

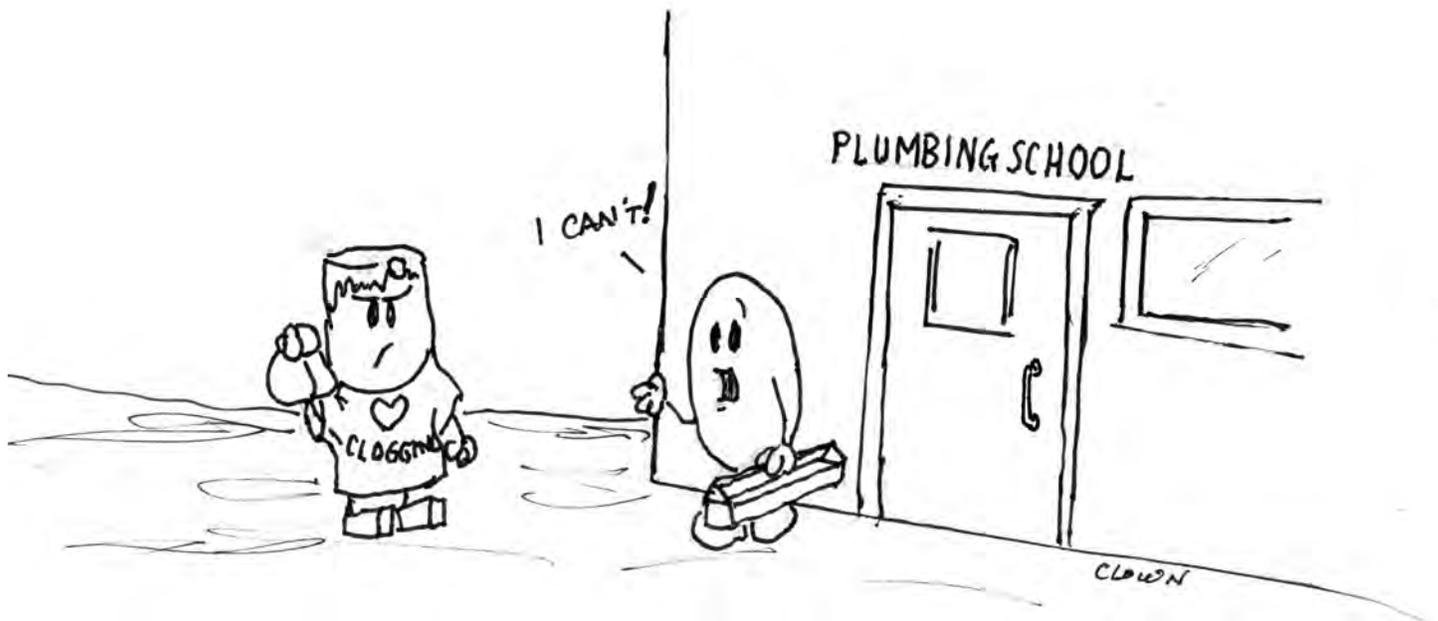
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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Hello, Charlotte and surround. Thank you for indulging us and checking out this issue of My City Magazine. As always, in each issue, you will find an exhaustive event listing: everything from our Panthers, Hornets, and our Checkers to live music and the arts. See also that the season is now for haunted attractions, so our resident Clown is happily providing a go-to list for that. He also has an advice column and a comic strip, Micro Monsters. This issue's "not-so-hidden gems" features Mad Jack's, Mama Bessie's, Berrybrook Farm, and Park Road Books. See also our farmers market and farm list (at some you can pick your own pumpkin). Our resident comic book nerd, John Burgin, gives us an article on Levi Erickson, author/illustrator, musician, and public school teacher. And the cover features Carolyn Barber of Reggae Central and an article on her beautiful store. We hope that you enjoy it and also hope y'all have a beautiful fall.

Enjoy today and every day,

Ellen Gurley & the other My City Magazine personalities



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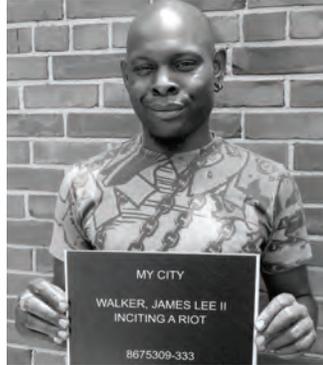
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LEVI ERICKSON

BY: JOHN BURGIN

When I think of the name Levi Erickson, it conjures up thoughts of a broad-chested, red beard who is sailing a boat on treacherous waters toward an ice-covered village besieged by a great dragon. A red bearded, "giant of a man" with massive, tattooed forearms and chains sewn into leather wrist cuffs. I see him gripping his battle axe and leaping from his sturdy vessel to size up the foul, fire breathing beast. He charges forward with fierce eyes and flared nostrils leaping into the air. With one mighty swing of his trusty axe, the head of the evil monster is separated from its body and falls lifeless onto the icy ground below. The once terrified villagers emerge from their creaky, wooden cottages and erupt into cheers as they raise frothy pints of ale in boisterous celebration!!!

Ah, but you must excuse my wandering mind for a second as I come back to the present day and talk a little about my friend Levi Erickson - a slightly less barbaric, but, possibly, just as wild and, no doubt, a very interesting fellow. The Levi I've known has lived in the Charlotte area for about twenty years now; since his time as a United States Marine came to an end. You will find him at his home base, a little garage/studio/skatepark that he has dubbed, the "Asteroid M". It is a nod to the mutant, Magneto (his home base in Marvel's X-men series). Yes, Levi is a comic book nerd, but that's not all. On any given afternoon you may find him shredding his homemade mini ramp, thrashing some punk guitar tunes, or writing and drawing his original comic book series called, "The Big". It's a sort of horror story about Bigfoot folktales.

Originally born in Kansas, Levi moved with his family to Hot Springs, Arkansas and he lived out



his teenage / high school years there. It was during these formative years, of the mid to late '80's, that he developed his love for skateboarding and punk music. In his words, he says, "when I see something that I like, I can't just sit back and like it, I have to try to do it, too".

He recalls picking up G.I. Joe comics, specifically issues 26 and 27 (the origin of Snake Eyes). He dove into those storylines and, captivated by the characters and the art, he began to try to draw what he saw in those stories. Levi found himself being influenced by several of the image creators at that time: Todd McFarlane, Rob Liefeld, Erik Larsen, and John Byrne.

After high school, Levi moved to California to try his luck as a musician and comic artist in Los Angeles. He remembers the grueling days of pounding the pavement; knocking on doors - just trying to score a big break in either field. Eventually, he began to miss the slower pace that life had to offer in the smaller towns and he moved all the way across the country to Maine.



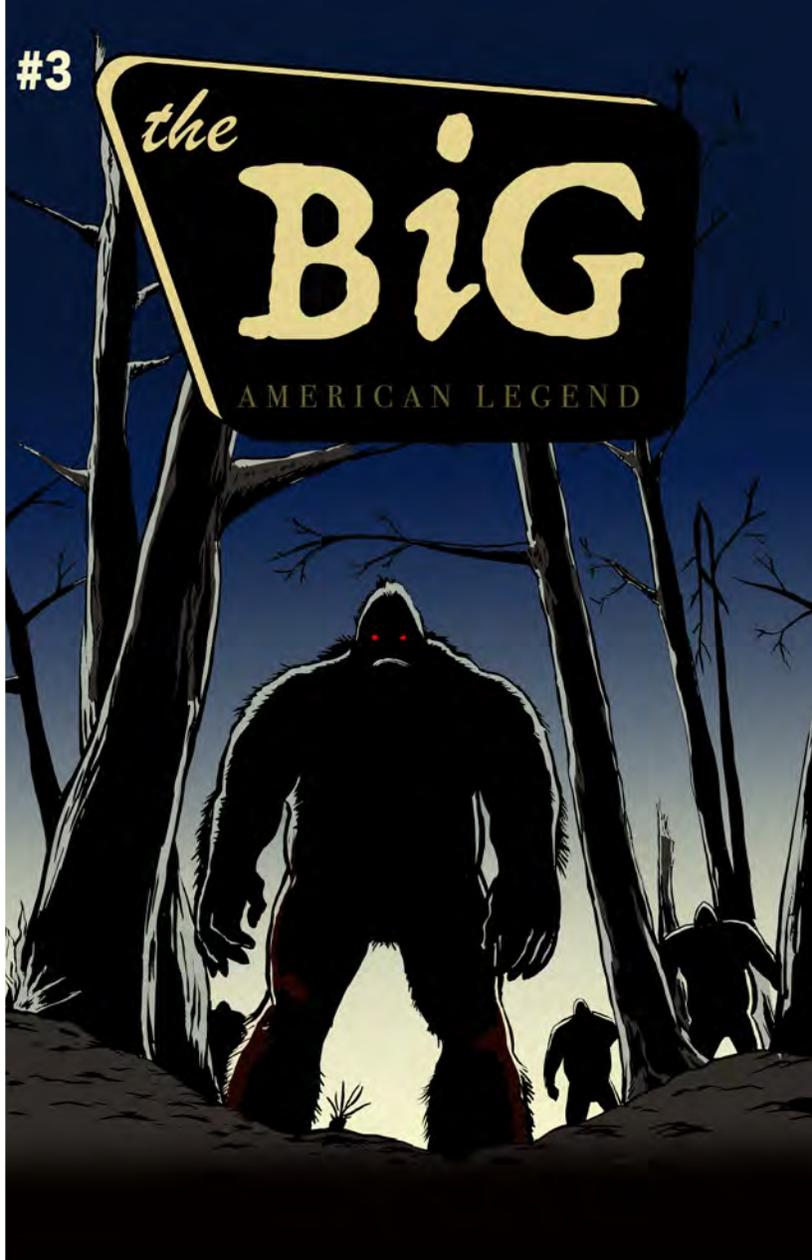
Maine was great and he fell in with a group of musicians. That project became his focus for a while. He honed his guitar playing skills on the small club circuits, but things weren't super easy.

He decided to join the United States Marine Corp. Being enlisted was life-changing, to say the least. Mr. Erickson spent a decade serving and then decided it was time for, yet, another change. He decided to move to the Charlotte area of North Carolina around 2007. He settled down and started a family. He spent some time in various jobs; including being a background/environment artist for a video game design company. (He was tasked with designing the vegetation in various landscapes in the backgrounds of video games. How cool is that?!)



Still, Levi had the desire to create his own art and write his own stories - as he has always been fascinated with the folklore surrounding Bigfoot, or, as someone who grew up in Arkansas might call it, the Fouke Monster / the creature from Boggy Creek. Erickson's stories in "the Big" focus on the folklore and asking the real questions. For instance, if Bigfoot is real, where is the proof? Why can't we find him? He also wants to explore how the local townsfolk relate to the creature plus give accounts of outsiders coming to town looking for evidence of Bigfoot's existence. He is telling these stories in 12 issues. Each of which is 12 pages in length and he is currently working on issue number four.

Creating comics is an arduous process and one still has to pay the bills and our Mr. Erickson works very hard as a teacher in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system. He teaches 3-D game design at Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology. Dude has excelled at inspiring students and teaching them the basics AND excitement of "nerding". Just this past year, he was nominated for the Beginning Teacher of the Year Award and made it to the



round of finalists. Not too shabby, if you ask me.

I met Levi, networking as a comic book writer and author myself (FROGBOY), and he is one of the nicest guys in the world - always willing to talk comics and share secrets of the trade. In fact, he even finds time to film a podcast with his good friend, Ryan Holgerson, also an independent comic book writer and author. They talk all about

comics, share some of their favorite storylines, and give insight into their own processes. It's called, "Comics in the Making" and I think you should give it a listen.

Well, there you have it. My pal, Levi Erickson, may not be a village saving, dragon slaying Viking, cruising around the arctic circle, but it's my opinion that he is far more interesting than that.

Podcast: Comics in the Making
Book: The Big
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WHAT DO I KNOW? I'M JUST A CLOWN

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ADVICE FROM MARTIN "THE CLOWN" BARRY



Dear Clown,

I am a single mother and I love my life. I work from home and care for my toddler full time. This, however, has not always been an easy road. While I have had consistent support and encouragement from friends, my parents and siblings have less than that. My parents insisted that I should not do this alone and their communication has been sparse for over two years. My siblings follow the same pattern, but my sister seems to be communicating more lately. I am not worried about their position in this, but I suspect that my sister may be less than sincere and possibly trying to get information to report back to my parents. Should I open up?

Sincerely, Her



Dear Her,

I can completely understand the skepticism here. When we are left alone in a decision and dedicate our efforts in spite of an absence of support, we lay down boundaries that disallow depletion. In the face of this, just ask your sister directly about her motivation. If she is sincere, this will add happiness to three lives. If she betrays this, you will already know what to do.

Keep nurturing, Clown



Dear Clown,

A group of us have a friend that we suspect may be hiding a drinking problem. Her behavior is erratic and completely contradictory lately. She insists that she is not drinking, but the behaviors say otherwise. She complains about her husband but does several things to provoke his reactions every day. She began repeating things she told us only a short time ago, and she began calling some of us at late hours. We want to help, but we are not sure where to start.

Sincerely, Might Intervene



Dear Might Intervene,

From the description, your concerns may be valid. There could be some compounding factors here as well. I would start by addressing this problem alone first and bring in the rest of your friends to support as it develops. Your sincere concern for your friend is a beautiful thing and I hope she will recognize that and be honest with you and with herself. Please make sure you have all the facts and understand her position before offering anything from advice to intervention. Please also recognize that she must be self-motivated to make changes as well. I hope your care and sincerity will win the day.

Keep the kindness, Clown



Dear Clown,

My son recently purchased his first home last year. We are very proud that he has done so well for himself. My wife and I have started to wonder if there may be a problem that we have not identified. Our son will call occasionally and visit us about every three months, but he has yet to ask us to visit his place. We have been discussing all the possible things that could be causing this, and we are struggling to come up with a cause. We are certain that we did not do everything perfectly raising our kid, but we did our best. Do you think we should be concerned?

Sincerely, The Dad



A Dear The Dad,

This may be one of the sweetest parental concern letters I have ever read. You have already done excellent work taking your parental efforts into consideration and putting your son first. I am hoping there is no conflict between you and your son, but nobody has a perfect record. Start by making gentle suggestions with your son. Increase communication a little bit, suggest bringing dinner over, ask if he needs some assistance with light landscaping tasks, etc. If there are refusals to the smaller efforts, be direct in discussing a root cause without escalation.

Thanks dad, Clown

Q Dear Clown,

I have been dating a woman for eight months and I would like to move things up a level. She is against marriage and has made this clear from the start, so I will not be asking. What I would like to propose is moving into a place together. I know that I want all the time I can get with her, and I think she feels

the same way. My only concern is that she might say no. I don't want to mess up something great by doing this the wrong way. What would you advise as the best approach?

Sincerely, Wanting More

A Dear Wanting More,

It is certainly wonderful that you have found someone that makes you want to alter your life. It is also good that you obviously respect her views. There are several ways you can do this. Providing some amenities at your place could be a good start. A new toothbrush, some open closet or dresser space, or special items in the kitchen or shower to increase her comfort could be a subtle start. Higher level effort could include giving her a key to your place in a gift box, but don't blow out the candles before they are even lit. It is also important to be honest with yourself if she DOES refuse and consider whether you should continue, or if you have a differing vision for what you want your life to be.

Go slow, Clown

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- **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
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- **Denvers Farmers Market**, 3633 Hwy. 16 N., Denver, NC, www.LincolnCountyFarmersMarket.com
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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
- **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, 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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- **Piedmont Farmers Market**, 518 Winecoff School Rd., Concord, NC, www.Piedmont-FarmersMarket.com
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- **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., 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
- **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

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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)
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- **East of Eden**, 8300 McIlwaine Rd., Huntersville
- **Fading D Farm**, 295 Fading D Farm Rd, Salisbury, 28144, 980-330-8189 (Saturdays 3-6pm)
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- **Good Karma Ranch Alpacas**, 1041 Brevard Place Rd., Iron Station
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- **Mary L. Farm**, 155 Parker Loop, Mount Ulla, NC 28125, 704-664-1687, www.MaryLFarm.com
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EVENTS IN YOUR CITY

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SUNDAYS:

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES:

- www.CharlotteKnights.com @ Truist Field: 9.07 @TBA vs. Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp / 9.21 @TBA vs. Durham Bulls
- www.Panthers.com @ Bank of America Stadium 1pm: 9.21 vs. Falcons / 10.05 vs. Dolphins / 10.12 vs. Cowboys / 10.26 vs. Bills

BEER | WINE | FOOD:

- @ 300 Restaurant: ½ wine by the bottle
- @ Sir Edmund Halley's: 1/2 off of wine by the bottle
- Sun., Sept. 7th @ Resident Culture Brewing: 2-5pm Family Meal: a Queer Community Dinner benefitting Time Out Youth

LIVE MUSIC:

- @ the Boatyard (Lake Norman): Mystic Vibrations
- @ the Comet Grill: Omari & the Hellhounds
- @ the Evening Muse: 9.14 7:30pm Michael Minelli / 9.21 7:30pm Jill Andrews, Reeve Coobs / 9.28 7:30pm the Runarounds / 10.05 7:30pm Scott Mulvahill, Bonner Black / 10.12 7:30pm Rehash, Tigers Eye
- @ the Fillmore: 9.14 K Camp / 9.21 Bilmuri / 10.05 Cuco / 10.12 Alestorm
- @ Heist Brewery / Barrel Arts: 3rd Sundays (until Dec.) 1-5pm Eternally Grateful (Dead covers) + guests & vendors
- @ Middle C Jazz: 9.07 5pm Jazz Legacy w. Justin Varnes (an Ella Fitzgerald tribute) feat. Maria Howell / 9.14 5pm Isaiah Bell's Gospel Sunday
- @ the Milestone: 9.07 Motocrossed, Apastoral, Lichtenvol, Jordyn Zaino / 9.28 Brighter Than a Thousand Suns, Tenderlash, Now After Nothing, Cffndrgr / 10.26 Darsombra, Crunk Witch
- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 9.14 LA Dispute / 9.21 John Mark McMillan, Citizens / 9.28 Tinsley Ellis / 10.05 Taylorville (a Taylor Swift tribute) / 10.19 the War & Treaty / 10.26 Doublecamp
- @ Smokey Joe's: 6-9pm James Brock & friends + pot luck dinner
- @ the Underground: 9.14 Bayside (night 2) / 9.21 Aidan Bissett / 9.28 BunnaB / 10.05 6arelyHuman / 10.26 Scorey
- @ the Visulite Theatre: 9.07 James McMurtry, Bonnie Whitmore / 9.21 John Craige, Cristine Vane / 10.05 Hollow Coves, Shallow Alcove / 10.19 Hobo Johnson & the Lovemakers, Budman / 10.26 Jukebox the Ghost, Boys go to Jupiter
- Sun., Sept. 14th @ PNC Music Pavilion: Nelly, Ja Rule, Eve
- Sun., Sept. 14th @ Amos' SouthEnd: Jade Bird
- Sun., Sept. 21st @ the Amp Ballantyne: Ziggy Marley, Burning Spear
- Sun., Sept. 21st @ Tommy's Pub: 4pm the Sun Sippers w. DJs Eric Milatz & Mikey Tags
- Sun., Sept. 28th @ Petra's: Petite League, Orange Dog Club

COMEDY | THEATER:

- @ the Comedy Zone: 10.05 DeRay Davis / 10.12 Marcus Wiley / 10.19 Mojo Brookzz / 10.26 Adam Ray

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 | DRAG:

- @ Dish: 2nd & 4th Sundays 3pm "Go-Go Gary" w.DJs Lee Lally (Adverb) & friends
- @ Merchant & Trade: 2-6pm DJ That Guy Smitty
- @ 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
- Sun., Sept. 14th @ Tommy's Pub: 12-5pm DJs Spider & Froman Howard

FILM:

- @ the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: 2nd Sundays 2pm the www.ClassicBlackCinemaSeries.com - September: the Flying Ace, October: Night of the Living Dead, November: Dirty Gertie from Harlem USA, December: Come Back Charleston Blue

MONDAYS:

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES:

- @ 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 9.01 Chris Wilhelm / 9.08 Hibou / 9.15 the Rough & Tumble
- @ the Milestone: 9.01 Dollars Taxes, Saint Logic, I Hate Dave / 9.15 Overturn, Friend, Agonize, Tongues of Fire, Conquer / 9.29 Xoth, Inoculation, Evisceration, Dollhaver / 10.20 Cheem, Cinema Stare, Oldsoul, Little Mountain Kart Club
- @ Morningside Pub: 9pm open mic night & snack potluck
- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 10.06 Duane Betts & Palmetto Hotel, Jaime Wyatt / 10.13 California Honey drops / 10.20 Nourished by Time, Zsela / 10.27 Asiris
- @ Petra's: 7-10pm Bill Hanna Legacy Jazz Jam

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- @ Smokey Joe's: 1st Mondays Jamorah
- @ Snug Harbor: 10.13 Shaki Tavi, Bottled Up / 10.27 Lesser Care, Night Rituals, Secret Shame
- @ Tommy's Pub: 9.15 8pm live Irish music (various musicians) / 10.27 8pm Tim Holehouse
- @ the Underground: 9.01 the Starting Line / 9.22 G-Flip
- Mon., Sept. 29th @ Knight Theater: Lyle Lovett & His Acoustic Group
- Mon., Oct. 13th @ the Fillmore: Noah Cyrus

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.CharlotteKnights.com @ Truist Field: 9.02 vs. Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp / 9.16 6:35pm vs. Durham Bulls

BEER | WINE | FOOD:

- @ 7th Street Public Market: 5-7pm the Assorted Table Wine Shoppe Weekly Wine Tasting (\$5, 5 wines + nibbles)
- @ Cornelius Draffhouse & Bottle Shop: 1/2 off wine
- @ 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:

- @ 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 9.16 7:30pm Jack Van Cleaf
- @ the Fillmore: 9.09 Our Last Night / 9.16 Malcolm Todd / 10.21 Saint Motel
- @ Jackalope Jack's: 9pm Eternally Grateful Band (a Dead tribute)
- @ Moochie's Tavern: open mic night
- @ the Milestone: 9.30 Fifth Floor, Scoby, Jvk, Brizb / 10.07 Equipment, See Through Person, Hey, Ily, Wey mouth, Moving Boxes

- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 9.23 Reckless Kelly, Roger Clyne / 9.30 Sharon Van Etten & the Attachment Theory, Torres / 10.07 Oteil & Friends / 10.14 Steve Morse Band / 10.21 Robbie Fulks, Danny Burns / 10.28 Oddisee
- @ Petra's: 9.09 76th Street / 9.30 Juan Wauters, Florencia
- @ Snug Harbor: 9.09 Mandako, Saintlogic, Fueled by Ma / 9.16 Kassa Overall, Bravo Pueblo / 9.23 the Darts, Dion Lunadon, Paint Fumes / 9.30 Syndicate99, Sunshower, Infixty / 10.07 Soft Blue Shimmer, Shrine, Ringing / 10.14 Emily June, Timothy Chandler Hicks, Carolina Down Boys / 10.21 Tall Juan, Ronnie Stone, Human Pippi Armstrong, DRMOFO / 10.28 Docents, Patois Counselors
- @ Smokey Joe's: open mic night w.the Smokin J's
- @ the Underground: 9.16 Superheaven / 9.23 Blessthefall / 10.21 Ruston Kelly / 10.28 Sofia Isella
- @ VisArt (Video) Café: 2nd Tuesdays 7:30-9pm Mike Strauss Trio w.guests
- Tues., Sept. 2nd @ PNC Music Pavilion: Coheed and Cambria, Taking back Sunday, Foxing
- Tues., Sept. 2nd @ SkyLa Credit Union Amphitheatre: Simple Plan
- Tues., Oct. 7th @ the Visulite Theatre: Novulent, Zeruel
- Tues., Oct. 21st @ Spectrum Center: Stevie Nicks

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.CharlotteHornets.com @ Spectrum Center: 10.22 7pm vs. Brooklyn
- www.CharlotteKnights.com @ Truist Field: 9.03 6:35pm vs. Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp / 9.17 6:35pm vs. Durham Bulls

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: 9.03 7:30pm Clay Johnson & the Hard Promises, the Maggie Valley Band / 9.10 7:30pm Jonathan Scales Fourchestra / 9.17 7pm Clem Snide, Drumming Bird / 9.24 7:30pm Brandon Tenney, John Maddrey, Leah Simone Song Swap / 10.08 7:30pm Zach Fowler, Austin Grimm / 10.15 7:30pm Grayson Jenkins Band, Kyle Kelly Band / 10.29 7:30pm the Jins
- @ the Fillmore: 9.17 the Teskey Brothers / 10.22 Cannibal Corpse / 10.29 Lenny Pearce
- @ the Milestone: 9.17 Arcadia Grey, Mint Green, Leisure Hour, Between Two Trees / 10.22 Those Dogs, Jokers Republic, Mega Infinity, Pwrup
- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 9.03 John R. Miller, Miss Tess / 9.10 Lucero / 9.17 Butcher Brown / 9.24 Mehro / 10.01 the Wailers / 10.08 Jack & Jack, Edwin Honoret / 10.15 Saul Williams, Carlos Nino & Friends / 10.29 High Fade, the Ries Brothers
- @ PNC Music Pavilion: 9.10 Bone Thugs-N-Harmony, Three 6 Mafia / 9.17 the Lumineers
- @ the Rooster (Gastonia): 7-11:45pm open mic hosted by Jade Moore
- @ Snug Harbor: 9.03 Bark Culture, Nathan Matthews Ensemble / 9.10 Willingdon, Blush! / 9.17 Woody, Barney Cortez / 10.15 Chew, Giant Day, Forceghost / 10.22 Annie Leeth, Homemade Haircuts / 10.29 Weakened Friends, Rodeo Boys, Petrov
- @ Starlight on 22nd: 7-10pm open mic
- @ the Underground: 9.17 Babytron / 10.01 Che / 10.08 John Maus
- @ VisArt Café: 1st Wednesdays Lovell Bradford Trio jazz jam
- Wed., Oct. 8th @ the Visulite Theatre: the Brothers Comatose, Two Runner
- Wed., Oct. 29th @ Spectrum Center: Renee Rapp

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) 9.03 DJ Justice / 10.22 the Black Ferris Buller (Shawn Allison) / DJ Donny Blackaway

KARAOKE:

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

SPEAKERS:

- Wed., Oct. 29th @ the Comedy Zone: Jeri & Ciara (of the Ladies & Tangents podcast)

THURSDAYS:

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES:

- www.CharlotteHornets.com @ Spectrum Center: 10.30 7pm vs. Orlando
- www.CharlotteKnights.com @ Truist Field: 9.04 7:04pm vs. Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp / 9.18 7:04pm vs. Durham Bulls
- @ 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: 9.18 7:30pm Joe Pug, Jesse Ruben / 10.02 7:30pm Trash Panda, the Ocho / 10.09 7:30pm Misha Fair & the Heights, Low Groves, Sluice / 10.16 7:30pm Ben Sollee, Jeri Katherine Howell / 10.23 7:30pm harf. / 0.30 7:30pm Kitty Craft, After
- @ the Fillmore: 9.18 Dylan Gossett / 9.25 Russell Dickerson / 10.02 Lil Tecca / 10.09 the 5025 / 10.30 Between the Buried and Me, Hail the Sun
- @ Marquee: Rhythm 4U Band feat. Erika Morrison
- @ the Milestone: 9.11 DRI, Paralysis / 9.18 Latter, Nude, Patois Counselors / 10.02 Subvertigo, Dossier, Jackson Fig, Plight, Catchbliss
- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 9.04 Blake Whiten / 9.11 Marlon Funaki, Twin Suns / 9.18 the Wellermen / 9.25 the Heavy Heavy / 10.02 Kenzie Cait / 10.09 Ashes & Arrows, Blue Cactus, Skylar Gudasz / 10.16 Everclear / 10.30 Saxsquatch
- @ Petra's: 9.04 Lou Hazel, Alexa Rose / 10.30 the Phantom AD, Creatures of the Sun, Dead Letter
- @ Queen City Grounds: open mic
- @ Smokey Joe's: 9pm-12am Shana Blake & friends' "Menagerie"
- @ the Underground: 9.11 Cash Cobain / 9.25 Dying Fetus / 10.02 Destin Conrad / 10.09 the Grizzley / 10.23 Hannah Bahng / 10.30 Sunami, Scowl
- @ the Visulite Theatre: 9.18 Jon Stickley Trio / 10.09 Clay Street Unit, Valley Flower / 10.30 Dogs in a Pile
- Thurs., Sept. 4th @ Snug Harbor: Britta Phillips (the singing voice of Jem)
- Thurs., Sept. 25th @ PNC Music Pavilion: Lil Wayne
- Thurs., Oct. 2nd @ Amos' SouthEnd: Whitey Morgan

COMEDY | THEATER:

- @ the Comedy Zone: 8.28 Shuler King / 10.09 Cousin Tiera

SYMPHONY | OPERA | DANCE:

- Thurs., Sept. 18th @ Belk Theater: www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Gil Shaham Plays Tchaikovsky

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: 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.

FRIDAYS:

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES:

- www.CharlotteCheckers.com @ the Bojangles Coliseum: 10.17 7pm vs. Iowa Wild / 10.24 7pm vs. Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins
- www.CharlotteIndependence.com @ American Legion Memorial Stadium: 9.12 7pm vs. FC Naples / 10.03 7pm vs. Spokane Velocity FC / 10.10 7pm vs. AV Alta FC / 10.17 7pm vs. Chattanooga Red Wolves SC
- www.CharlotteKnights.com @ Truist Field: 9.05 7:04pm vs. Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp / 9.19 7:04pm vs. Durham Bulls

BEER | WINE | FOOD:

- @ Amos' SouthEnd: 9.05 Karma (a Chappell, Roan, & Girl Pop tribute), Ellie Morgan (a Taylor Swift tribute) / 9.12 Fake Happy (a Paramore tribute), Dovecage, Escape from Salem / 9.19 Savannah Dexter, Brabo Gator / 9.26 Tanner Usrey / 10.03 the Castellows
- @ the Comet Grill: the Lenny Federal Band
- @ the Evening Muse: 9.05 7:30pm the Wilson Springs Hotel, Ranford Almond Band / 9.19 7pm Peter Bradley Adams / 10:30pm J.T. Loux & Arsun / 9.26 7:30pm Nicholas Jamerson, Justin Clyde Williams / 10.03 10:30pm Jacooby / 10.10 7:30pm Brian Dunne, Dead Gowns / 10:30pm Daisha McBride, DALI, Eastside Brotha / 10.17 7:30pm Jason Eady, Gabe Lee / 10:30pm Ace Monroe, the Retrograde
- @ the Fillmore: 9.26 Marc Rebillet / 10.10 the Living Tombstone
- @ the Milestone: 9.05 Feyleux, Idol Talk, Iioioioii, Cold Choir / 9.12 Escape from the Zoo, Van Huskins / 10.24 Self Made Monsters, Fireblood, 77 Lies
- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 9.05 Anderson Fast, Benny G / 9.12 Zoso (a Led Zeppelin tribute) / 9.19 Low Water Bridge Band, Jake Kohn / 10.17 Here Come the Mummies / 10.24 Della Mae / 10.31 Chaparelle, Ramsey Thornton
- @ Petra's: 9.05 True Lilith, Yes Dear, Jackson Fig / 9.12 8pm Curtis Eller, the American Circus, MOA / 9.19 Kids Table, Dazy Bea, Camp Calico / 10.03 Thot Squad / 10.17 Jade & the J'Ukes, Danielle Howle, Heidi Sidelinker
- @ Snug Harbor: 9.05 Kumo 99, Stripmall Ravestarr, Girl Brutal / 9.12 Pink Turns Blue, Some Days are Darker, Secret Shame / 9.19 Owen & the Smokes, Colors in Corduroy, Bedroom Division / 10.03 Motocrossed, Dollar Taxes, I-25 Connector, Duhl / 10.17 the Criticals, New Translations
- @ Substrate: 7pm Cosmic Collective
- @ Tommy's Pub: 9.05 8pm open jam w. Corrina Lewis / 9.12 8pm Beyond the Portal, Dumpster Service, And I Become Death / 9.19 8pm Solemn Shapes, Iioioioii / 10.24 8pm Nobody Blink, Shelf Life, Valley Range
- @ the Underground: 9.05 Jim Norton / 9.12 Cartel / 9.19 Matt Maltese / 9.26 Jeremy Zucker / 10.03 Yoi Toki / 10.10 Sons of the East / 10.17 Colony House / 10.24 Ivent Animate
- @ the Visulite Theatre: 9.05 Tribute (a celebration of the Allman Brothers) / 9.12 Austin McNeill, Adam Church, Warrick McZeke / 9.19 the Deep Shallow Band, Matone / 9.26 Cosmic Charlie (a Dead tribute) / 10.03 Polyrhythmic & Sam Greenfield / 10.10 Yo Mama's Big Fat Booty Band, Groove 8 / 10.17 Kolton Moore & the Clever Few

- Fri., Sept. 5th @ Muddy River Distillery (Mount Holly): 6-9pm David Childers & the Serpents Quartet
- Fri., Sept. 12th @ the Common Market (Monroe): 7pm Selah Dubb
- Fri., Sept. 26th @ Crown Station: the Mystery Plan
- Fri., Oct. 3rd @ Skyla Credit Union Amphitheatre: Papa Roach, Rise Against
- Fri., Oct. 17th @ Ovens Auditorium: the Cult
- Fri., Oct. 24th @ PNC Music Pavillion: DEVO, the B-52s, Lene Lovich
- Fri., Oct. 24th @ Spectrum Center: Tate McRae, Alessi Rose

PLAY OR POETRY READINGS | BOOK SIGNINGS:

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

COMEDY | THEATER:

- @ the Comedy Zone: 9.19 Bryan Callen / 10.03 DeRay Davis / 10.10 Lucas Zelnick / 10.17 Mojo Brookzz / 10.24 Adam Ray
- @ the Common Market (SouthEnd): 7pm open mic comedy w. Jacob Manlucu
- @ Tip Top Daily Market: 3rd Fridays 8pm comedy open mic
- Fri., Oct. 3rd @ the Big Chill: LOL4CFF feat. local novices, headlining touring comedian, auction, dinner & more

MUSEUMS | ART:

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

TRADE | INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

- @ Tip Top Daily Market: 4:20-5:20pm High Time Happy Hour – 20% off all herbal delta & CBD products
- Fri., Sept. 12th @ Premier Event Center: Perreo Land Music Festival w. dancers, entertainers, confetti shows, stilts & more

DANCE MUSIC | DJS | BURLESQUE | DRAG:

- @ AC Hotel Charlotte Ballantyne: 7pm DJ Jason Herring (Jah Sun Rising)
- @ Dilworth Tasting Room (Plaza-Midwood): 8pm-12am DJ That Guy Smitty
- @ Harris Teeter (Cotswold): every other Friday VNLY WRKS' DJ Daddyo (Kevin Helms)
- @ Marquee: DJ C-Rob
- @ the Reggae Lounge: "Fyah Fridays" w. DJ Dr C & guests
- @ Retro Bar: 9.12 DJ T-Nice & guests / 9.26 Booth Events Presents: "The Oracle Reunion" feat. DJs Tober, T-Nice, Mad Monk, Rob Reeves & Kenny Breaks
- @ TCB Hundred Bar & Grill: 7-9pm "Pull up Fridays" w. DJ Stacey Blackman
- @ Tommy's Pub: 9.26 9pm Tool Chest Productions Presents: Amateur Burlesque Night / 10.17 DJ Tobinurotik
- @ VINYL: 8pm DJ A-Minor
- Fri., Sept. 12th @ Arts + Community Campus: 7:30pm the Gay Men's Chorus of Charlotte Presents: "Icons – Pride Goes Pop"

KARAOKE:

- Fri., Sept. 12th @ Morningside Pub: 9pm punk rock karaoke w. Michelle MaBelle

FILM:

- @ the Spoke Easy: B-Movie Fridays
- Fri., Sept. 5th @ VisArt Video: 7:00pm Waiting for Guffman

SATURDAYS:

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES:

- www.CharlotteCheckers.com @ the Bojangles Coliseum: 10.18 6pm vs. Iowa Wild / 10.25 6pm vs. Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins
- www.CharlotteFootballClub.com @ Bank of America Stadium: 9.13 7:30pm vs. Inter Miami / 9.27 7:30pm vs. CF Montreal / 10.18 6pm vs. Philadelphia Union
- www.CharlotteKnights.com @ Truist Field: 9.06 5:35pm vs. Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp / 9.20 5:35pm vs. Durham Bulls
- Sat., Oct. 18th starting at Truist Field: 9am Walk to End ALZ – battling dementia & Alzheimer's disease

BEER | WINE | FOOD:

- Sat., Sept. 13th @ University City Boardwalk: 1-6pm Lowcountry Culture Festival
- Sat., Oct. 25th @ Ballantyne Backyard Community Park: 4-9pm Whiskey, Wine & Fire Festival

LIVE MUSIC:

- @ Amos' SouthEnd: 9.06 Something Clever, Scars Remain, Enemies & Allies / 9.13 Excitable (a Def Leppard & Wicked Love tribute) / 9.20 Mico, vaultboy / 9.27 the Rush Experience (a Rush tribute) / 10.04 Rookie of the Year, DJ Skid
- @ the Evening Muse: 9.06 7:30pm Freddie McClendon, Gabe Quinn / 10:30pm Wilmot & the Great Indoors / 9.13 8pm Added Color, haunt3d, the Abstractica / 9.20 7:30pm Chozen Dee, Lord Vizion, Tukool Tiff / 9.27 7:30pm Paris Monster, Boris & the Joy / 10.04 7:30pm Aaron Lee Tasjan, Jon Latham / 10:30pm the Thing, Feathers / 10.11 7:30pm Florencia & the Feeling, Elora Dash / 10:30pm Quique Escamilla / 10.18 7:30pm Kayko, Lost Stars / 10.25 7:30pm Josh Grider
- @ the Fillmore: 9.06 Big Wild / 9.20 Pup & Jeff Rosenstock / 9.27 Maddox Batson / 10.04 Kublai Khan / 10.18 Gigi Perez
- @ Knight Theater: 9.27 Steep Canyon Rangers / 10.04 Mary Chapin Carpenter, Brandy Clark
- @ the Milestone: 9.06 Out to Destroy, Chained, Bay Street Beatdown / 9.13 American Theory, Den of Wolves, Sunbreak, Infinxty
- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 9.06 Christone "King fish" Ingram / 9.13 Strings & Heart, Isly / 9.20 Amble (SOLD OUT) / 9.27 Madison Ryann Ward / 10.04 Kings Kaleidoscope, Hollyn / 10.11 Joshua Radin, Brendan James
- @ Ovens Auditorium: 9.06 Eden Munoz / 9.27 El Flaco y El Mimoso / 10.11 Marisela
- @ Petra's: 9.20 Mercury Dimes, Rotoglow, the Gone Ghosts / 9.27 Julian Calendar, Curiosidades de Bombrille, Ghost Trees / 10.04 Kissing Other Ppl, Rachel Baiman, Viv & Riley / 10.18 MoonLander, Barely Trev, Depreston, Jade Million / 10.25 Ultima Nota
- @ PNC Music Pavilion: 9.18 Tedeschi Trucks Band / 10.18 Tedeschi Trucks Band, Little Feat
- @ Snug Harbor: 9.06 Lilith Rising, Venus Invictus, Shadows Prevail, Random Alignment / 9.13 Brooke Alexx, Melina KB, Lynsea / 9.20 Monster Wave, Peach Candy Nut Boys, DJ Fat Keith Richards / 9.27 Lagrimas, Florida Man / 10.04 Cloakroom, Jivebomb, Destiny Bond / 10.11 Junior Astronomers / 10.18 Rigometrics, Droze & the Drift / 10.25 Sinners & Saints, DJ That Guy Smitty
- @ Tommy's Pub: 9.06 8pm Jade Moore, Landon Byrd, A Whiskey Predicament / 9.20 7pm the Primes / 9.27

- 8pm 4 Barrel Frankenstein, the Ruff'tons / 10.04 8pm Candy Coffins, Wilde Green
- @ the Underground: 9.13 Bayside (night 1) / 9.20 Dark Angel Extinction Level / 9.27 Waylon Wyatt / 10.04 Arcy Drive / 10.11 Ethan Regan
- @ the Visulite Theatre: 9.06 Brightside / 9.13 the Dirty Doors (a Doors tribute) / 9.20 Shelf Life, Regence, Jordan Sledge & the Saucepan Band / 9.27 Harvest Moon (a Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young tribute) / 10.04 Boombox / 10.18 Barstool Rodeo (a Widespread tribute)
- Sat., Sept. 6th @ Starlight on 22nd: 8:30pm Couldn't be Happier, Pam Taylor & the Flyin' V, Riverstone
- Sat., Sept. 13th @ Comet Grill: Randy Franklin & the Sardines
- Sat., Sept. 13th @ Bojangles Coliseum: Megan Moroney
- Sat., Sept. 13th @ the Common Market (Oakwold): the Mystery Plan
- Sat., Oct. 4th @ the Amp Ballantyne: 6:30pm JJ Grey, Mofro, Samantha Fish
- Sat., Oct. 11th @ Muddy River Distillery (Mount Holly): 7-11pm Buccaneers Ball feat. David Childers, Bloody Mad & the Scalawags w. costume contest, raffle, auction & more (pirate themed adult fundraiser to benefit Arts on the Greenway programs)
- Sat., Oct. 25th @ Spectrum Center: Lainey Wilson
- Sat., Oct. 25th @ the Rooster (Gastonia): 1pm the 7th Annual Carolina Headbangers Ball w. Witchpit, Hay maker, Cronic Disorder, Chaos Among Cattle, Outliar, Razorgrave, Hellfire 76, Attracting the Fall, Vehement, Red Letter Philosophy & Nozen + Cyanide Circus & an Ozzy tribute

COMEDY | THEATER:

- @ the Comedy Zone: 9.20 Bryan Callen / 10.04 DeRay Davis / 10.11 Lucas Zelnick / 10.18 Mojo Brookzz / 10.25 Adam Ray

SYMPHONY | OPERA | DANCE:

- Sat., Oct. 18th @ Knight Theater: www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Peter & the Wolf

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. 6th @ 35 Union St. (Concord): 11am-4pm Cabarrus Arts Council Presents: Art Walk on Union

TRADE | INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

- @ the Common Market (Oakwold): 10am-4pm Vnyl Wrks 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., Sept. 6th @ Book Buyers: 10am-2pm WDAV 89.9 Record Sale
- Sat., Sept. 6th @ Cabarrus Brewing Co. (Concord): 7-8pm meet & greet w. Buzz Lightyear
- Sat., Sept. 6th @ First Ward Park: 11am-9pm Charlotte Soul Fest (music, art, culture, & more)
- Sat., Sept. 13th @ Mama Bessie's Place: 10am-4pm 18th Birthday Celebration w. door prizes, intuitive readings & healing sessions + free gift w. purchase
- Sat., Sept. 20th @ Ballantyne's Backyard: 12pm Latin

American Coalition Presents the 35th Latino Americano Festival

- Sat., Sept. 27th @ the Gastonia Conference Center (Gastonia): Carolina Sound Music & Record Expo
- Sat., Oct. 18th @ Johnson C. Smith University: 10am-8pm the Melanated Wellness Fair
- Sat., Oct. 25th @ Red Genesis Toy Store (Gastonia): 11am-4pm Toy Show w. vintage toys, records, video games + raffle & free pizza
- Sat., Oct. 25th @ White Street Station (Rock Hill): 12-5pm Collective Conjure Events Presents: Wytches Waltz Halloween / Samhain Market

DANCE MUSIC | DJs | BURLESQUE | DRAG:

- @ the Milestone: 9.20, 10.18 "Digital Noir" w. DJ Spider & guest
- @ Marquee: DJ 360
- @ Mezzo Market: 7pm DJ Jah Sun Rising (Jason Herring)
- @ Sneak: DJ That Guy Smitty
- @ Substrate: 3rd Saturdays "LoveLee Days" w. DJ Adverb (Lee Lally) & friends / last Saturdays w. DJ Saudade (Don Poush)
- @ Tommy's Pub: 9.13 9pm "Requiem" w. DJs Velvetine & Sanity Ana / 10.11 9pm "Requiem" w. DJs Velvetine & Sanity Ana
- Sat., Oct. 11th @ Blackbox Theater: Sugar Society Presents: Sub Focus
- Sat., Oct. 11th @ Amos' SouthEnd: Single Cell Productions Present: Purgatory – Witching Hour

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

LIVE MUSIC:

- Oct. 17th-18th @ Booth Playhouse: www.QCConcerts.com Presents: Once w. music & lyrics by Glen Hansard & Marketa Irglova
- Oct. 19th & 20th @ Spectrum Center: Billie Eilish

COMEDY | THEATER:

- Sept. 2nd-7th @ Knight Theater: Austen's Pride – Pre-Broadway Tour

- Sept. 4th-21st @ the Vapa Center: Charlotte's Off Broadway meet & greet – an evening of one acts
- Sept. 9th-14th @ Belk Theater: Beetlejuice
- Sept. 12th-28th @ Theatre Charlotte: Little Shop of Horrors
- Sept. 12th & 13th @ Arts Plus: Gay Men's Chorus of Charlotte Presents: Icons
- Sept. 20th-Oct. 5th @ ImaginOn: www.CTCharlotte.org Presents: Journey to Oz
- Sept. 24th – Oct. 26th @ Belk Theater: Wicked

SYMPHONY | OPERA | DANCE:

- Oct. 10th-11th @ Knight Theater: www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5
- Oct. 17th & 18th @ Knight Theater: www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Dolly Parton's Threads – My Songs in Symphony
- Oct. 24th-26th @ Knight Theater: www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Beethoven's Symphony No. 5
- Oct. 30th-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 Mthuthuzeli November)

MUSEUMS | ART:

- Liberty Walk: self-guided tour of the American Revolution – www.CharlotteLibertyWalk.com / www.HandHeldHistory.com contact@meckdeck.org
- THRU Sept. 19th @ Arts Plus: "Music as an Image" – photos by Daniel Coston
- Sept. 20th-Jan. 4th @ the Mint Museum (Randolph): Future Now – Virtual Sneakers to Cutting-Edge Kicks
- THRU Sept. 21st @ Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: Black Behind Bars – the Untold Story of Black Biker Culture
- THRU Sept. 21st @ Mint Museum (uptown): Collidoscope – De La Torree Brothers retro-perspective
- Oct. 18th & 19th @ NoDa Brewing Co. (NorthEnd): www.CharlotteChalkArtFestival.com
- Oct. 18th-Feb. 9th @ Bechtler Museum of Modern Art: Assembly Lines – Modernism & Machines

TRADE | INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

- THRU Sept. 1st in downtown Matthews: www.MatthewsAlive.org Festival
- Sept. 5th-7th @ Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church: www.YiasouFestival.org
- Sept. 5th-7th @ Embassy Suites by Hilton: Jem Con Culture Clash
- Sept. 19th-21st @ Freedom Park: www.FestivallnthePark.org
- Oct. 4th-Nov. 23rd @ 16445 Poplar Tent Rd. (Huntersville): www.Carolina.RenFestInfo.com

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CAROLYN BARBER: REGGAE CENTRAL

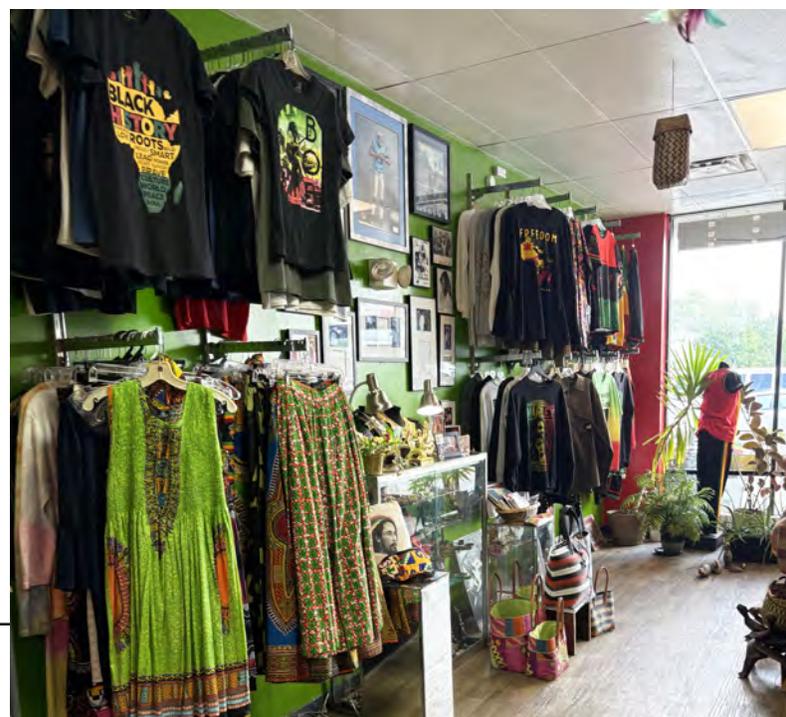
BY: ELLEN GURLEY



In 1998, I was in my third year of college at UNC-Charlotte. All of the places that I worked at the time were in town (Bayou Kitchen, Café Dada, Cigars Etc.), so, naturally, I wanted an apartment closer to my jobs. I found a one bedroom apartment behind the McDonald's on Central Avenue. When I tell you that no one wanted to live on or visit some of the streets in Plaza-Midwood back then, I'm not exaggerating. It wasn't the "cool" place to live, but I was very happy to be there. Little did I know that I would meet some of my best friends in that zip code.

As a DJ, I began doing booking at a little club called Café Bisous and bartending at Café Dada (now Dish) and was shopping at Central Records. Lin Benfield ended up hiring me as one of his

buyers. Two doors down from the record store, incense filled the air and reggae music was blasting out into the streets. I wandered in one day only to meet Miss Carolyn Barber. As my boss Lin tells it, his store used to be in a storefront above the one he was in at the time of me discovering it, called Upstairs Records, opened in 1995. When he was moving underneath to a new spot, changing the name to Central Records, Carolyn signed a lease for her first location of Reggae Central. "I remember that I told her friend (DJ Ceez / Chad Blalock of Power 98) that Upstairs Records was moving to street level and our old space would be perfect for Carolyn to start her business. Building owner (George Aroba) was happy to welcome Carolyn. Later, she (also) moved street level when Aroba Tailoring closed. Carolyn believed in the neighborhood and knew how to start a business. Back then, most of the buildings and businesses were independently owned. Everyone knew each other and supported each other, for which Carolyn played a large part



in making Plaza-Midwood the unique area people liked." He tells me more than once, "Carolyn is an amazing person."

The year was 1997 and soon after, other unique businesses started to open in the neighborhood, including House of Africa (still there today). For decades, Carolyn ran a successful store in the heart of Plaza-Midwood. Fellow business owner, Jason Herring of the old Milestone Records (across the street from her – where Sadu is), remembers that time as a great one for Charlotte's Plaza-Midwood. But as things go, new building owners increased the rent and many businesses had to find new spots that they could afford (Pura Vida and Soul Gastrolounge moved to NoDa, Boris & Natasha's moved to The Plaza, and Armada Skate Shop is in Camp NorthEnd). Embracing the change, Carolyn picked up and moved, too.

Perhaps you've never even heard of Reggae Central. Maybe you knew of them when they were on Central Avenue, but simply thought that it disappeared. It did not. Carolyn is celebrating 28 years of business and on her third location. When I met her many years ago, we were fast friends. Lots of people feel that way about her.

She is a pint size ball of friendliness. No one would guess that she just celebrated her 70th birthday, but as the saying goes, "Black don't crack."

Making the drive to Charlotte daily, this South Carolina gal is part of a close knit, large family. She has ten brothers and sisters AND will stand ten toes down for her chosen family, too. Carolyn can make friends with anyone. And she does that with ease. I am lucky to call her one of my best friends. I know a lot of other people feel that way and I am willing to share her.

You can often find her around town at shows with her daughter and granddaughter. If there is a reggae show in the area, she knows about it. Heck, she brought most of the artists here herself while promoting shows all over town. She basically knows all of the international artists personally. Don't wait to see her out and about, go check her out at the store. She moved almost a handful of years ago and My City Magazine wants you to know of her new location. She sells leather bags, bracelets, necklaces, djembe drums, skirts, incense, records, tee shirts, baskets, and so much more. Whenever I am in there, regulars pour in there for their shea butter and essential body oil fix (that





they refuse to buy elsewhere). DJ Donny Blackaway, aka the Black Ferris Bueller, Shawn Allison can't say enough nice things about her. "What Carolyn represents is the warmth that humanity could and should have. While she is petite in stature, her heart radiates as a giant sunbeam of peace, love, and joy to all." She really is one the most genuine and kind people to know, but don't take my word for it. Meet her yourself and thank us later.

Reggae Central

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REGGAE EVENTS IN THE AREA FOR SEPT. & OCT.

- Sundays @ the Boatyard (Lake Norman): Mystic Vibrations
- Sundays @ Reggae Lounge: 3rd Sundays 5-10pm Mad Max Presents: "Retro Sundays" w.Deejay Kross (+ Ludi & dominos)
- Fridays @ the Reggae Lounge: "Fyah Fridays" w. DJ Dr C & guests
- Fri., Sept. 12th @ the Common Market (Monroe): 7pm Selah Dubb
- Sun., Sept. 21st @ the Amp Ballantyne: Ziggy Marley, Burning Spear
- Wed., Oct. 1st @ the Neighborhood Theatre: the Wailers

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FALL HAUNTED ATTRACTION LIST

BY: THE CLOWN

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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

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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

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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.

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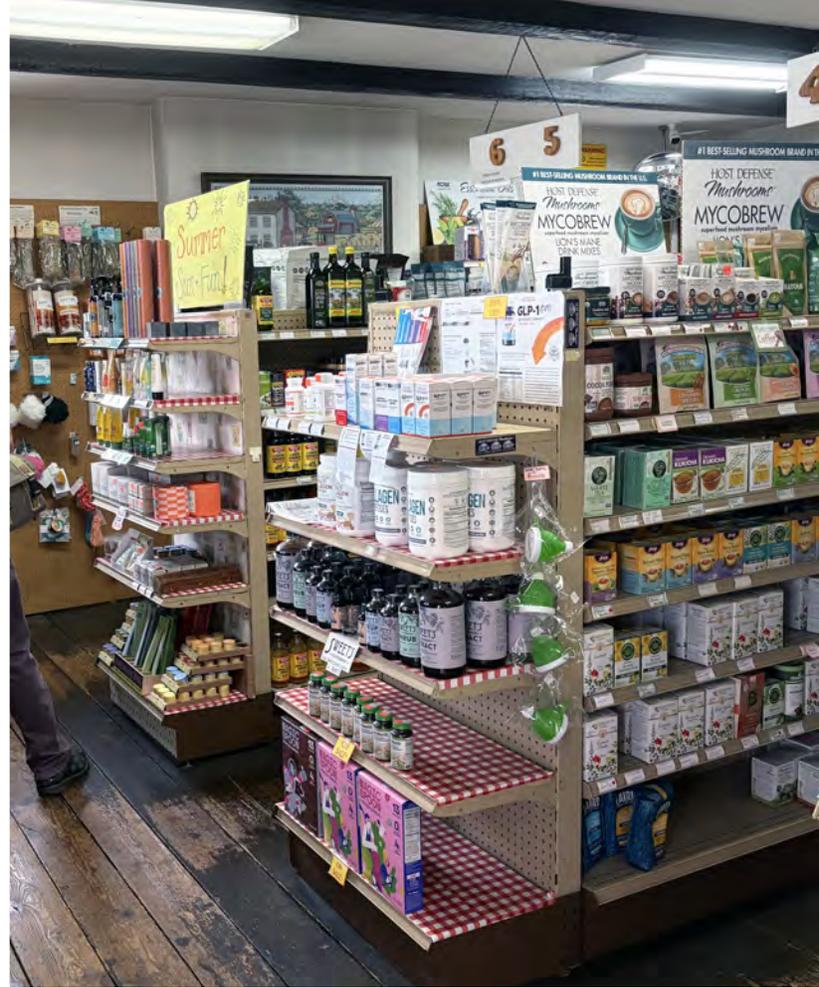
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