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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: sports, comedy, the opera, music, and so much more. Our resident clown gives us his comic strip, Micro Monsters, and his advice column every time. This issue's "not-so-hidden gems" are Boris & Natasha's, Julia's Café & Books, Ilios Crafted Greek, and the Last Place on Earth pet store. See also our farmers market and farms list plus our local record store guide. And, in this edition, we have an article on local musician, Chris Shinn, and the cover story is on Scott Wishart's Lunchbox Records. We hope that you enjoy it and have an amazing start to this new year.



Enjoy today and every day,

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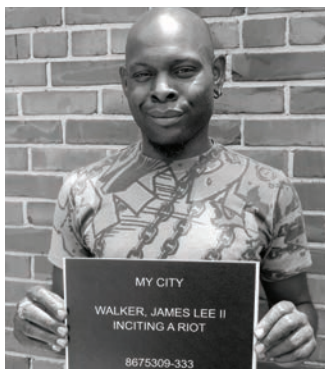
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# LOCAL RECORD STORE LIST

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## COLLECTING PROBLEMS

1682 Katy Ln., Fort Mill, 29708

## 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, 28206  
(at Camp NorthEnd)
- 1616 Camden Rd., Suite 140, Charlotte, 28203
- 11237 Lawyers Rd., Mint Hill, 28227  
(inside Homestyles Gallery)
- 1325 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd., Matthews, 28105  
(inside the Brass Grasshopper)

## JAMPAC RECORDS

111 S. Main St., Monroe, 28112

## JG'S VINYL

322 W. Main St., Gastonia, 28052

## LUNCHBOX RECORDS

825 Central Ave., Charlotte, 28204

## MAD JACK'S RECORDS

315 W. John St., Matthews, 28105

## NOBLE RECORDS

11500 E. Independence Blvd., Unit F,  
Matthews, 28105

## OLD TOWN VINYL

21333 Catawba Ave., Cornelius, 28031

## PALMETTO GROOVE RECORDS

- 108 N. Congress St., York, 29745
- 406 E. Catawba St., Belmont, 28012  
(inside River Antique Mall)

## POET'S VAULT

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

## PREMIUM SOUND

2615 Central Ave., A, Charlotte, 28205

## RAMBLE ON RECORDS

111 Caldwell St., #103, Rock Hill, 29730

## RECYCLABLE RECORDS

662 N. Cannon Blvd., Kannapolis, 28083

## REPO RECORD

3325 Commonwealth Ave., Charlotte, 28205

## REVOLVER RECORDS

107 Main St., McAdenville, 28101

## SALTY'S JUKEBOX

5865 NC-27 W., Vale, 28168

## SPOOKY'S RECORDS & COLLECTIBLES

902-A Bessemer City Rd., Gastonia, 28052





# CHRIS SHINN

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Charlotte has a lot of celebrities hiding in plain sight. One of which is the ever-humble Chris

Shinn who grew up into

inevitable stardom. As the child of the legendary owner of the Charlotte Hornets (and other sports franchises), George Shinn, Chris cut his teeth surrounded by famous people. He doesn't name drop and trust me he knows more celebrities (comedians, athletes, and musicians) than you can list. He just quietly lives here making music and gracing the occasional stage, most recently with Blind Melon and as the front man of Live.

When I first met Chris in the '90's, he was walking around with the swagger of a white Lenny Kravitz with dreads longer than his torso. Girls were obsessed and guys wanted to be his friend. Even

with all of the attention, he was down-to-earth and genuine. Still very much is. Those dreads are in the past, and now in a baseball bat frame, but the charisma and magnetism is everlasting.

This big fish in a little pond is happy to call the Queen City home, but always makes it back to his natural environment and is currently gearing up for a tour this February with some notable musicians. Chris has spent some time in his studio completing an album with a project he has spearheaded simply called Shinn. He will be taking with him Dave Krusen (of Pearl Jam), Christopher Thorn (of Blind Melon), and Patrick Dahleimer (of Live). He downplays the impressiveness of it all and states, "I'm just going to a few cool cities to play music with my boys". Always sincere and continuously grateful for the opportunity, Chris is a class act. Catch him for his one date in Charlotte and follow him on the socials to keep up with what he will do next.

2.10  
@ Chickie Wha Wha (New Orleans)  
2.12  
@ Snug Harbor (Charlotte)  
2.13  
@ the Earl (Atlanta)  
2.15  
@ Local 506 (Chapel Hill)  
2.16  
@ the Pour House (Charleston)







# WHAT DO I KNOW? I'M JUST A CLOWN

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ADVICE FROM MARTIN "THE CLOWN" BARRY



Dear Clown,

I have noticed a change in the behavior of one of my relatives. This change became even more apparent during our recent extended family gatherings. This person has always been a bit narcissistic, but now they seem to have a need to top every story we tell, or event we describe. A small group of us tested this by discussing an event I made up and I began talking to them about it as a bait. Sure enough, this person swooped in, made it about them again, and tried to top the story. We were all just staring and completely silent. They never stopped. Some of us are thinking about avoiding attendance at these family events if this person is going to be present. What would you do?

Sincerely, Offput



Dear Offput,  
This doesn't sound fun at all. There are other ways to avoid or temporarily stop this without cheating yourself out of visits with your extended family. Come armed with some off the cuff activities or contests that you can announce loudly when the behavior begins. Once those options are exhausted, you can ask others to "help you with something" and walk away for a bit. If this is persistent through those options, just interrupt with a cookie, drink, or other item that they "simply must try right now."

Keep the odds in your favor, Clown



Dear Clown,

My mother passed two years ago. I am thankful that she is no longer suffering, but I am rather upset that nothing is as good without her. Vacations, birthdays and holidays are just kind of flat. We repeat some of the traditions she kept,

but it never feels the same. This rut and the lingering grief seem impossible to overcome. Is there any way out?

Sincerely, Broken



Dear Broken,

Grief and love are the longest lasting things in our lives and they are interchangeable since grief is what love becomes when it has nowhere to go. These are also best shared so that we do not feel overwhelmed and alone. For the heaviest parts, some counseling is never a bad thing. For the rest of this burden, you might choose to start some new traditions, explore new ways to make occasions special, or extend kindness to others in a myriad of ways. Start with something small and continue building. You made your mother proud, now do the same for you.

Let love take you, Clown



Dear Clown,

Why is it that, whenever someone says, "bear with me," they never actually have a bear with them?

Sincerely, UNyun





**A** Dear UNyun,  
This remains one of life's great mysteries. Not even a small teddy bear to be found at times. It's an awful tease.

Howl with me, Clown

**Q** Dear Clown,  
I am a recent college graduate, and I am finishing an internship with a great company that shows me I am valued and has recently interviewed me for a suggested permanent position. The only problem I have with this is that I absolutely loathe this line of work, and I feel like I will be trapped in it forever. There are many other professions that I would pursue, but my educational background may not be a fit. Anxiety fills my entire body when I think of the job offer that is coming and it only increases when I think about alternatives. What is my best path?

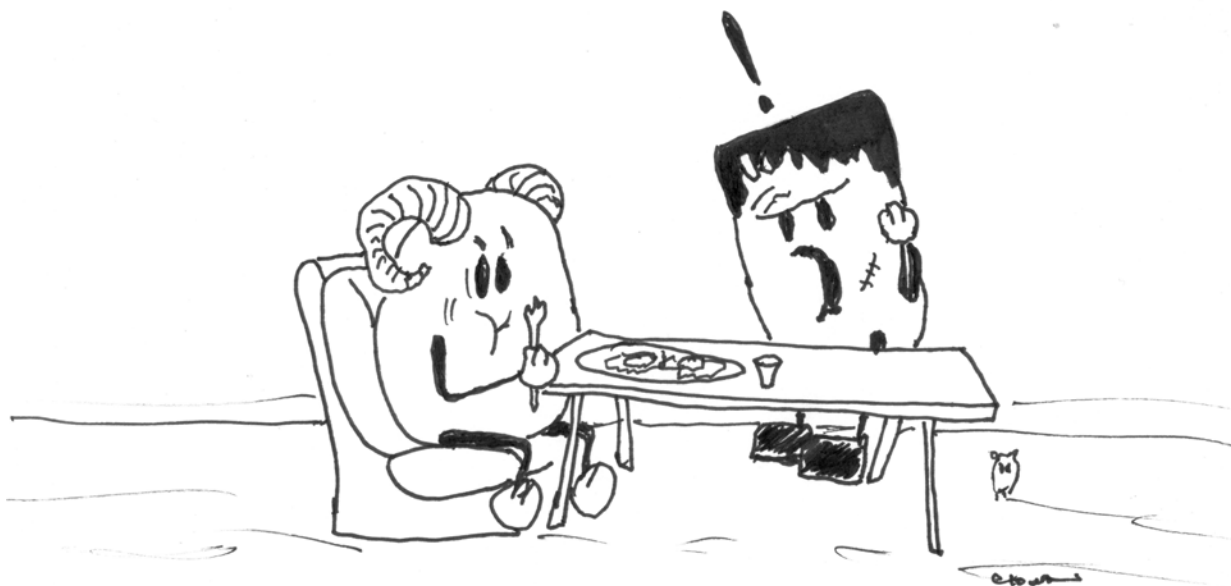
Sincerely, Professionally frightened

**A** Dear Professionally frightened,

Stop and take a deep breath with me. Breathe in. Hold. Now exhale and shake your shoulders a bit to relax. Repeat, if needed. What you are feeling is normal. The difference between you and several others is that you are completely honest with yourself. None of us grow up dreaming about boxing ourselves into a single occupation. The path that has been fed to us repeatedly has been rigged against us repeatedly, too. If you cannot stand to perform the work you are about to be offered, then just turn it down with kindness and gratitude. It seems that they treated you well, so you can always do the same. List out things that you love to do and make connections on how you could make these your work. Even if you take the position for a time and explore these options, it will work out well in your framework of honesty. The degree you have will serve to get you into more doors than you imagine. It never has to be a singular path. Be a stuntperson accountant, a food truck operating broadcaster, or a voiceover acting shirt designer. Limits are only placed on us by us.

Get 'em, Clown

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



# EVENTS IN YOUR CITY

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## SUNDAYS:

### SPORTS | ACTIVITIES:

- [www.CharlotteCheckers.com](http://www.CharlotteCheckers.com) @ the Bojangles Coliseum: 1.18 4pm vs. Hershey Bears / 2.01 1pm vs. Providence Bruins / 2.15 4pm vs. Hartford Wolf Pack
- Sun., Feb. 15th @ Amos' SouthEnd: Extreme Dwarfmanators Wrestling

### BEER | WINE | FOOD:

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

### LIVE MUSIC:

- @ the Boatyard (Lake Norman): Mystic Vibrations
- @ the Comet Grill: Omari & the Hellhounds
- @ Middle C Jazz Club: 1st Sundays Courtney Montgomery / 1.11 Jazz Legacy w. Justin Varnes – the Music of Horace Silver / 1.18 Karen Linette / 1.25 William Green plays George Duke / 2.01 Joe Gransden & Karla Harris tribute to Louis Armstrong & Nancy Wilson / 2.15 5pm & 7:30pm "Love Letters" w. Noel & Maria / 2.22 Stephane Wrembel Quartet
- @ the Milestone: 1.04 Lowest Point, Wallace Tonight!, Little Heart Machine / 1.18 I Hate Dave, the Groove Skeletons, General Purpose, Once Below Joy
- @ Neighborhood Theatre: 1.25 Stephen Kellogg & the Homecoming, Gutter Sinatra / 2.01 the Movement / 2.22 Eternally Grateful (Dead covers)
- @ Smokey Joe's: 6-9pm James Brock & friends + pot luck dinner
- Sun., Jan. 25th @ Spectrum Center: Ghost
- Sun., Feb. 15th @ Booth Playhouse: Nat Adderley, Jr.
- Sun., Feb. 22nd @ the Underground: Aries
- Sun., Feb. 22nd @ the Fillmore: Dropkick Murphys, Aggro!ites, Haywire

### COMEDY | THEATER:

- @ the Comedy Club at Duckworth's: 2.01 Vincent Bryant / 2.15 Steve Hofstetter & Friends / 2.22 Mark Cagnon
- @ the Comedy Zone: 1.11 Joel James / 1.18 Don "DC" Curry / 1.25 Anthony Robustiano / 2.01 Zainab Johnson / 2.15 Britton Emert
- @ Ovens Auditorium: 1.18 Justin Williams / 2.01 Hannah Berner
- Sun., Feb. 22nd @ Ovens Auditorium: Brincos Dieras

### 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

### 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](http://www.ClassicBlackCinemaSeries.com)

## MONDAYS:

### SPORTS | ACTIVITIES:

- [www.CharlotteHornets.com](http://www.CharlotteHornets.com) @ Spectrum Center: 1.26 7pm vs. Philadelphia / 2.09 7pm vs. Detroit
- @ Sir Edmund Halley's: trivia night w.Merely Players

### BEER | WINE | FOOD:

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

### LIVE MUSIC:

- @ the Evening Muse: 7:30pm Find Your Music open mic 1.12 Redd & the Paper Flowers / 2.16 Ghostwriter
- @ Morningside Pub: 9pm open mic night & snack potluck
- @ Petra's: 7-10pm Bill Hanna Legacy Jazz Jam



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- @ Smokey Joe's: Bluegrass Mondays w. Chad Andrew Harris, Steven Davidson & friends 1st Mondays Jamorah
- Mon., Jan. 19th @ the Milestone: Problems, Ashley!, Boy A/C, Jelly Diver
- Mon., Feb. 10th @ Ovens Auditorium: Gregory Porter
- Mon., Feb. 23rd @ Snug Harbor: Advance Base, Moontype, Motocrossed
- Mon., Feb. 23rd @ the Neighborhood Theatre: the Strumbellas, Sam Birchfield

## MUSEUMS | ART:

- Mon., Jan. 12th @ the McColl Center: Beyond the Studio – Kait McElwee unpacks the methodology behind pricing and valuation in the art world

## 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: 1.13 7pm vs. Springfield Thunderbirds

### 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
- @ 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:

- @ Bart's Mart: open mic
- @ the Carolina Theatre: 2.10 Don't Be Cruel (an Elvis tribute) / 2.17 Drum Tao
- @ 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
- @ Jackalope Jack's: 9pm Eternally Grateful Band (Dead covers)
- @ Moochie's Tavern: open mic night
- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 1.13 Reuben Vincent, 9th Wonder / 1.20 24KGOLDN / 2.10 Jonah Kagen, Anna Graves
- @ Smokey Joe's: open mic night w. the Smokin J's
- @ Snug Harbor: 1.06 Buried Asunder, Orchids, Quiet Exit, Dog Days / 1.27 Agriculture, Knoll, Dollhaver / 2.03 February / 2.24 Kelsey Waldon, Taylor Hunnicutt
- @ Spectrum Center: 2.03 Ricardo Arjona / 2.10 Nine Inch Nails
- @ VisArt (Video) Café: 2nd Tuesdays 7:30-9pm Mike Strauss Trio w. guests
- Tues., Jan. 6th @ the Pauline Tea-bar Apothecary: 2-4pm David Musiclover Gibson
- Tues., Jan. 20th @ the Visulite Theatre: Billy Martin, Matt Glassmeyer, Jonathan Goldberger
- Tues., Jan. 27th @ Petra's: Will Overman, Grady Spencer

### COMEDY | THEATER:

- @ Starlight on 22nd: 7-10pm comedy open mic
- Tues., Jan. 20th @ the Comedy Zone: 1.20 Sarper Guven

### SYMPHONY | OPERA | DANCE:

- Tues., Jan. 27th @ Lenny Boy Brewing Co.: www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: On Tap – chamber orchestra program
- Tues., Feb. 24th @ NoDa Brewing Co.: www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: On Tap

### DANCE MUSIC | DJS | BURLESQUE | DRAG:

- @ Soul Gastrolounge: DJ Shanti
- @ VINYL: 8pm DJ Mister Williams

### KARAOKE:

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

## WEDNESDAYS:

### SPORTS | ACTIVITIES:

- [www.CharlotteCheckers.com](http://www.CharlotteCheckers.com) @ the Bojangles Coliseum: 1.14 7pm vs. Springfield Thunderbirds
- [www.CharlotteHornets.com](http://www.CharlotteHornets.com) @ Spectrum Center: 1.21 7pm vs. Cleveland / 2.11 7pm vs. Atlanta

### BEER | WINE | FOOD:

- @ 300 East Restaurant: ½ 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](http://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:

- @ Amos' SouthEnd: 1.21 54 Ultra / 1.28 Too Hot for Leather, Groove Skeleton, Edward Crowther Band / 2.04 Fox Stevenson, DJ Yue / 2.18 Laundry Day
- @ the Fillmore: 1.28 Motion City Soundtrack, Say Anything / 2.04 the Wombats / 2.18 Monaleo
- @ Middle C Jazz Club: 1.07 "West of Troy" – Troy Conn tribute to West Montgomery / 1.14 the Bonejazz Experience – Buff Dillard & Friends / 1.21 Chicago Rewired / 2.04 Charles Craig does Ramsey Lewis / 2.18 "House of Funk" – feat. the music of Barry White, Teddy Pendergrass, Bobby Womack & more (curated by Stefan Kallander)
- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 1.14 Dale Watson / 1.21 Tom Hamilton / 2.18 Matteo / 2.25 Maggie Lindemann
- @ the Rooster (Gastonia): 7-11:45pm open mic hosted by Jade Moore
- @ Smokey Joe's: Josh Daniel, Kerry Brooks, Jim Brock
- @ Snug Harbor: 1.07 Creatures of the Sun, Lily of the Sea, Ellie K. / 1.14 Joshua Quimby, Lightnin' Luke, Nate Hall / 2.04 Nelward, Sweat Transfer, Hi I'm Chris / 2.18 Model/Actriz, Girl Brutal, Corpse Dust / 2.25 Nik Parr & the Selfless Lovers
- @ Starlight on 22nd: 7-10pm open mic
- @ the Underground: 1.21 Don Broco / 1.28 Goldford / 2.18 Ruel
- @ VisArt Café: 1st Wednesdays Lovell Bradford Trio jazz jam
- Wed., Feb. 11th @ Booth Playhouse: Dar Williams, Seth Glier
- Wed., Feb. 18th @ Belk Theater: Black Violin

### COMEDY | THEATER:

- @ the Comedy Club at Duckworth's: 1.21 Benny Feldman / 2.04 Chloe La Branche / 2.18 Vik Pandya
- @ the Comedy Zone: 1.07 Justin Stanger / 1.14 Ray Lau / 1.21 Chad Daniels / 2.04 Heather Shaw / 2.11 Rory Scovel / 2.18 Chad Prather
- @ Crown Station: open mic comedy
- Wed., Jan. 7th @ the Evening Muse: 7:30pm Ryan Cox,

Makenzie Manent, Paul Snyder

- Wed., Feb. 25th @ Ovens Auditorium: Los Angeles Azules

### SYMPHONY | OPERA | DANCE:

- Wed., Feb. 25th @ Triple C Brewing Co.: [www.CharlotteSymphony.org](http://www.CharlotteSymphony.org) Presents: On Tap

### 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)

### KARAOKE:

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

### SPEAKERS:

- Wed., Feb. 4th @ Ovens Auditorium: a conversation w. Kamala Harris





- Wed., Feb. 18th @ the Carolina Theatre: Two Worlds: Above and Below the Sea w. Jennifer Hayes & David Doubilet

## THURSDAYS:

### SPORTS | ACTIVITIES:

- www.CharlotteHornets.com @ Spectrum Center: 1.08 7pm vs. Toronto / 2.19 7pm vs. Houston
- @ Armored Cow Brewing: 7pm Trivia Night
- @ the Common Market (Oakwold): 7-9pm trivia
- @ NoDa Brewing Co.: 7pm Mindless Minutia trivia
- @ VisArt (Video) Café: Morning Zen Soundbath w. Heidi

### 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:

- @ Knight Theater: 2.12 Drew & Ellie Holcomb / 2.19 Keb' Mo'
- @ the Evening Muse: 1.15 Cassettiquette, Local Nomad, Whistler / 1.22 Wim Tapley & the Cannons / 1.29 Adam Ezra Group / 2.12 Jim Lauderdale / 2.26 Mike Viola, Drumming Bird
- @ Marquee: Rhythm 4U Band feat. Erika Morrison
- @ Middle C Jazz Club: 1.08 Heather Hayes Experience / 1.15 the Peace & Love Band / 1.22 Just Fine (a Mary J. Blige tribute) / 2.05 Groove Machine / 2.12 DSG
- @ the Milestone: 1.01 Dollars Taxes, Floating Boy, Somnium, the White Horse / 1.08 Den of Wolves, Noctus, Mourning Lotus, Right Here Right Now, the Johnstown Flood
- @ Ovens Auditorium: 2.05 112 / 2.12 Molotov
- @ Queen City Grounds: open mic
- @ Smokey Joe's: 9pm-12am Shana Blake & friends' "Menagerie"
- @ Visulite Theatre: 1.29 True Love / 2.05 Prog for Wishes (benefitting Make-a-Wish)
- Thurs., Jan. 29th @ the Fillmore: Snow Strippers
- Thurs., Feb. 5th @ the Carolina Theatre: LP & the Vinyl
- Thurs., Feb. 12th @ Snug Harbor: Shinn
- Thurs., Feb. 19th @ the Underground: Redveil
- Thurs., Feb. 19th @ the Neighborhood Theatre: Railroad Earth
- Thurs., Feb. 26th @ Amos' SouthEnd: Indie Freeze, Willingdon, Bedroom Division, Ali Forest, Camisole

### COMEDY | THEATER:

- @ the Comedy Club at Duckworth's: 1.01 Laurie Kilmartin / 1.08 Ali Macofsky / Aaron Branch / 1.15 Shapel Lacey / Jamie Wolf // 1.22 Rachel Scanlon / 1.29 Malik B. / 2.05 Leah Rudick / 2.12 Sienna Hubert-Ross / 2.19 Keegan Tindall / 2.26 Liz Miele
- @ the Comedy Zone: 1.08 Tip Harris feat. Haha Mafia / 1.15 Don "DC" Curry / 1.22 Erin Jackson / 1.29 Amber Autry / 2.05 Craig Ferguson / 2.12 Eric Neumann / 2.19 Carolanne Miljavac / 2.26 Tommy Davidson
- Thurs., Feb. 19th @ Ovens Auditorium: Dirty Dancing (in concert)

### MUSEUMS | ART:

- @ the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: 6-10pm 3rd Thursdays free: Gantt After Dark
- @ the McColl Center: 1.22 Reveal – MyLoan Dinh / 2.05 artists-in-residence talk
- @ Levine Center for the Arts: 12pm 3rd Thursdays Take an "ArtBreak"

### DANCE MUSIC | DJS | BURLESQUE | DRAG:

- @ Harris Teeter (Cotswold): every other Thursday VNLYWRKS' 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.

## FRIDAYS:

### SPORTS | ACTIVITIES:

- www.CharlotteCheckers.com @ the Bojangles Coliseum: 1.09 7pm vs. Wilkes-Barre Scranton / 2.06 7pm vs. Grand Rapids Griffins
- www.CharlotteHornets.com @ Spectrum Center: 2.20 7pm vs. Cleveland

### 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: 1.02 Girl Brutal, blankstate, T'Jani, Motocrossed / 1.09 Dead Letter Office (an REM tribute) / 1.16 the Warped Band (a Warped Tour tribute) / 1.30 Logan Crosby, Kyle Schuesler / 2.06 Nirvani (a Nirvana tribute), Sickman (an Alice in Chains tribute) / 2.20 Unleashed (a Judas Priest tribute), Piece of Time (an Iron Maiden tribute) / 2.27 Jed Harrelson
- @ Bechtler Museum of Modern Art: 1st Fridays jazz
- @ the Carolina Theatre: 2.20 Cry! Cry! Cry! (a Johnny Cash tribute) / 2.27 the Sixties Show
- @ the Comet Grill: the Lenny Federal Band
- @ the Evening Muse: 1.09 Gnyus / 1.23 Justin Clyde Williams, JD Graham / 2.06 Bad Bad Hats, Smut / 2.13 Amelia Day
- @ the Fillmore: 1.16 Del Water Gap / 2.20 Zarna Garg / 2.27 Dexter & the Moonrocks
- @ Knight Theater: 1.02 the New York BeeGee's Tribute Show, Crystal Stark's Donna Summer Tribute / 2.13 the Steeldrivers, Amanda Cook Band
- @ Middle C Jazz Club: 1.02 6pm & 8:30pm Landslide (a Fleetwood Mac tribute) / 1.09 6pm & 8:30pm Java Band / 1.16 6pm "For the Love of You" – Jay D. Jones' salute to the Isley Brothers / 1.23 6pm & 8:30pm Richard Elliot / 1.30 6pm & 8:30pm Tracy Hamlin / 2.13 6pm & 8:30pm JD, Mandyl Evans, Amanda Hampton, Gena Chambers / 2.20 6pm & 8:30pm Norman Brown / 2.27 6pm & 8:30pm Chris Botti



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- @ the Milestone: 1.02 SaintLogic, Two Thumbs Down, Slothh, Those Dogs, Big Backyard / 1.09 Apes of the State, Clover-Lynn, the Hellfires / 1.23 American Theory, Infinxty, Ham Radio, Colormekrazy!, Empty Room / 1.30 Off with Their Heads, the Slow Death, Smug LLC
- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 1.30 the Ocean Blue, the Mystery Plan / 1.16 the Steel Wheels / 1.23 Donna the Buffalo / 1.30 the Ocean Blue, the Mystery Plan / 2.06 Langhorne Slim / 2.20 Adam Doleac
- @ Snug Harbor: 1.09 the Orderlys, Cave Shine, Flannelmouth / 1.16 BRIZB, Yesterday's Clothes, Fullish, Sean Diaz / 1.23 Camisole, Backhouse, Wilmot / 1.30 Chemical X, Pleasure House, Her Pilots / 2.06 Owen & the Smokes, Nikki & the Barn Boys, Winter Teeth / 2.13 Snug Formal feat. Fifth Floor, the Dreaded Laramie, Modern Moxie + DJs Scott Weaver & That Guy Smitty / 2.20 Fo Daniels, Duunes / 2.27 the Pscodelics, JULIA, Duck
- @ Spectrum Center: 1.23 Fantasia, Anthony Hamilton / 2.13 Gladys Knight, Chaka Khan, Patti LaBelle, Stephanie Mills / 2.27 Boyz II Men, Toni Braxton, New Edition
- @ Substrate: 7pm Cosmic Collective
- @ Visulite Theatre: 1.09 Abbey Road (a Beatles tribute), Radio Free Athens (an REM tribute) / 1.16 Volpi Vidopliassova / 1.30 Patrick Davis & his Midnight Choir / 2.06 Rastacoustic (a Bob Marley tribute & bday celebration) / 2.20 Jupiter Coyote
- Fri., Jan. 2nd @ the Rooster (Gastonia): Van Huskins, RBNX, Malcolm Tent, Negative Raxxx
- Fri., Jan. 9th @ VisArt (Video) Café: the Jam Crew
- Fri., Jan. 30th @ Petra's: Ma, Dazy Bea, Chase Zilba
- Fri., Feb. 6th @ the Underground: MC Davo & Sabino
- Fri., Feb. 6th @ the Booth Playhouse: Pete Yorn (solo acoustic)

## PLAY OR POETRY READINGS | BOOK SIGNINGS:

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

## COMEDY | THEATER:

- @ the Comedy Club at Duckworth's: 1.02 Laurie Kilmartin / 1.09 Ali Macofsky / Aaron Branch / 1.16 Shapel Lacey / Jamie Wolf // 1.23 Rachel Scanlon / 1.30 Malik B. / 2.06 Leah Rudick / 2.13 Sienna Hubert-Ross / 2.20 Keegan Tindall / 2.27 Liz Miele
- @ the Comedy Zone: 1.02 Ryan Hamilton / 1.09 Tip Harris feat. Haha Mafia / 1.16 Don "DC" Curry / 1.23 Joe List / 1.30 7pm Amber Autry / 9:45pm Peter Antoniou / 2.06 Craig Ferguson / 2.13 Shaun Jones / 2.20 Danae Hays / 2.27 Tommy Davidson
- @ the Common Market (SouthEnd): 7pm open mic comedy w. Jacob Manlucy
- @ Tip Top Daily Market: 3rd Fridays 8pm comedy open mic
- Fri., Jan. 23rd @ Booth Playhouse: Breaking Free
- Fri., Jan. 23rd @ Ovens Auditorium: Seth Meyers
- Fri., Feb. 6th @ the Fillmore: Margaret Cho



## **SYMPHONY | OPERA | DANCE:**

- Fri., Feb. 6th @ Ovens Auditorium: Stardew Valley – Symphony of Seasons
- Fri., Feb. 20th @ Knight Theater: Swan Lake by International Ballet Stars

## **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

## **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 VNLYWRKS' 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

## **FILM:**

- @ the Spoke Easy: B-Movie Fridays


# **SATURDAYS:**

## **SPORTS | ACTIVITIES:**

- www.CharlotteCheckers.com @ the Bojangles Coliseum: 1.10 6pm vs. Wilkes-Barre Scranton / 1.17 4pm vs. Hershey Bears / 1.31 4pm vs. Providence Bruins / 2.07 6pm vs. Grand Rapids Griffins / 2.14 4pm vs. Hartford Wolf Pack
- www.CharlotteHornets.com @ Spectrum Center: 1.24 6pm vs. Washington / 1.31 3pm vs. San Antonio / 2.28 6pm vs. Portland
- Sat., Jan. 3rd @ Spectrum Center: 12:30pm Hot Wheels Monster Trucks
- Sat., Jan. 17th in uptown: Martin Luther King Parade
- Sat., Jan. 31st @ Suffolk Punch: North Carolina Championship (wrestling) feat. Justin "Fireball"
- Sat., Feb. 28th @ Tommy's Pub: 7pm bingo w. Stephanie & Jason

## **LIVE MUSIC:**

- @ Amos' SouthEnd: 1.03 Queens of Country (Taylor Swift tribute) / 1.10 Shot Thru the Heart (a Bon Jovi tribute), John William James, Jr. / 1.17 the Nashville Nights Band (a '90's country tribute) / 1.24 the Breakfast Club / 1.31 Jackyl / 2.07 Shotgun N Roses (a GNR tribute), Preppen



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Barium / 2.21 Dave Matthews Tribute Band / 2.28 Stop Light Observations

- @ Booth Playhouse: 1.17 the Philharmonik / 1.24 Blue Dogs / 2.07 Tosco Music Party's "Love Notes"
- @ the Evening Muse: 1.24 7:30pm the Ocho, Will Slater & the 53 / 2.14 7:30pm Alex Sampson, Maryjo
- @ the Fillmore: 1.17 Nothing More, Catch Your Breath, Archers & Doobies / 1.24 Badfish (a Sublime tribute) / 2.14 Lauren Spencer Smith / 2.21 Descendents & Frank Turner, the Sleeping Souls / 2.28 Jesse Welles
- @ Knight Theater: 1.03 Yellow Brick Joel (an Elton John & Billy Joel tribute) / 2.14 Sutton Foster / 2.21 Tell Me Lies (a Fleetwood Mac tribute)
- @ Middle C Jazz Club: 1.03 6pm & 8:30pm Terence Young Jazz Experience / 1.10 6pm & 8:30pm Coconut Groove plays Steely Dan / 1.17 6pm & 8:30pm Tito Puente Jr., Nestor Torres / 1.24 6pm & 8:30pm Richard Elliot / 1.31 6pm & 8:30pm Jarrod Lawson / 2.14 6pm & 8:30pm "Love Letters" w. Noel & Maria / 2.21 6pm & 8:30pm Norman Brown / 2.28 6:15pm & 8:45pm Chris Botti
- @ the Milestone: 1.03 Catchbliss, Big Mistake, Saturn is Changing, Bundt Cakes, Haunt3d / 1.24 Wiltwither, God Glitch
- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 1.10 Enrage Against the Machine (a Rage tribute) / 1.24 Jump (a Van Halen tribute) / 2.14 Tyler Braden, Owen Riegling / 2.28 Josh Levi
- @ Snug Harbor: 1.03 Susto, Biscuit & Gravy / 1.10 Reproductive Rights Coalition Fundraiser feat. Jiu-Jitsu, Chained, Overturn, Glamour World / 1.17 Featherpocket, Pink Beds, Lil Skritt / 1.24 Lofidels, MIDS, Patois Counselors / 1.31 Added Color, East Viridian, Syndicate 99, DJ Spider /



2.07 Once Below Joy, Zephyranthes, Dollars Taxes, Little Mountain Kart Club / 2.14 Girl Pop Valentine's Day feat. Karma, the Chappel Roan, & Girl Pop Tribute Band / 2.28 J. Roddy Walston & the Automatic Band

- @ Tommy's Pub: 1.31 Van Huskins, Late Bloomer, Chunx Band / 2.07 Generation Gap
- @ the Underground: 1.24 Kokoroko / 2.21 Ace Hood
- @ the Visulite Theatre: 1.03 Cosmic Charlie (a Dead tribute) / 1.10 Badmotorfinger (a Soundgarden & Audioslave tribute) / 1.17 Hard 2 Handle (a Black Crowes tribute), Let Love Rule (a Lenny Kravitz tribute) / 1.31 Couch, Thumber / 2.21 Angry Chair (an Alice in Chains tribute) / 2.28 Brightside
- Sat., Jan. 31st @ 9013 Perimeter Woods Dr.: Eastside Brotha, Tyman Robbins, Iluvkxy, Tre Ahmad
- Sat., Jan. 31st @ Stage Door Theater: Keenan Harmon & the Nexus Jazz Group
- Sat., Feb. 21st @ the Carolina Theatre: Vienna Boys' Choir
- Sat., Feb. 21st @ Petra's: Mindvac, Going Clear, Flannelmouth

#### COMEDY | THEATER:

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- @ Knight Theater: 1.17 Chris D'elia / 2.07 Something Real
- @ Ovens Auditorium: 1.10 Ali Siddiq / 2.21 Legends of Laughter feat. Sommore, Lavell Crawford, Earthquake, Arnez J.
- Sat., Jan. 17th @ Spectrum Center: Bert Kreischer

#### SYMPHONY | OPERA | DANCE:

- @ Knight Theater: 1.24 www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: the Orchestra Games / 2.28 www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Beethoven Lives Upstairs
- Sat., Jan. 31st @ Belk Theater: Orchestra Noir

#### MUSEUMS | ART:

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

#### TRADE | INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

- @ the Common Market (Oakwold): 10am-4pm VnylWrks 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
- @ VisArt (Video) Café: Improv Building Blocks – improv comedy workshop w. April Kirby

#### DANCE MUSIC | DJS | BURLESQUE | DRAG:

- @ Dilworth Tasting Room (Plaza-Midwood): 11am DJ That Guy Smitty
- @ the Milestone: 1.17, 2.21 "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 Pouch)
- @ Tommy's Pub: 1.10 & 2.14 "Requiem Goth" w. DJs Velvetine, Dil3mma & Sanity Ana / 1.16 & 2.21 Tool Chest Productions burlesque
- Sat., Feb. 7th @ Neighborhood Theatre: K-Winterland (a K-Pop dance party)
- Sat., Feb. 14th @ the Visulite Theatre: the Flaming Revue Presents: Valentease Burlesque & Variety
- Sat., Feb. 28th @ the Evening Muse: 7:30pm & 9:30pm DJ Swiftie (Taylor Swift party)

#### KARAOKE:

- Sat., Jan. 31st @ the Underground: Emo Night Karaoke

#### FILM:

- Sat., Jan. 17th @ Carolina Theatre: "the Changebaker" – a documentary on Manolo Betancur w. music by Ultima Nota & live dance performance by El Alma de la Luna



## SPECIAL OR MULTIPLE DAY EVENTS:

### SPORTS | ACTIVITIES:

- Thursdays-Sundays [www.FunnyBus.net](http://www.FunnyBus.net) (starts @ 7th Street Station)
- Historic Uptown Neighborhood Tour [www.CharlotteNCTours.com](http://www.CharlotteNCTours.com) (daily)
- Jan. 3rd & 4th @ Spectrum Center: Hot Wheels Monster Trucks Live

### 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](http://www.CharlotteNCTours.com) (daily)
- Jan. 23rd-Feb. 1st: [www.CharlotteRestaurantWeek.IHeart.com](http://www.CharlotteRestaurantWeek.IHeart.com)
- Feb. 3rd-11th @ Stage 1 / Blume Studios: In Pour Taste – comedy & wine tasting

### LIVE MUSIC:

- Jan. 16th & 17th @ Stage Door Theater: Jazz Room Presents: Sean Jones, Brinae Ali
- Feb. 13th & 14th @ Stage Door Theater: Jazz Room Presents: the John Pizzarelli Trio

### COMEDY | THEATER:

- Jan. 8th-10th @ Stage Door Theater: RAH! Presents: SIX (teen edition)
- Jan. 20th-25th @ Belk Theater: SPAMALOT
- Jan. 30th-Feb. 1st @ Booth Playhouse: Wink by Jen Silverman
- Feb. 3rd-8th @ Belk Theater: the Outsiders
- Feb. 24th-March 1st @ Belk Theater: "MJ" (Michael Jackson – behind the making of the 1992 Dangerous World Tour by Christopher Wheeldon & Lynn Nottage)
- Feb. 27th & 28th @ Booth Playhouse: Queen City Concerts Presents: Hair

### SYMPHONY | OPERA | DANCE:

- Jan. 9th & 10th @ Belk Theater: [www.CharlotteSymphony.org](http://www.CharlotteSymphony.org) Presents: Strauss's Blue Danube
- Jan. 16th-18th: @ Belk Theater: [www.OperaCarolina.org](http://www.OperaCarolina.org) Presents: Suor Angelica & Gianni Schicchi
- Jan. 23rd & 24th @ Knight Theater: [www.CharlotteSymphony.org](http://www.CharlotteSymphony.org) Presents: the Music of Motown

- Jan. 30th-Feb. 1st @ Blumenthal Arts Center: [www.CharlotteSymphony.org](http://www.CharlotteSymphony.org) Presents: Prokofiev & Schumann
- Feb. 13th & 14th @ Belk Theater: [www.CharlotteSymphony.org](http://www.CharlotteSymphony.org) Presents: Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5
- Feb. 13th-15th @ Ovens Auditorium: Riverdance 30
- Feb. 13th & 14th @ Booth Playhouse: Carolina Calouche & Co. Present: Rouge
- Feb. 20th-March 21st @ the Patricia McBride & Jean-Pierre Bonnefoux Center for Dance: [www.CharlotteBallet.org](http://www.CharlotteBallet.org) Presents: Boundless
- Feb. 20th & 21st @ Booth Playhouse: [www.CharlotteSyphony.org](http://www.CharlotteSyphony.org) / Immersive: Mozart 360
- Feb. 27th & 28th @ Knight Theater: [www.CharlotteSymphony.org](http://www.CharlotteSymphony.org) Presents: the Concert – a Tribute to ABBA

### MUSEUMS | ART:

- Liberty Walk: self-guided tour of the American Revolution – [www.CharlotteLibertyWalk.com](http://www.CharlotteLibertyWalk.com) / [www.HandHeldHistory.com](http://www.HandHeldHistory.com) [contact@meckdeck.org](mailto:contact@meckdeck.org)
- THRU Jan. 4th @ the Mint Museum (Randolph): Future Now – Virtual Sneakers to Cutting-Edge Kicks
- THRU Feb. 2nd @ Bechtler Museum of Modern Art: Assembly Lines: Modernism & Machines
- THRU Feb. 22nd @ the Mint Museum (uptown): Renaissance, Romanticism, and Rebellion – European art from the Smith-Naifeh collection
- THRU March 8th @ the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: Praise House – Adama Delphine Fawundu
- THRU Apr. 26th @ the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: Jazz Greats – classic photographs from the Bank of America collection
- THRU June 1st @ Bechtler Museum of Modern Art: Chakaia Booker – Weighted Balance
- THRU Oct. 18th @ the Mint Museum (Randolph): Interventions – Weaving Joy, Woven Resistance

### TRADE | INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

- Feb. 20th-22nd @ Belk Theater: Shen Yun (Chinese dance & music)

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# LUNCHBOX RECORDS

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Unless you've been living under a rock, you've noticed that records are "a thing" again. It is a thing that three generations of a family can bond over. You can buy them online OR you can visit a local dispensary. As a person in active addiction, folks ask me personally and frequently "which is your

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As a (semi-retired) hip-hop DJ with a teenager, whose collection is (quickly) surpassing mine, we darken the doors of all of the (regional) record stores. Lunchbox is the busiest, the biggest, and the one with more employees than the rest. And there's a reason for that. No shade to other stores as we actively attempt to keep the lights on in ALL of them, but our go-to is Lunchbox.

Owner Scott Wishart (lead of the band Late Bloomer and also a session artist who does work on a lot of artist's albums) is truly taken aback at the fact that Lunchbox is celebrating their TWENTIETH year of being opened. I'm not surprised. They are the largest, cleanest, and longest running (without breaks) local record store. They also have the most staff. It doesn't go unnoticed (to My City Magazine) that most of their employees work at local concert halls, were music journalists, or are in bands themselves. They





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- 7th Street Public Market, 224 E.7th St., [www.7thStreetPublicMarket.com](http://www.7thStreetPublicMarket.com)
- Atherton Market, 2104 South Blvd., [www.AthertonMillAndMarket.com](http://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](http://www.TheBradfordStore.com)
- Charlotte Regional Farmers Market, 1801 Yorkmont Rd., [www.NCAR.gov/facilities/markets/Charlotte](http://www.NCAR.gov/facilities/markets/Charlotte), May-Sept. daily except for Mondays
- Columbus Tailgate Market Courthouse Square, [www.PolkCountyFarms.org](http://www.PolkCountyFarms.org)
- Common Grounds, 119 Huntley Pl., Charlotte, [www.CommonGroundsFarmStand.org](http://www.CommonGroundsFarmStand.org)
- Conover Farmers Market, [www.ConoverFarmersMarket.org](http://www.ConoverFarmersMarket.org)
- Cotswold Farmers Market, @ Providence Baptist Church, [www.CotswoldFarmersMarket.com](http://www.CotswoldFarmersMarket.com), May-Oct. Saturdays 8am-12pm
- Cramerton Farmers Market, [www.Cramerton.org](http://www.Cramerton.org)
- Crossroads Regional Farmers Market, 1551 E.Broad St., Statesville, [www.CrossroadsRegionalFarmersMarket.org](http://www.CrossroadsRegionalFarmersMarket.org)
- Davidson Farmers Market, 120 S.Main St., Davidson, NC, [www.DavidsonFarmersMarket.org](http://www.DavidsonFarmersMarket.org) (Saturdays 8am-noon)
- Denvers Farmers Market, 3633 Hwy. 16 N., Denver, NC, [www.LincolnCountyFarmersMarket.com](http://www.LincolnCountyFarmersMarket.com)
- Elkin Farmers Market, 226 N.Bridge St.
- Foothills Farmers Market, Shelby, NC, [www.FoothillsFarmersMarket.com](http://www.FoothillsFarmersMarket.com)
- Gastonia Farmers Market, 410 E.Long Ave., Gastonia, [www.GastoniaFarmersMarket.com](http://www.GastoniaFarmersMarket.com)
- Herb-N-Produce Stand, 4245 Rea Rd., 704-560-9231
- Hickory Farmers Market, 231 Government Ave. SW, Hickory, NC, [www.HickoryFarmersMarket.com](http://www.HickoryFarmersMarket.com)
- Highland Creek Farmers Market, 6213 Bell's Bill Dr., [www.HighlandCreekFarmersMarket.com](http://www.HighlandCreekFarmersMarket.com) Apr.-Oct. Wednesdays 3-7pm
- Huntersville Farmers Market, 103 Maxwell St., Huntersville, NC, [www.Huntersville.org](http://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](http://www.LincolnCountyFarmersMarket.com)
- Lowell Farmers Market, [www.LowellNC.com](http://www.LowellNC.com)
- Matthews Community Farmers Market, 188 N.Trade St., Matthews, NC, [www.MatthewsFarmersMarket.com](http://www.MatthewsFarmersMarket.com), Saturdays
- Mecklenburg County Market, 1515 Harding Pl., [www.MecklenburgCountyMarket.com](http://www.MecklenburgCountyMarket.com)
- Meeting Street Market @ Cedar Walk, 9612 Longstone Ln., [www.MeetingStreetMarket.com](http://www.MeetingStreetMarket.com)
- Mill Hill Farmers Market, 7601 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd., Mint Hill, NC, [www.MintHillHistory.com](http://www.MintHillHistory.com)
- Mooresville Rotary Farmers Market, 150 S.Church St., Mooresville, NC, 704-451-9190
- Mount Airy Farmers Market, 218 Rockford St., Mount Airy, [www.SurrYarts.com](http://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](http://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, NC, [www.Piedmont-FarmersMarket.com](http://www.Piedmont-FarmersMarket.com)
- Pilot Mountain Farmers Market, 206 E.Main St., Pilot Mountain, [www.Surry.ces.ncsu.edu](http://www.Surry.ces.ncsu.edu)
- Pineville Farmers Market, 300 Main St., Pineville, [www.TownOfPineville.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.ProvidenceProduce.com)
- Rock Hill Old Town Market, 121 Caldwell St., Rock Hill, [www.OnlyInOldTown.com/Market](http://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](http://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](http://www.SowMuchGood.org)
- Stanly County Farmers Market, 100 Railroad St., Albermarle, [www.AlbermarleDowntown.com](http://www.AlbermarleDowntown.com)
- Statesville Evening Farmers Market, 134 N.Center St., [www.TheEveningFarmersMarket.com](http://www.TheEveningFarmersMarket.com)
- Statesville Rotary Farmers Market, 131 E.Sharpe St., [www.StatesvilleRotary.org](http://www.StatesvilleRotary.org)
- Union County Farmers Market, 802 Skyway Dr., Monroe, NC
- University City Farmers Market, the Shoppes at University Place, [www.UnivCityMarket.org](http://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](http://www.WaxhawFarmersMarket.org), Saturdays 9am-1pm
- Wedgewood Farmers Market, 4800 Wedgewood Dr., [www.WedgewoodFarmersMarket.com](http://www.WedgewoodFarmersMarket.com)
- Winecoff Market, 518 Winecoff School Rd., Concord
- Yadin Farmers Market, 1230 Tennessee St., Yadinville
- York Tailgate Market, 802 E.Liberty St., York, [www.YorkTailgateMarket.blogspot.com](http://www.YorkTailgateMarket.blogspot.com)



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- A Way of Life Farm, [www.AWayOfLifeFarm.com](http://www.AWayOfLifeFarm.com)
- Allee 'Bubba, 3600 Wendy Ln., Concord
- Apple Orchard Farm & Cider Mill, 2075 Pleasant Hill Ave., Morganton, NC 28655, 828-437-1224, [www.AppleOrchardFarmNC.com](http://www.AppleOrchardFarmNC.com) (apple picking August-November / stores & stands August-December / closed Sundays)
- Aw Shucks, 3718 Plyer Mill Rd., Monroe, NC, 704-709-7000, [www.AwShucksFarms.com](http://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](http://www.BountifulHarvestFarmNC.com)
- Burton Farms, Vale, NC, [www.Facebook.com/BurtonFarms](http://www.Facebook.com/BurtonFarms)  
Bush-N-Vine Farm, 803-684-2732, [www.BushNVine.com](http://www.BushNVine.com) (fall corn maze, Pick-Your-Own Pumpkin & hayrides)
- Carrigan Farms, 1261 Oak Ridge Farm Hwy., Mooresville, NC, 704-664-1450, [www.CarriganFarms.com](http://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](http://www.ColdwaterCreek.com)
- Commonwealth Farms, 704-756-4948, FB: Commonwealth Farms
- Cotton Hills Farm, 2575 Lowrys Highway, Chester, SC 29706, 803-581-4545, [www.CottonHillsFarm.com](http://www.CottonHillsFarm.com) (strawberry picking thru April / peaches June-Sept. / pumpkins FALL)
- Cottonmill Mushroom Farm, 414 N.Meriah St., Landis
- East of Eden, 8300 McIlwaine Rd., Huntersville
- Fading D Farm, 295 Fading D Farm Rd, Salisbury, 28144, 980-330-8189 (Saturdays 3-6pm)
- Gilcrest Natural Farm, 1164 Lowes Ln., Iron Station
- Good Karma Ranch Alpacas, 1041 Brevard Place Rd., Iron Station
- Grateful Growers, 3006 Mack Ballard Rd., Denver, [www.GGFarm.com](http://www.GGFarm.com)
- Happy Hills Alpaca Farm, 708 Winding Brook Rd., Monroe
- Hickory Nut Gap, [www.HickoryNutGapFarm.com](http://www.HickoryNutGapFarm.com)
- Hodges Farm, 3900 Rocky River Rd., 704-494-0107, [www.HodgesFarmNC.com](http://www.HodgesFarmNC.com) (FALL : Pick-Your-Own Pumpkin)
- Hoffner Organic Farms, 1030 Kerr Mill Rd., Mount Ulla
- Hunter Farm, the, 13624 Providence Rd., Weddington, NC 704-846-7975, [www.theHunterFarm.org](http://www.theHunterFarm.org) (FALL : Pick-Your-Own Pumpkin & hayrides)
- Lewis Farm, 3330 Lewis Rd., Gastonia, NC, 704-842-1208, [www.LewisFarm.org](http://www.LewisFarm.org) (FALL : Pick-Your-Own Pumpkin)
- M & M Farms, 7208 Alexander Farm Rd., Monroe, NC 28110, 704-574-9200 (strawberry picking May-June)
- Mary L. Farm, 155 Parker Loop, Mount Ulla, NC 28125, 704-664-1687, [www.MaryLFarm.com](http://www.MaryLFarm.com)
- McCurry's Blueberry Farm, 735 Wise Rd., Lincolnton, NC 28092, 704-735-0338 (blueberry picking June-Aug.)
- Mills Family Farm, 284 Barfield Rd., Mooresville
- Patterson Farm, 3060 Millbridge Rd., China Grove, NC, 704-857-5242, [www.PattersonFarmINC.com](http://www.PattersonFarmINC.com) (FALL : Pick-Your-Own Pumpkin)
- Poplar Ridge Farm, [www.PoplarRidgeFarmNC.com](http://www.PoplarRidgeFarmNC.com)
- Regal Farm, [www.RegalFarm.com](http://www.RegalFarm.com) - corn maze
- Riverbend Farm, 12150 McManus Rd., Midland, 704-888-2891, [www.RiverbendFarm.net](http://www.RiverbendFarm.net) (FALL : Pick-Your-Own Pumpkin)
- Shady Oaks, 3487 Yount Rd., Newton
- Small City Farm, 704-962-1025, [Kim@SmallCityFarm.com](mailto:Kim@SmallCityFarm.com)
- Summerberry Farm, 3430 Rimer Rd., Concord, NC 28025, 704-721-0670 (blackberry picking June-July / closed Sundays)
- Tega Hills Farm, 1780 Zoar Rd., Fort Mill, 803-370-4466 (Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm)
- Two Moons Family Farms, 2263 Hwy 218 East, Polkton, NC 28133, [www.TwoMoonsFamilyFarms.com](http://www.TwoMoonsFamilyFarms.com)
- Underwood Family Farms, 917 Oak Grove Cloverhill Church Rd., Lawndale, [uffarms@aol.com](mailto:uffarms@aol.com)
- Whispering Hope Farm, 704-674-8911, Gastonia, [www.WhisperingHomeFarm.com](http://www.WhisperingHomeFarm.com)
- Wild Acres Organic Farm, 4701 Hartis Rd., Indian Trail, 28079, 704-628-6232 (Thurs.-Sun. 10am-7pm)
- Wild Turkey Farms, [www.WildTurkeyFarms.com](http://www.WildTurkeyFarms.com) (not open to the public)
- Windy Hill Farms, Orchard & Cider Mill, 1860 Black Highway, York, SC, [www.WindyHillFarmNC.com](http://www.WindyHillFarmNC.com)
- Wise Acres Organic Farms, 4701 Hartis Rd., Indian Trail, 28079, 704-628-6232, [www.WiseAcresOrganic.com](http://www.WiseAcresOrganic.com) (Thurs.-Sun. 10am-7pm)

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V FB: Boris+Natasha Clothing Boutique



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[www.JuliaCafe.org](http://www.JuliaCafe.org)



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