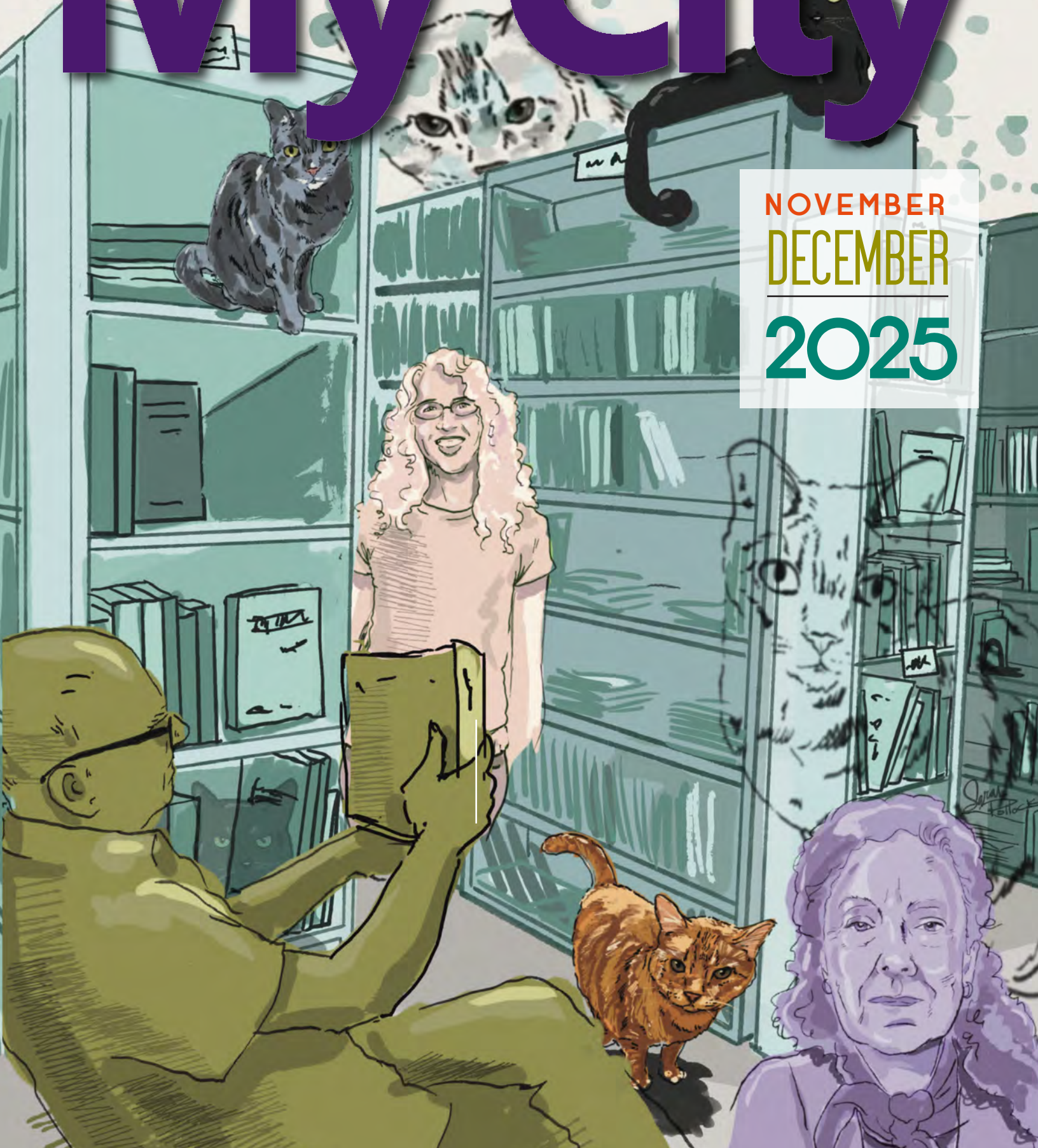


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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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Hello, Charlotte and surround. Thank you for indulging us by checking out this issue of My City Magazine. As always, in each issue, you will find an exhaustive event listing: everything from sports to the arts. You can browse a list of area farmers markets and farms plus a guide to local record stores you might not have known about. Our resident Clown gives us his advice column, his Micro Monsters comic strip, and, in this installment, an interview with area wrassler Justin "Fireball". We show you some not-so-hidden gems (this one features the Bag Lady, Agora Greek Market, Premium Sound / Gold Tone Workshop, and the Butler's Pantry). See also a little write up on Joey Vernon of Fu's Custom Tattoos and the cover story is on Book Buyers. We just know that you'll enjoy it. And we hope that you have a jolly holiday season and a happy new year.

Enjoy today and every day,

Ellen Gurley and the other My City Magazine personalities



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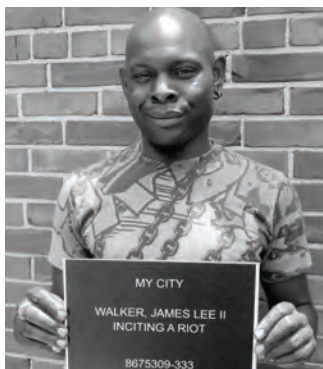
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LOCAL RECORD STORE LIST

GABBA GABBA HUH? RECORDS

246 N. New Hope Rd., Gastonia, 28054
(inside Vintage Village at Eastridge Mall)

HARDY BOYS RECORDS

701 Keswick Ave., Suite 106, Charlotte, 28208
1616 Camden Rd., Suite 140, Charlotte, 28203
11237 Lawyers Rd., Mint Hill, 28227

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21333 Catawba Ave., Cornelius, 28031

POET'S VAULT

6424 South Blvd., Charlotte, 28217
(inside Sleepy Poet Antique Mall)

PREMIUM SOUND

2615 Central Ave., A, Charlotte, 28205

REPO RECORD

3325 Commonwealth Ave., Charlotte, 28205

REVOLVER RECORDS

107 Main St., McAdenville, 28101



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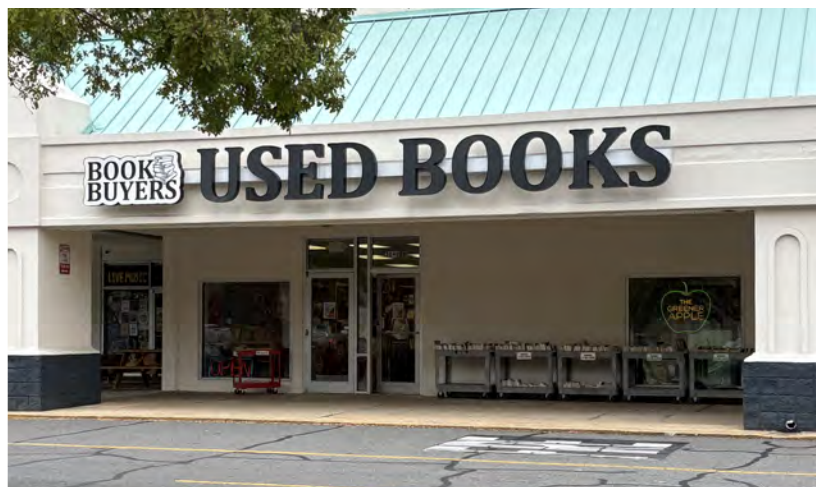


Open since the late '90's, Book Buyers moved from their old Plaza-Midwood location to their current spot three and a half years ago. Maybe you used to visit them and thought they disappeared or closed permanently like many other businesses did

during Covid. They just moved to the Eastway Crossing Shopping Center right next door to Bart's Mart. The layout is almost identical to the OG location. Rows lined with handmade pine bookshelves that go all the way to the ceiling, a children's section in the back, and a beautiful selection of vegan and natural goods are still present. Virginia, Lee, and Richard can still be seen shuffling around putting out new arrivals of great quality pre-loved books and tiding up the inventory. There's no pushy salesman following you around, there's no forced conversations, and there's no urgency to leave, even if you don't buy anything. There's just a welcomed escape from the hustle and bustle of the outside world and a relaxing place to simply unwind.

Whether you are looking for sheet music, records, CDs, cookbooks, or nonfiction, you will find





something you want (or need) at Book Buyers. My teenagers and I have been going there since they were babies and we still go up there and buy dozens of books a year. And the three resident cats are still serving up “main character energy” as they lounge around and give out a “hey” (meow) to passerbys. It is a whole vibe.

My favourite part of the store is The Greener Apple section wherein Lee has curated an area to provide you with healthier options for your home, your pets, and your body. I use their air fresheners, as they are safe around my birds and cats, and their laundry detergent, as it is safe to use on the bedding for my guinea pigs and rabbits. Go check it out yourself as it is high time to start making smarter decisions about the products you use daily as a consumer. Also be sure to check their website and socials for their book club information, their calendar of poetry and fiction readings with open mics, and their Friday book quizzes. You could win a \$15 gift certificate and exercise your medulla oblongata. With the holidays approaching, visit Book Buyers for tons of great gift ideas. Be everyone's favourite Santa this year.



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Sundays 12-6pm
Instagram: book_buyers

www.BOOKBUYERSCHARLOTTE.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
- **Cotswold Farmers Market**, @ Providence Baptist Church, www.CotswoldFarmersMarket.com, May-Oct. Saturdays 8am-12pm
- **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, www.DavidsonFarmersMarket.org (Saturdays 8am-noon)
- **Denvers Farmers Market**, 3633 Hwy. 16 N., Denver, www.LincolnCountyFarmersMarket.com
- **Elkin Farmers Market**, 226 N.Bridge St.
- **Foothills Farmers Market**, Shelby, NC, www.FoothillsFarmersMarket.com
- **Gastonia Farmers Market**, 410 E.Long Ave., Gastonia, www.GastoniaFarmersMarket.com
- **Herb-N-Produce Stand**, 4245 Rea Rd., 704-560-9231
- **Hickory Farmers Market**, 231 Government Ave. SW, Hickory, www.HickoryFarmersMarket.com
- **Highland Creek Farmers Market**, 6213 Bell's Bill Dr., www.HighlandCreekFarmersMarket.com Apr.-Oct. Wednesdays 3-7pm
- **Huntersville Farmers Market**, 103 Maxwell St., Huntersville, www.Huntersville.org May-Oct. Saturdays 8am-12pm
- **Josh's Farmers Market**, 189 Williamson Rd., Mooresville
- **Kings Drive Farmers Market / Simpson's Produce**, 939 S.Kings Dr., 704-332-6366, Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays
- **Lincolnton Market**, 225 W.Water St., Lincolnton, www.LincolnCountyFarmersMarket.com
- **Lowell Farmers Market**, www.LowellNC.com
- **Matthews Community Farmers Market**, 188 N.Trade St., Matthews, www.MatthewsFarmersMarket.com, Saturdays
- **Mecklenburg County Market**, 1515 Harding Pl., www.MecklenburgCountyMarket.com
- **Meeting Street Market @ Cedar Walk**, 9612 Longstone Ln., www.MeetingStreetMarket.com
- **Mill Hill Farmers Market**, 7601 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd., www.MintHillHistory.com
- **Mooresville Rotary Farmers Market**, 150 S.Church St., Mooresville, 704-451-9190
- **Mount Airy Farmers Market**, 218 Rockford St., Mount Airy, www.SurrYarts.com
- **Mount Holly Farmers Market**, 130 S.Main St., Mount Holly
- **Newell Farmers Market**, 1704 Rocky River Rd., 704-578-1415, www.NewellFarmersMarket.com
- **North End Farmers Market**, (inside Camp North End) 300 Camp Rd., 28206, Wednesdays 4-8pm
- **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, www.PiedmontFarmersMarket.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
- **Poplar Ridge Farm Stand**, 1619 Waxhaw-Indian Trail Rd., Waxhaw, www.PoplarRidgeFarmNC.com
- **Providence Produce #1** 10636 Providence Rd., **#2** 11252 Lawyers Rd., **#3** 3116 Old Monroe Rd. **#4** 1316 Providence Rd. S., www.ProvidenceProduce.com
- **Rock Hill Old Town Market**, 121 Caldwell St., Rock Hill, www.OnlyInOldTown.com/Market
- **Rosa Parks Farmers Market**, 2020 Beatties Ford Rd., 28216, open Tuesdays 3-7pm June to September
- **Salisbury Farmers Market**, www.SalisburyMarket.com
- **Shamrock Farmers Market**, 1501 Eastway Dr.
- **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., 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
- **University City Farmers Market**, the Shoppes at University Place, www.UnivCityMarket.org, Saturdays 8am-1pm in October
- **Uptown Farmers Market**, 300 S.Davidson St., 28202, Saturdays 8am-12pm
- **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

WHAT DO I KNOW? I'M JUST A CLOWN

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ADVICE FROM MARTIN "THE CLOWN" BARRY



Dear Clown,

I just moved to an area where I don't know anyone. How does a person over fifty adjust to a new area and make new friends?

Kindly, J



Dear J,

I have always found that doing things that I like will help me connect with people. This has been true of local concerts, art shows, and sometimes sports. The people with common interests are already there. I hope you will be surrounded before you know it!

Start tonight, Clown



Dear Clown,

My parents divorced in 2015. Our interactions and relationships were only altered by having two homes. We get along like any other family and the co-parenting has been effective for ten years. I have recently been concerned about the man that my mother is dating. My sister (16) lives at my mother's house and she has told me about some uncomfortable interactions with this man. I have asked her to be direct with him about this and to enforce boundaries. This worked for a time, but the behaviors returned. We have set up cameras in the house to gather evidence of this and we are planning to confront him and inform my mother. The question I have is whether to involve my father as I am certain that this would become violent if we did.

Sincerely, The Brother



Dear The Brother,

Your first approach was sound, and I hope your sister is safe and that your mother is not at risk. It is excellent that you have acquired video of this. Get your father involved. You are his children, and I am certain he would want to be able to act on this situation rather than find out details after the fact and he would likely contribute actions you have not considered. Just talk about this before going face to face with the creeper.

Get that guy out of there! Clown



Dear Clown,

I live with four roommates in a five-bedroom house. I have just completed purchasing this house and I am pondering some options. Should I let my roommates know that I am the new owner, or just continue as normal? The lease only had my name before this and they would pay me monthly. I was thinking about rent reductions or something else to help them get to where they could purchase their own places eventually. What would you do?

Sincerely, New Owner



A

Dear New Owner,

Congratulations on your purchase! The ideas you have are excellent and it is great that you want to boost your roommates. I thought about this sort of situation before and came up with an idea where renters would get their birthday month and my birthday month off of rent. This could help them save for a down payment to level up. I truly hope this will work well for all of you. Please be certain to have some legal failsafe ready for your protection as well.

Lift each other, Clown

Q

Dear Clown,

Should I quit my job?
Sincerely, Onion

A

Dear Onion,

ABSOLUTELY!!

Ghost them, Clown

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

MICRO MONSTERS

BY: THE CLOWN



EVENTS IN YOUR CITY

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SUNDAYS:

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES:

- www.CharlotteCheckers.com @ the Bojangles Coliseum: 12.21 4pm vs. Springfield Thunderbirds
- www.CharlotteHornets.com @ Spectrum Center: 11.02 6pm vs. Utah / 12.07 6pm vs. Denver
- www.Panthers.com @ Bank of America Stadium 1pm: 11.09 vs. Saints / 11.30 vs. Rams / 12.21 vs. Buccaneers

BEER | WINE | FOOD:

- @ 300 Restaurant: ½ wine by the bottle
- @ Sir Edmund Halley's: 1/2 off of wine by the bottle

LIVE MUSIC:

- @ Amos' SouthEnd: 11.16 Erink Kinsey, Will Mosely / 12.07 2 & 4:30pm Ballantyne School of Music Presents: Winter Jam
- @ the Boatyard (Lake Norman): Mystic Vibrations
- @ the Comet Grill: Omari & the Hellhounds
- @ the Evening Muse: 11.09 7:30pm a Story Told, Nightbreakers / 11.16 7:30pm Terrian, Aaron Cole / 12.14 6:30pm Chip McGee, Dane Page
- @ the Fillmore: 11.02 Steel Panther / 11.09 Mammoth / 11.16 Osamason
- @ Heist Brewery / Barrel Arts: 3rd Sundays (until Dec.) 1-5pm Eternally Grateful (Dead covers) + guests & vendors
- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 11.09 Lily Fitts, Elias Hix / 12.07 Off Book / 12.14 Dean Johnson, Esther Ross
- @ Smokey Joe's: 6-9pm James Brock & friends + pot luck dinner
- @ Tommy's Pub: 11.09 the Easy Ten, Beauty & the Blues / 12.07 Bryan Bielanski
- @ the Underground: 11.02 the Happy Fits / 11.16 Dying Wish / 11.23 Sangisugabogg
- Sun., Nov. 9th @ Middle C Jazz: 5pm Jazz Legacy w. Justin Varnes (a Sarah Vaughan tribute) feat. Maria Howell
- Sun., Nov. 9th @ the Milestone Rocks for Lizards, Psychic Scream, Big Mistake, Catchbliss

COMEDY | THEATER:

- Sun., Nov. 9th @ the Comedy Zone: Kevin James Thornton
- Sun., Nov. 9th @ Knight Theater: Randy Rainbow

SYMPHONY | OPERA | DANCE:

- Sun., Dec. 14th @ Petra's: 8pm Baran Dance Presents: Tiny Dances Remixed (Night 2)

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:

- @ East 8th Vintage: 10am-6pm sidewalk community rummage sale w. various vendors
- Sun., November 23rd @ Petra's: 11:30am-5pm Hot Stuff Holiday Market

DANCE MUSIC | DJS | BURLESQUE | DRAG:

- @ the Common Market (Plaza-Midwood): 2-4pm DJ That Guy Smitty
- @ Dish: 2nd & 4th Sundays 3pm "Go-Go Gary" w. DJs Lee Lally (Adverb) & friends
- @ Petra's: 1st & 3rd Sundays "Hazy Sunday" feat. DJs Ray & Probably Will (enter via back alley)
- @ Reggae Lounge: 3rd Sundays 5-10pm Mad Max Presents: "Retro Sundays" w. DeeJay Kross (+ Ludi & dominos)
- @ Starlight on 22nd: 4-8pm Soul Sundays w. DJs Guy Nowchild, Cree, J-3, Vincent Tyson, James Bethea

FILM:

- @ the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: 2nd Sundays 2pm the www.ClassicBlackCinemaSeries.com - November: Dirty Gerie from Harlem USA, December: Come Back Charleston Blue

MONDAYS:

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES:

- www.CharlotteHornets.com @ Spectrum Center: 11.10 7pm vs. L.A. Lakers / 12.29 7pm vs. Milwaukee
- @ Sir Edmund Halley's: trivia night w. Merely Players

BEER | WINE | FOOD:

- @ 300 East Restaurant: ½ wine by the glass
- @ Lebowski's: 1/2 off bottles of wine

LIVE MUSIC:

- @ the Evening Muse: 7:30pm Find Your Music open mic 11.03 Alma Russ
- @ the Milestone: 11.10 Votxz, Bedroom Division, Cas settiquette / 12.08 Sewer, Beyond the Portal, Whiskey Hellchild, Leaving Echoes / 12.15 Swae, Fifth Floor, Rothschild, Don't Bite Your Tongue
- @ Morningside Pub: 9pm open mic night & snack potluck
- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 11.03 Thxsomch / 11.17 Areyu
- @ Petra's: 7-10pm Bill Hanna Legacy Jazz Jam
- @ Smokey Joe's: 1st Mondays Jamorah
- Mon., Nov. 17th @ the Underground: Voila
- Mon., Nov. 17th @ Amos' SouthEnd: Koyo, Ben Quad, Restraining Order, I Promised the World

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TRADE | INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

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

DANCE MUSIC | DJS | BURLESQUE | DRAG:

- @ VINYL: 8pm DJ (Justin) Aswell
- @ Snug Harbor: 8pm All my Friends are Fly w.DJ See Bird Go & guests
- @ Soul Gastrolounge: DJ Saudade (Don Poush)

KARAOKE:

- @ Starlight on 22nd: 7-10pm karaoke

TUESDAYS:

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES:

- www.CharlotteCheckers.com @ the Bojangles Coliseum: 12.09 7pm Cleveland Monsters
- www.CharlotteHornets.com @ Spectrum Center: 12.23 7pm vs. Washington

BEER | WINE | FOOD:

- @ 7th Street Public Market: 5-7pm the Assorted Table Wine Shoppe Weekly Wine Tasting (\$5, 5 wines + nibbles)
- @ Cornelius Draffthouse & Bottle Shop: 1/2 off wine
- @ the Goodyear House: kids eat free
- @ Infinity Live: Two Dollar Taco Night
- @ NoDa Brewing Co.: "NoDable Series" (new beers released in their taproom 4pm) / Tap Room open 4-9pm / Tin Kitchen food truck 5pm
- @ Rhino Market(s): 1st Tuesdays of the month beer tasting
- @ Tip Top Daily Market: 10% off bottles of wine

LIVE MUSIC:

- @ Amos' SouthEnd: 11.04 Vincent Lima / 11.18 Lolo, Alex Porat / 12.02 Liam St. John
- @ Bart's Mart: open mic
- @ the Comet Grill: Red Rocking Chair
- @ Crown Station: 8-12pm open mic/improvised jam w.Jay Cooper & friends
- @ the Evening Muse: 1st Tuesdays Tosco Music open mic 11.18 8pm Menastree
- @ the Fillmore: 11.04 Sasha Colby / 11.18 Dijon
- @ Jackalope Jack's: 9pm Eternally Grateful Band (a Dead tribute)
- @ the Milestone: 11.04 Postcard Nowhere, Motocrossed, Jackson Fig, Convalescent, Somnium / 11.11 Holy Pinto, Mandancing
- @ Moochie's Tavern: open mic night
- @ Snug Harbor: 11.04 Meltt, Jaguar Sun / 11.11 Ak'Chamel, Andy the Doorbum / 11.18 S*xual Purity, Joshua Cotterino / 12.02 CapitalQ, FRSH Waters, VVG, E-Dub

- @ Smokey Joe's: open mic night w.the Smokin J's
- @ the Underground: 11.04 Pouya / 11.18 Lexa Gates / 11.25 Ariel Pink with You / 12.16 Tyler Hilton, Kate Voegel
- @ VisArt (Video) Café: 2nd Tuesdays 7:30-9pm Mike Strauss Trio w.guests
- Tues., Nov. 4th @ the Neighborhood Theatre: Henrik
- Tues., Nov. 18th @ Spectrum Center: Doja Cat
- Tues., Nov. 18th @ Tommy's Pub: the Angels

COMEDY | THEATER:

- @ Starlight on 22nd: 7-10pm comedy open mic

DANCE MUSIC | DJS | BURLESQUE | DRAG:

- @ Orosoko Soundbar: 6pm-12am DJ Shanti Love
- @ Soul Gastrolounge: DJ Shanti
- @ VINYL: 8pm DJ Mister Williams

KARAOKE:

- @ Petra's - 1st Tuesdays: Piano Bar Karaoke w.Ryan Stamey

WEDNESDAYS:

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES:

- www.CharlotteCheckers.com @ the Bojangles Coliseum: 12.10 7pm vs. Cleveland Monsters
- www.CharlotteHornets.com @ Spectrum Center: 11.12 7pm vs. Milwaukee / 11.26 7pm vs. New York / 12.31 1pm vs. Golden State

BEER | WINE | FOOD:

- @ 300 East Restaurant: 1/2 wine by the bottle
- @ the Butler's Pantry: 4pm "Wine Not Wednesdays" (\$10 wine tasting)
- @ Central Coffee: 15% off of pounds of coffee
- @ Dilworth Neighborhood Grill: 1st Wednesdays www.CarolinaBrewMasters.com meeting
- @ 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

LIVE MUSIC:

- @ the Evening Muse: 11.05 7:30pm Mike Farris / 11.12 7:30pm Graham Barham, Highway Home (SOLD OUT) / 12.03 7:30pm Little Bird, Jay Hurst VI
- @ the Fillmore: 11.19 El Alfa / 12.10 Raekwon, Mobb Deep
- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 11.05 French Police / 12.17 Yarn
- @ the Rooster (Gastonia): 7-11:45pm open mic hosted by Jade Moore
- @ Snug Harbor: 11.05 the Toxhards, Once Below Joy / 11.12 Javier Pizarro, Beacon & the Perselds, Camp Calico / 11.19 Certainly So, Brandon Tenney, Fueled



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- by Ma / 11.26 Coughing Dove, BrizB + DJs Summy & Longchild / 12.03 Madison's Harley, Wilde Green, Jackson Fig / 12.10 Wh*res., King Cackle, Mindvac
- @ Starlight on 22nd: 7-10pm open mic
 - @ the Underground: 11.05 the Wrecks Inside / 11.12 From Ashes to New / 11.19 Like Moths to Flames
 - @ VisArt Café: 1st Wednesdays Lovell Bradford Trio jazz jam
 - Wed., Nov. 12th @ the Visulite Theatre: the Motet
 - Wed., Nov. 12th @ Amos' SouthEnd: Kashus Culpepper
 - Wed., Nov. 26th @ Smokey Joe's: 41st Anniversary Party

COMEDY | THEATER:

- @ Crown Station: open mic comedy

DANCE MUSIC | DJS | BURLESQUE | DRAG:

- @ Soul Gastrolounge: DJ See Bird Go
- @ Tommy's Pub: 9pm Shindig w. DJ Blondzai
- @ VINYL: 8pm-1am "Wednesdays on Wax" feat. DJ That Guy Smitty w. residents & guests - 1st Wednesdays Jay Cooper (VonFunk Hauser), 2nd Wednesdays Danielle Kharman, 3rd Wednesdays Scott Slagle, 4th Wednesdays Will Gilreath (Probably Will)
- Wed., Dec. 31st @ the Milestone: Charlotte Dark Scene Presents: New Year's Eve Masquerade feat. DJs Christian Hoefle, Velvetine & Dil3mma

KARAOKE:

- @ Petra's: karaoke w. Klaytastic
- @ TCB 54 Hundred Bar & Grill: 7-11pm karaoke w. DJ Storm

THURSDAYS:

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES:

- www.CharlotteHornets.com @ Spectrum Center: 12.18 7pm vs. Atlanta
- @ Armored Cow Brewing: 7pm Trivia Night
- @ the Common Market (Oakwold): 7-9pm trivia
- @ NoDa Brewing Co.: 7pm Mindless Minutia trivia

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
- @ Eddie's Place: 9:30pm Music Bingo / Trivia Night w. prizes

LIVE MUSIC:

- @ the Evening Muse: 11.11 7:30pm the Brudi Brothers, the Wildmans / 11.20 7:30pm Grady Spencer & the Work, Tennis Courts / 12.04 7:30pm Admiral Radio, Haunted Like Humans / 12.11 7:30pm Sparrow Smith, the Resonant Rogues, Sam Kind / 12.18 7:30pm Owens & the Smokes, the Band Solstice
- @ the Fillmore: 11.06 Ski Mask the Slump God / 12.04 Yung Gravy
- @ Marquee: Rhythm 4U Band feat. Erika Morrison
- @ the Milestone: 11.06 Young Widows, Lacey Guthrie, Lofidels, Bog Loaf / 11.20 Pretty Pity, Out in Front / 12.11 Dollar Signs, Andy the Doorbum, Saintlogic, Alexa Jensen
- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 11.06 AJ Lee & Blue Summit, East Nash Grass / 11.20 the Long Bellow, Caroline Spence / 12.19 Dillon Fence
- @ Petra's: 11.06 Joseph Terrell, Jordan Tice / 11.13 Groove 8, the Fool Hardies / 11.20 Cuzco, Catholics, Pretty Baby, Somnium / 12.04 Garrett Huffman, Lisa De Novo, Anna Kimm / 12.11 M143, Andy Guy Lowe, Radio Hill
- @ Queen City Grounds: open mic
- @ Smokey Joe's: 9pm-12am Shana Blake & friends' "Menagerie"
- @ the Underground: 11.06 JMSN / 11.13 Dax
- Thurs., Nov. 6th @ Snug Harbor: Twen, Monsoon
- Thurs., Nov. 13th @ Spectrum Center: Brandy, Monica, Kelly Rowland, Muni Long
- Thurs., Nov. 13th @ Amos' SouthEnd: Jutes, Scarlet House
- Thurs., Nov. 20th @ the Visulite Theatre: Carbon Leaf

COMEDY | THEATER:

- Thurs., Nov. 6th @ the Evening Muse: 7:30pm Charlie Mac w. Hypno Goddess Comedy
- Thurs., Nov. 20th @ the Comedy Zone: Kyle Kinane

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"

DANCE MUSIC | DJS | BURLESQUE | DRAG:

- @ Harris Teeter (Cotswold): every other Thursday VNLWRKS' DJ Daddy (Kevin Helms)
- @ the Music Yard: 2nd Thursdays "Reset" w. DJs Probably Will (Will Gilreath), AXNT, FZXXX

- @ Pinhouse: "Cigar Vibes" w. DJ Stacey Blackman
- @ Scorpio: 10pm School of Drag hosted by Erica Chanel – Dorm Thursdays (free with student ID)
- @ Soul Gastrolounge: 7pm DJ That Guy Smitty
- @ VINYL: 8pm DJ (Justin) Aswell

KARAOKE:

- @ Hattie's Tap & Tavern: 9pm-1am karaoke
- @ Tommy's Pub: 8pm Mooreoke karaoke w. KJ Notorious J.A.M.

FILM:

- @ Camp NorthEnd: 8:30pm "Crossroads Cinema" 8.14 Bad Boys 2, 8.21 the Incredibles, 8.28 Barber Shop 2

FRIDAYS:

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES:

- www.CharlotteCheckers.com @ the Bojangles Coliseum: 11.07 7pm vs. Syracuse Crunch / 11.28 4pm vs. Toronto Marlies / 12.05 7pm vs. Rochester Americans
- www.CharlotteHornets.com @ Spectrum Center: 11.28 7:30pm vs. Chicago

BEER | WINE | FOOD:

- @ 2161 Hawkins St.: 5-10pm SouthEnd Food Truck Friday
- @ Armored Cow Brewing Co.: 5-9pm University City Food Truck Fridays
- @ Hi-Wire Brewing: 5:30-9pm SouthEnd Food Truck Fridays
- @ Duckworth's: 1/2 off of wine by the bottle

LIVE MUSIC:

- @ Amos' SouthEnd: 11.07 Synchronicity (the Police tribute), the American INXS Tribute Band / 11.14 Taylor Acorn, Wilt / 11.21 Be Kind Rewind (a '90's tribute) / 12.05 Willis / 12.12 Xavier Omar / 12.19 Disciple of the Garden (a Soundgarden & Audioslave tribute)
- @ the Comet Grill: the Lenny Federal Band
- @ the Evening Muse: 11.07 7:30pm Bird & Byron / 10:30pm Cinema Stereo, Moon City Masters // 11.14 7:30pm Chris Trapper / 10:30pm Tomorrow's Problem, Fudge // 11.21 7:30pm the Spooklights, the Local Boys / 10:30pm the Steel Crows, Pageant // 11.28 7:30pm Ellis Paul // 12.05 7:30pm Ariel Posen, Wendlo // 12.12 7:30pm Red Dress Army, Dead Letter
- @ the Fillmore: 11.07 Greensky Bluegrass / 11.14 Leon Thomas / 11.21 Lovejoy / 11.28 Roy Wood Jr. / 12.19 Alyssa Edwards
- @ the Milestone: 11.07 White Beast, Ashley!, Beauty, Young Death God, Sad & Pathetic / 11.21 Ego Death Machine, Wilde Green, Boy A/C, Creatures of the Sun / 11.28 "Two Step for Tots Toy Drive" w. Reflect, Refine, Screwed Ends, Alpha Strain, Impaired from Plague, Lowest Point, Torturist (benefitting Levine's Children Hospital) / 12.12 Dollar Signs, Michael Cera Palin, the Eradicator, Late Bloomer (SOLD OUT) / 12.26 Sidequest
- @ Petra's: 11.07 Rock en Espanol feat. Dorian Gris, Pachanga 01, MoDunGo / 11.14 Woody, Mantra, the Simplicity
- @ Spectrum Center: 11.14 Playboi Carti / 12.05 Alabama, Jamey Johnson
- @ Snug Harbor: 11.07 Leone, Kai & the Gooniez, Nami Lauren / 11.14 Rikki Rakki, Flannelmouth / 11.21 Shame Gang, Autumn Rainwater, Tymain Robbins,

Makeda Iroquois, Cuzo Key / 11.28 Clutchaser, Telepathetics, Sewer / 12.05 Belis, Mvnch, Depreston, Florecienta

- @ Substrate: 7pm Cosmic Collective
- @ Tommy's Pub: 11.07 Party Battleship, Toleman Randall / 11.14 the Campfire, My Blue Hope, Stinkbuggg / 11.21 Hellfire 76, No More People, Hey Richard
- @ the Underground: 11.07 BKETHERULA / 11.14 Mac Ayres / 11.21 Goldlink / 11.28 Cattle Decapitation
- Fri., Nov. 7th @ the Neighborhood Theatre: Pigeons Playing Ping Pong
- Fri., Nov. 14th @ Knight Theater: the Life & Music of George Michael

PLAY OR POETRY READINGS | BOOK SIGNINGS:

- @ Camp North End: 3rd Fridays Off Broadway Page to Stage

COMEDY | THEATER:

- @ the Comedy Zone: 11.21 Kyle Kinane / 12.19 Rocky Dale Davis
- @ the Common Market (SouthEnd): 7pm open mic comedy w. Jacob Manluc
- @ Tip Top Daily Market: 3rd Fridays 8pm comedy open mic
- Fri., Nov. 21st @ Spectrum Center: Nate Bargatze
- Fri., Nov. 28th @ Ovens Auditorium: Fortune Feimster

MUSEUMS | ART:

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



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- @ Tip Top Daily Market: 4:20-5:20pm High Time Happy Hour – 20% off all herbal delta & CBD products

DANCE MUSIC | DJS | BURLESQUE | DRAG:

- @ AC Hotel Charlotte Ballantyne: 7pm DJ Jason Herring (Jah Sun Rising)
- @ Dilworth Tasting Room (Plaza-Midwood): 1st & 3rd Fridays 8pm-12am DJ That Guy Smitty
- @ Harris Teeter (Cotswold): every other Friday VNLV WRKS' DJ Daddy (Kevin Helms)
- @ Marquee: DJ C-Rob
- @ the Reggae Lounge: "Fyah Fridays" w. DJ Dr C & guests
- @ TCB Hundred Bar & Grill: 7-9pm "Pull up Fridays" w. DJ Stacey Blackman
- @ VINYL: 8pm DJ A-Minor
- Fri., Nov. 21st @ Petra's: Menagerie : an Audiovisual Drag Experience

FILM:

- @ the Spoke Easy: B-Movie Fridays

SATURDAYS:

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES:

- www.CharlotteCheckers.com @ the Bojangles Coliseum: 11.08 6pm vs. Syracuse Crunch / 11.29 4pm vs. Toronto Marlies / 12.06 6pm vs. Rochester Americans / 12.20 4pm vs. Springfield Thunderbirds
- www.CharlotteHornets.com @ Spectrum Center: 11.01 6pm vs. Minnesota / 11.15 7pm vs. Oklahoma City / 11.22 1pm vs. L.A. Clippers
- Sat., Dec. 6th @ Bank of America Stadium: 11:59pm ACC Football Championship
- Sat., Dec. 20th @ the VFW (Gastonia): wrestling event feat. Justin "Fireball"

LIVE MUSIC:

- @ Amos' SouthEnd: 11.08 Blue Monday / 11.15 Tell me Lies (a Fleetwood Mac tribute) / 11.22 Bring out Yer Dead (a Grateful Dead tribute) / 11.29 Jason Arendt, Sloane Letourneau / 12.06 the Reflex (a Duran Duran & Cyndi Lauder tribute) / 12.20 Guardians of the Jukebox
- @ the Evening Muse: 11.08 7:30pm Prince of Eden, 209 Northwood, Nolen Durham // 11.15 7:30pm Mama's Broke, Chris Acker / 10:30pm Basic Printer, Leilani Kilgore // 11.22 7:30pm Young Mister, Fancy Gap / 10:30pm Bombargo // 12.13 10:30pm Mangolia Boulevard, Hustle Souls
- @ the Fillmore: 11.01 Loathe / 11.08 the Elovaters / 11.15 Jared Freid / 11.22 Pluto World / 11.29 Avatar
- @ the Milestone: 11.01 "Day of the Dead Fiasco" w. My Blue Hope (as Green Day), Once Below Joy (as Black Sabbath), Mercury Dimes (as Modest Mouse), Leaving Echoes (as Ghost), Mikal Khill (as Rage Against the Machine), a Life Worth Taking (as Fall out Boy), Postchaos (as Evanescence), the Whiskey Predicament (as Bob Dylan) / 11.08 "Emo Royale" w. Blankstate, Moving Boxes, Condado, Sloth, Weymouth, Leaving for Arizona / 11.15 Nihil, Saidan, Valleta, Buried Asunder / 11.22 Caught off Guard, Foundit, Colormekrazy!, the Drive, Neptune Flyer / 12.13 Dollar Signs, Peach Rings, Te'jani, Bad Idols (SOLD OUT)



- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 11.01 Nick Shoulders, Chris Acker / 11.08 Tab Benoit
- @ Petra's: 11.01 Pressing Strings, Cam Brown / 11.08 Carolina Down Boys, Emily June, Elonzo Wesley / 11.15 Lily Vakili, the Spyral, Friend of a Friend / 11.22 James Delco, the Raven & the Road, Wilson Morris / 11.29 NoZen, Backwash, Y'all're
- @ Snug Harbor: 11.01 Modern Alibi, Te'jani / 11.08 American Theory, the Johnstown Flood / 11.15 Camisole, Willingdon, Fullish / 11.22 Emerson Bruno & the Undercurrents, Nathan Harris & the Flood / 11.29 Dollhaver, Aterra, Nox Eternus / 12.13 Feyleux, Corpse Dust, DJ VamPoison
- @ Tommy's Pub: 11.15 Whiskey Richards, Featherpocket, Them!, the Midnight Still, Andrew Kane, the Whiskey Predicament, Lurky Skunk / 11.22 No Anger Control, Say Uncle / 11.29 Lamps Required, Morrowville, Leaving Echoes
- @ the Underground: 11.01 Loathe / 11.15 D Smoke / 11.22 Blind Guardian Somewhere / 11.29 Who's Bad (a Michael Jackson tribute)
- @ the Visulite Theatre: 11.01 Tattoo You (a Rolling Stones tribute) / 11.15 Indecision / 11.22 Jeremy's Ten (a Pearl Jam tribute) / 12.20 Runaway Gin (a Phish tribute)
- Sat., Nov. 1st @ Cain Center for the Arts (Cornelius): Kathy Mattea

COMEDY | THEATER:

- @ the Comedy Zone: 11.22 Kyle Kinane / 12.20 Rocky Dale Davis

SYMPHONY | OPERA | DANCE:

- Sat., Dec. 13th @ Knight Theater: 12.13
www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Holiday Pops Family
- Sat., Dec. 13th @ Petra's: 8pm Baran Dance Presents: Tiny Dances Remixed (Night 1)

MUSEUMS | ART:

- @ ClearWater Artists Studio: every 2nd Saturday 10am-4pm Open Studios
- @ the NASCAR Hall of Fame: 2nd Saturdays interactive program exploring racing

TRADE | INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

- @ the Common Market (Oakwood): 10am-4pm VinylWrks record pop-up w. Japanese vinyl & more
- @ the Local Pick Up (Rock Hill): 11am-6pm musical instrument consignment
- @ the Rooster (Gastonia): 1st Saturdays "Misfit Market" (records, collectibles, makers & more)
- @ Spandex City Comics: 11am Pokemon league
- Sat., Nov. 1st @ Amos' SouthEnd: '80's Halloween Bash + costume contest
- Sat., Nov. 8th @ the Charlotte Convention Center (Crown Ballroom): 5pm www.GayBingoCLT.org
- Sat., Nov. 15th @ Primal Brewing (Belmont): 12-5pm Holiday Wellness Wonderland Market

DANCE MUSIC | DJS | BURLESQUE | DRAG:

- @ Dilworth Tasting Room (Plaza-Midwood): 11am DJ That Guy Smitty
- @ the Milestone: 11.29, 12.20 "Digital Noir" w. DJ Spider & guest
- @ Marquee: DJ 360
- @ Mezzo Market: 7pm DJ Jah Sun Rising (Jason Herring)
- @ Substrate: 3rd Saturdays "LoveLee Days" w. DJ Adverb (Lee Lally) & friends / last Saturdays w. DJ Saudade (Don Poush)
- Sat., Nov. 8th @ Crown Station: 10pm-2am Off the Wall w. DJs Chief Rocka Aking & Justice
- Sat., Nov. 8th @ Tommy's Pub: DJs Velvetine & Sanity Ana
- Sat., Dec. 27th @ Snug Harbor: 9pm-2am Off the Wall – Scenario in Shaolin feat. DJs Chief Rocka Aking & Justice

SPEAKERS:

- Sat., Nov. 1st @ Book Buyers: 7:30pm poetry + fiction reading feat. Sarah Archer Moulton, Angelo Geter, E.E. Hussey & Shawn Bowers + open mic

SPECIALS 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-Saturdays @ Great Wagon Road Distillery: tours
- Fridays & Saturdays 10pm-4am: Food Trucks on Freedom
- Southern Food Bicycle Tour
www.CharlotteNCTours.com (daily)

COMEDY | THEATER:

- Nov. 4th-9th @ Belk Theater: Six – the Musical

SYMPHONY | OPERA | DANCE:

- THRU Nov. 1st @ Knight Theater:
www.CharlotteBallet.org Presents: Fall Works – Whispers, Echoes, Voices (Petite Mort by Jiri Kylian / Solo Echo by Crystal Pite / As I Am – A World Premiere by Mithuzeli November)
- THRU Nov. 3rd @ the Hilton (airport): Tikami Productions Present: Queen City Dance Festival feat. Bonifacio Aurio, Sony & Shayna, Kiki & Lauren, Veronika & Claude, Brandon & Hazel
- Nov. 14th & 15th @ Belk Theater:
www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Respighi's Pines of Rome
- Nov. 28th & 29th @ Belk Theater:
www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Home Alone in Concert
- Dec. 5th-7th @ Knight Theater:
www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Handel's Messiah
- Dec. 12th-13th @ Knight Theater:
www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: A Carolina Christmas
- Dec. 12th & 13th @ Spectrum Center: Trans-Siberian Orchestra – the Ghosts of Christmas Eve

MUSEUMS | ART:

- Liberty Walk: self-guided tour of the American Revolution – www.CharlotteLibertyWalk.com / www.HandHeldHistory.com contact@meckdeck.org
- THRU Jan. 4th @ the Mint Museum (Randolph): Future Now – Virtual Sneakers to Cutting-Edge Kicks
- THRU Feb. 9th @ Bechtler Museum of Modern Art: Assembly Lines – Modernism & Machines

TRADE | INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

- Nov. 13th-23rd @ the Park Expo & Conference Center:
www.SouthernChristmasShow.com
- THRU Nov. 23rd @ 16445 Poplar Tent Rd. (Huntersville):
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JOEY VERNON: FU'S CUSTOM TATTOOS

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I first met
Joey Vernon
when he was
tattooing at his
father's shop, Shaper's
Quest, on South Boulevard. It was
the mid '90's and I was a walk-in. I wanted my first

tattoo. I came through those doors as an unknown young adult, with some stationary depicting the art I wanted. I was greeted with a smirk and a handshake from a sturdy Vernon wearing a three-foot-long ponytail of bright, red hair. He poked fun at me for my tattoo choice, but delivered exactly what I wanted. I appreciated his quick wit and sharp tongue and followed him from location to location for decades, getting him to adorn my body with more than a handful of black and grey tattoos.

Consultations with tattoo artists isn't always required, but it is highly recommended. I remember at one of those meetings, I, again, walked in clutching a greeting card with what I thought I wanted. He promptly suggested some very insightful tweaks to it and I couldn't have been



more pleased with his changes. Would he still let me come in with another generic greeting card and insist he do it exactly like the image shows? Absolutely. But is that what I would really want from my tattoo artist? No.

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JUSTIN “FIREBALL”

– AN INTERVIEW BY THE CLOWN

Professional wrestling has permeated US culture in the past sixty years. There are several high-profile personalities that appear in movies, commercials, and other media during and after their participation in pro wrestling. “The Nature Boy” Rick Flair put Charlotte on the map in the sport and some personalities allowed us inspirational quotes like, Mick Foley’s “If God built me a ladder to heaven, I’d climb to the top and elbow drop the world.” A benefit of this culture permeation is the presence of individuals and independent wrestling organizations that entertain local communities. The Clown caught up with the ever hard-working Justin “Fireball” to get some insight into wrestling local to Charlotte.

CLOWN: What got you into wrestling?

FIREBALL: Well, it’s hard to say. My earliest memory was from about 4 years old. I saw a piece of cheese on a mouse trap, and I went to go get it and it smashed my finger. I started crying and my dad came and snatched me up and put me in front of the TV and gave me a bowl of slice pickles to eat and wrestling was on TV. From that moment forward, I fell in love with it.

CLOWN: How long have you been doing this?

FIREBALL: I started out wrestling for my High School, then I wrestled in the US Army. After that I got into some MMA (Mixed Martial Arts). Then I met a guy named Zane Riley, who helped me get my first pro wrestling match. So over all I’ve been wrestling since 1998 (27 years).

CLOWN: Does your current organization have a name?

FIREBALL: I wrestle for all kinds of companies. I make the joke that I’ll wrestle just about anywhere: barns, churches, strip clubs, trailer parks, you name it. Although right now I’ve been wrestling for a company called Alternative Wrestling Showcase (AWS) and Underground Carolina Wrestling (UCW) a lot.

CLOWN: How often are you training and what does that entail?

FIREBALL: I try to train every single day if I can. I know it might not look like I am in the best shape, but get me in the ring and I will body slam you and put you in a sleeper hold. My training regimen has changed over the years, but I basically do a soft core version of CrossFit mixed with weight lifting and jogging. I try to jog at least 4 miles a day.

CLOWN: What motivates your participation?

FIREBALL: It’s like a drug. There is just something about it. Once you get the wrestling itch, it stays with you. You are always chasing it. Besides, who doesn’t want to hit a guy with a chair from time to time?



CLOWN: What goals do you have for yourself and the organization?

FIREBALL: I just want to wrestle, win championships, make people happy that are watching it, and hopefully I don’t get beat up or hurt too badly.

CLOWN: What is your favorite thing about this?

FIREBALL: The rush. Also, I get out there in my underwear and try to impress the ladies! (Fireball’s thunderous laugh follows).

CLOWN: Is your family supportive and involved?

FIREBALL: Kind of supportive kind of but not really involved. It’s not their thing.

CLOWN: What is your message for the future generations of wrestlers?

FIREBALL: Study old tapes/film/footage. Learn the history of wrestling and jog, jog, jog, JOG! Get them legs strong and that cardio up!

CLOWN: When is your next event and do you have events slated into 2026?

FIREBALL: December 20th I’ll be wrestling in Gastonia at the VFW. I will be wrestling that match as Santa Claus. Yep. You heard that right, as Santa Claus. Then January 31st I’ll be going for the North Carolina Championship in Charlotte at Suffolk Punch Brewing in SouthEnd.

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 - **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, 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)
 - **Beam Family Farms**, 5200 Seven Pines Rd., Lawndale
 - **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, 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
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 - **Cottonmill Mushroom Farm**, 414 N.Meriah St., Landis
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