast, Examine
- Fri., Sept. 13th @ Monstercade (Winston-Salem): Height Keech, Mister, Speak N Eye/PT Burnem
- Wed., Sept. 18th @ the Pour Music Hall (Raleigh): Agent Orange, Turbo ACs, Queen City Rejects, Poion Anthem

TRADE | INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS

- Sat., Sept. 7th @ Durham Central Park: Brazilian NC Fest.
- Sat., Sept. 21st @ West Point on the Eno (Durham): NC Jerk Food Fest.

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