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THE BELLY OF THE WHALE

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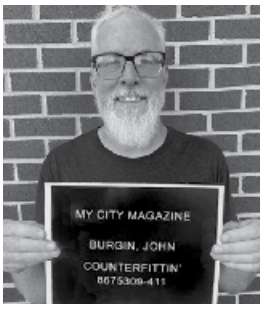
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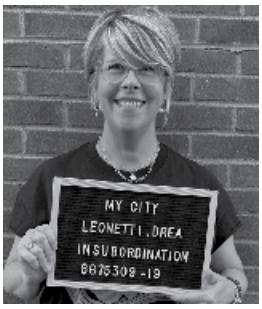
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Letter from the Editor



Hello, Charlotte people. Thank you for taking the time out of your day to read this issue of My City Magazine.

In this installment, as always, we give you the comic strips "Micro Monsters" and "Only Dans" plus an advice column – all by the Clown. Siri gives us a review of The Belly of the Whale, you'll meet Corri Smith of Black Wednesday, and we get to chat with some local, female DJs. The not-so-hidden gems highlighted this time are Indian Wholesale, Curio, Craft & Conjure, The Mad Greek, and Nouveau Chapeau. Go support these area businesses.

We always share with you a farmers market / farm list, a list of record stores, and a bookstore / comic bookstore list. Don't forget to check out the exhaustive event listing and subscribe to our monthly newsletter by emailing 'subscribe' to ellengurley@gmail.com.

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TURN THE TABLES

CHARLOTTE & THE FEMALE DJ

by E. Gurley



When I started DJing in the late '90's, there were only about a handful of female DJs in Charlotte at that time. At the risk of sounding cliché, we had to forge our own way in a male dominated industry. Lucky for us, we were usually taken seriously, though we did encounter gatekeepers and folks who viewed us as a novelty. That didn't stop us. These days, I am mostly retired, but I play about twice a year for Smitty at Vinyl (Jan. 13th & May 12th in 2027 as LNMental). I no longer have the time or the desire to be relevant, I just like to get it out of my system occasionally. Spider, who I played alongside beginning around 2002, is very much so still quite active and it is a beautiful thing to see. We've come a long way from lugging our turntables and multiple crates of records uphill both ways in the snow. Now people play vinyl or laptops depending upon the venue and there are dozens of ladies playing around Charlotte. And that number is growing. I figure – the more the merrier. Over the years, I have had the pleasure of meeting a lot of other female DJs in town, but haven't been introduced to them all. DJs DK, Dil3mma, She's A Plus, and, of course, Spider are a few of my favourites. None of these ladies wants to get married to one genre as they play many different clubs and for various audiences. I caught up with them recently, although they are all quite busy, and requested a list of their top five "bangers". Albeit a cringe ask, they submitted. They are sports. Treat yourself to checking them out sometime and thank you for supporting the local DJ scene.



PIC: S. KNUDSEN

DJ SPIDER / Suzann Knudsen
Instagram: **@thatdjspider**

TOP 5 BANGERS

1. I Wanna Dance with Somebody - Whitney Houston
2. Yeah – Usher
3. Crank – Slayter
4. Welcome to the Black Parade – My Chemical Romance
5. Personal Jesus – Depeche Mode

GIGS

FRI., DEC. 18TH
@ Tommy's Pub: DJ Spider's Silly Christmas

SAT., DEC. 12TH
@ Tommy's Pub: Requiem Goth Dance Party w. DJs Dil3mma & Sanity Ana + guest Spider

SATURDAYS NOV. 28TH & DEC. 19TH
@ The Milestone: Digital Noir at w. DJ Spider & guest



PIC: E. GURLEY

DJ DK / Danielle Kharman
Instagram: **@daniellekharman**

TOP 5 BANGERS

1. Rise – Herb Alpert
2. Made you Look – Nas
3. Kiss of Life – Sade
4. Another Star – Stevie Wonder
5. Love is the Message – MSFB

(honorable mention: Running – Information Society)

GIGS

2ND WEDNESDAYS
@ VINYL w. Smitty 8pm-1am "Wednesdays on Wax" : Nov. 11th & Dec. 9th

1ST & 3RD SATURDAYS
@ The Story of Mi Carino

OTHER RESIDENCIES
Rotating weekender at Soul Gastrolounge & most "Off the Wall' events; @ The Milestone: Digital Noir at w. DJ Spider & guest



DJ DIL3MMA / Emma Hoefle
Instagram: **@dj.dil3mma**

TOP 5 BANGERS

1. Never Let me Down Again – Depeche Mode
2. Health's cover of Blue Monday w. Leather Strip's You Spin Me Round
3. Headhunter – Front 242
4. Siouxsie and the Banshee's – Cities in Dust
5. Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This) – Eurythmics

GIGS

SATURDAYS

@ Tommy's Pub: Nov. 14th (guest: Blondzai) & Dec. 12th (guest: Spider) Requiem Goth Dance Party w. DJs Dil3mma & Sanity Ana

OTHER RESIDENCY

Shadow Play at Crown Station w. DJs Kraftward & Christian Hoefle



DJ SHE'S A PLUS / April Harley
Instagram: **@shes_a_plus**

TOP 5 BANGERS

1. What we Do – Freeway, Beanie Sigel, Jay-Z
2. Back That A## up – Juvenile
3. We Gonna Make it – Jadakiss, Styles P
4. Whistle While You Twerk – Ying Yang Twins
5. Can't Stop, Won't Stop – Young Gunz

(bonus: Let's Go – Key Glock)

GIGS

2ND FRIDAYS

@ Salud Cerveceria: DJ She's a Plus - Nov. 13th & Dec. 11th

OTHER GIGS

Catch She's A Plus a few times a year with DJ Maal under the name Twin Flame DJs

TURN THE TABLES *WORD SEARCH*

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CRATES
DIL3MMA
DJ DK
GOTH
HIP HOP
LADIES FIRST
MILESTONE
QUEEN
RECORDS
SHE'S A PLUS
SNUG HARBOR
SOUL
SPIDER
TOMMY'S PUB
TURNTABLES
VINYL





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Farmers Markets AND FARMS

7th Street Public Market
224 E.7th St., Charlotte
TheMarketAt7thStreet.com

Albemarle Downtown Farmers Market
501 W. Main St., Albemarle
Saturdays 8am-12pm

Ballantyne Farmers Market
15810 Ballantyne Medical Place, Charlotte, 1st Wednesday
10am - 1pm / March – Oct.

Belmont Farmers Market
24 S. Main St., Belmont,
Thurs. 4-7pm /April – Oct.
BelmontNCFarmersMarket.com

Bountiful Blessings Farm Fresh Produce
4702 Concord Hwy., Monroe
Sun. 11am-6pm / Mon. – Fri.
10am-7pm / Sat. 8am-7pm

Bradford Market
15915 Davidson-Concord Rd., Huntersville
TheBradfordMarket.com

Burton Farms General Store
#1 317 E. Main St., Lincolnton,
#2 2401 Northwest Blvd., Newton

Charlotte Regional Farmers Market
1801 Yorkmont Rd., Charlotte,
Closed Mon. & Tues. / May – Sept.

Conover Farmers Market
122 2nd Ave. SE, Conover,
Saturdays 8am-12pm / May-Aug.
ConoverFarmersMarket.org

Cotswold Farmers Market
4921 Randolph Rd., Charlotte,
(at Providence Baptist Church)
Saturdays 9am / May – Oct.
CotswoldFarmersMarket.com

Davidson Farmers Market
120 S. Main St., Davidson,
Saturdays 9am-noon /April – Nov.
DavidsonFarmersMarket.org

Denver Farmers Market
3618 NC-16, Denver,
Saturdays 8am

Farm Fresh Farmers Market
2103 S. Cannon Blvd., Kannapolis,
Mon. – Sat. 7am-9pm /
Sun. 8am-8pm

Foothills Farmers Market
126 W. Marion St., Shelby,
Tues. 10am-1pm /
Wed. & Sat. 8am-12pm
FoothillsFarmersMarket.com

Gastonia Farmers Market
410 E. Long Ave., Gastonia,
Tues., Thurs., & Sat.
7:30am-12:30pm / May – Oct.
GastoniaFarmersMarket.com

Hickory Farmers Market
Union Square NW, Hickory,
Saturdays 10am-1pm
HickoryFarmersMarket.com

Highland Creek Farmers Market
7101 Highland Creek Pkwy.,
Charlotte, Wednesdays 3-7pm /
April – Oct.

Huntersville Growers Market
201 Huntersville-Concord Rd.,
Huntersville, Saturdays 8am-12pm /
May – Aug.

Josh's Farmers Market
558 River Hwy., Mooresville,
Mon.–Thurs. 9-6:30pm /
Fri. & Sat. 9-6pm /
Sun. 9am-5pm
JoshsFarmersMarket.com,

Kannapolis Farmers Market
354 Oak Avenue Mall Dr.,
Kannapolis, (at Oak Avenue Mall),
Thursdays 4-7pm / May –Sept.

Kings Drive Farmers Market / Simpson's Produce
939 S. Kings Dr.,
Tues., Fri. & Sat. / 6am-7pm
704-332-6366

Kings Mountain Farmers Market
313 S. Battleground Ave., Kings Mountain, April – Sept.

Lincoln County Farmers Market
225 W. Water St. Ext., Lincolnton,
Tuesdays 8am-1pm

Lowell Farmers Market
101 W. 1st St., Lowell,
Thursdays 4-7pm / June – Sept.
LowellNC.com

Matthews Community Farmers Market
188 N. Trade St., Matthews,
Saturdays 8-11am / March – Dec.
MatthewsFarmersMarket.com

Mecklenburg County Market
1515 Harding Pl.,Charlotte
Sun. 12-5pm / Mon. – Fri. 9am-6pm
MecklenburgCountyMarket.com

Mill Hill Farmers Market
7601 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd.,
Saturdays 9am-1pm / May –Sept.
MintHillHistory.com

Mooresville Farmers Market
255 E. Iredell Ave., Mooresville,
Sat. 8am-12pm / June – Sept.

Mount Airy Farmers Market
232 .W. Independence Blvd.,
Mount Airy, Fri. 9am-12pm
SurrYarts.com

Mount Holly Farmers Market
226 S. Main St., Mount Holly,
Saturdays 8am-12pm / April-Oct.

North Meck Community Farmers Market
21445 Catawba Ave., Cornelius,
Wednesdays 9am-12pm /
May – Sept.

Pickles Farmers Market
136 E.36th St., Charlotte
(at Hart Witzen Gallery)
Saturdays 8am-2pm

Piedmont Farmers Market
518 Winecoff School Rd.,
Concord, Saturdays
Piedmont-FarmersMarket.com

Pilot Mountain Farmers Market
300 S. Key St., Pilot Mountain,
Saturdays 3-6pm

Pineville Farmers Market
100 Dover St., Pineville,
Saturdays 8am-12pm
TownOfPineville.com

Plaza-Midwood Farmers Market
2007 Commonwealth Ave., Charlotte *(at Common Market)*, Saturdays 10am-1pm / April – Nov.

Providence Produce Markets,
#1 10636 Providence Rd., Charlotte,
#2 11252 Lawyers Rd., Mint Hill,
#3 218 K. Line Dr., Matthews,
#4 1316 Providence Rd. S. Waxhaw,
Daily 9am-7pm / April – Oct.

Rock Hill Old Town Market
300 E. Main St. (at Fountain Park), Rock Hill, Saturdays 8:30am-12:30pm April – Nov.

Rosa Parks Farmers Market
1600 W. Trade St., Charlotte, Tues. & Sat. 3-7pm / June – Sept.

Rotary Farmers Market
126 W. Front St., Salisbury, Saturdays 7am-12pm / May – Oct.

Salisbury Farmers Market
228 E. Kerr St., Salisbury, Saturdays 8am-12pm / April – Dec.

Saluda Tailgate Market
214 E. Main St., Saluda, Fridays 4-6pm

Selwyn Farmers Market
3100 Selwyn Ave. (at Selwyn United Methodist Church), Charlotte, Thursdays 3-7pm

SouthEnd Farmers Market
2000 South Blvd., Charlotte, Saturdays 9am-1pm
AthertonMillAndMarket.com

Union County Farmers Market
805 Skyway Dr., Monroe, Saturdays 8am-12pm / April – Dec.

University City Farmers Market
6010 Jasmine Ln., Charlotte, Saturdays 10am-2pm / May – Oct.
UnivCityMarket.org

Uptown Farmers Market
300 S. Davidson St., Charlotte, Saturdays 8am-12pm / April – Dec.

Village at Robinson Farm
8410 Rea Rd., Charlotte, Wed. & Sat. 9am-3pm

Wallace Community Tailgate Market
11202 Harris Rd., Huntersville, Saturdays

Waxhaw Farmers Market
Waxhaw Pkwy., Waxhaw, Saturdays 9am-1pm /April – Dec.
WaxhawFarmersMarket.org

Yadkin Farmers Market
1230 Tennessee St., Yadkinville, Tues. 3-6pm & Sat. 9am-12pm / May – Oct.

FARMS

Apple Hill Orchard & Cider Mill,
2075 Pleasant Hill Ave., Morganton, Fall: pick-your-own apples / Market: Mon. – Sat.
AppleOrchardFarmNC.com

Barbee Farms
1000 Shelton Rd. NW, Concord, Farm stand: Wed., Thurs. & Fri. 12-6pm, Sat. 10am-2pm
BarbeeFarms.net

Bush-N-Vine Farm
1650 Filbert Hwy., York, Spring: pick-your-own berries & peaches / Fall: corn maze, pick-your-own pumpkin & hayrides
BushNVine.com

Carrigan Farms
1261 Oak Ridge Farm Hwy., Mooresville, Spring: pick-your-own strawberries / Fall: pick-your-own apples & pumpkins
CarriganFarms.com

Coddle Creek Farms
2200 Coddle Creek Hwy., Mooresville,
Market: Tues. – Sat. 10am-6pm

Cotton Hills Farm
2575 Lowrys Highway, Chester, Spring: pick-your-own strawberries & peaches / Fall: pick-your-own pumpkins / Market: Mon. – Sat. 9am-7pm
CottonHillsFarm.com

Deer Run Farm
5540 Hwy. 24/27 E, Midland, Spring: pick-your-own strawberries

Hodges Farm
3900 Rocky River Rd., Charlotte, Fall: pick-your-own pumpkins & hayrides
HodgesFarmNC.com

Hunter Farm
13624 Providence Rd., Weddington, Spring: pick-your-own berries / Fall: pick-your-own pumpkin & hayrides
TheHunterFarm.org

McLawland Farms
8632 Reedy Creek Rd., Charlotte, Market: Wednesday afternoons May, Sept., & Oct.

Patterson Farm
3060 Millbridge Rd., China Grove, Spring: pick-your-own strawberries / Fall: pick-your-own-pumpkins
PattersonFarmINC.com

South Forty Farm
640 SC-274, Clover, farmstand open Mon.-Sun. 10am-6pm

Springs Farm Market
1010 Springfield Pkwy., Fort Mill, SC Monday – Saturday 8am-7pm / Sun. 1-7pm / Spring: pick-your-own berries & peaches
SpringsFarm.com

Wise Acres Organic Farm
4701 Hartis Rd., Indian Trail, Spring: pick-your-own berries / Fall: pick-your-own pumpkins / All year: plant & flower sales / reservation only
WiseAcresOrganic.com

If you would like to see your farmers market or farm on this listing, simply email the info to ellengurley@gmail.com.



WHAT DO I KNOW,

I'M JUST A CLOWN

Advice from Martin 'The Clown' Barry

Dear Clown,
I recently met someone amazing. We have been seeing each other for about two months and we have gotten to know each other very well. There is only one item that has been bugging me. This person has some darkness in their past that causes them to push me away sometimes. This is usually followed by a reactive period where they want me to be close again.

How can I help with this?

Sincerely, Yoyo

Dear Yoyo,
The fact that you are asking how to help is above and beyond what most people will tolerate in new relationships and it is obvious that you care for this person. Being selfless is a good thing, but it can be dangerous as well. Please use direct communication to establish boundaries. Define the limits of what would cause a separation - to protect yourself - as these situations can cause trauma bonds that may never resolve. After this, work on discussions of their feelings and the roots of these feelings. Take note of when you notice patterns of behavior. It may be easy to slip into accusatory questions at times, so assure that you frame these questions in a way that gets them to release their thoughts rather than close up. Statements expressing interest in their thoughts can be a good lead into this; followed by questions about how certain situations made them feel. There is much work ahead, so please remember to be patient, too. I truly wish you the best.

Stay true, Clown

Dear Clown,
If you expect the unexpected, does that make the unexpected expected?

Sincerely, Unyun

Dear Unyun,
Every time.

As expected, Clown

Dear Clown,
My sister and I have always been close. Recently, her actions have been what I would characterize as quietly hostile. We have not really had much conversation in about 6 months and this is nagging at me.

How can I find out why she is behaving this way?

Sincerely, Big Bro

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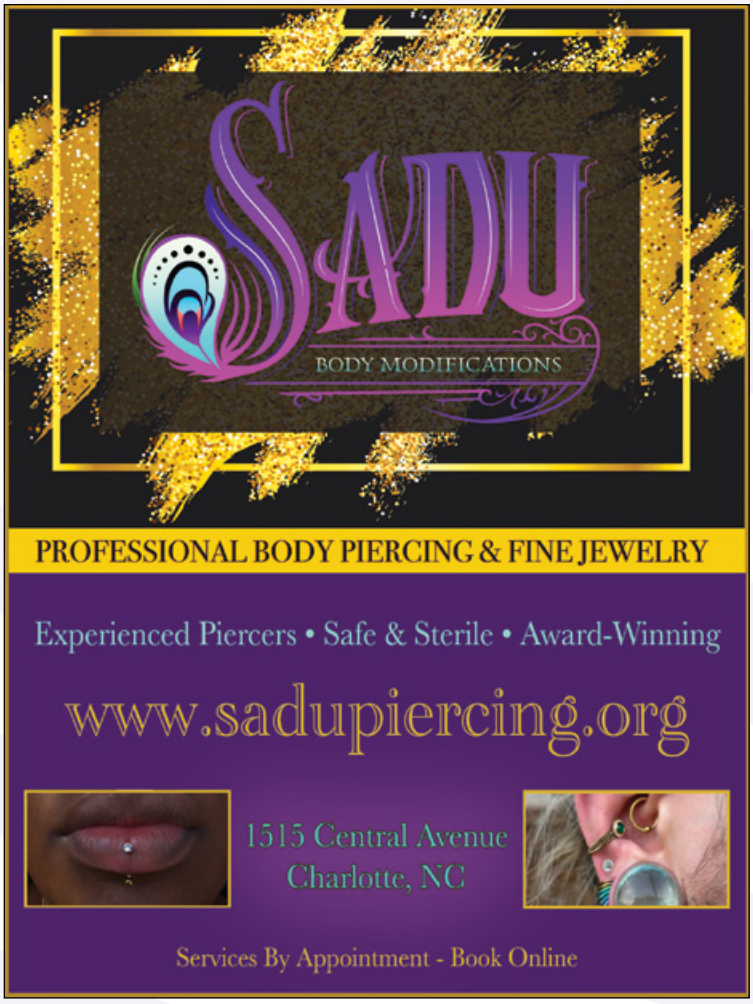
Dear Big Bro,
I am hoping that this is something easily managed. You will have to get to the root of the concern. I suggest something simple like a dinner at your place. Make her favorite meal or even establish a recurring game night. In discussion, note what you have noticed and check on how she is feeling. This will help open the door to her thoughts and make your bond even stronger. Be persistent and patient.

Thicker than water, Clown

Dear Clown,
My daughter is not communicating with me at all. This has been going on for about two years and I do not know how to connect again. I am aware of the reason for this and I know that I am at fault. I was very critical of her and her life choices. I have only recently realized that I caused this. Is there a way back?

Sincerely, Sad Mom

Dear Sad Mom,
Acknowledging your part in this is step one. Sit with this for a bit and consider how you would feel if the same was done to you. After that, begin slowly with apologies for how you made your daughter feel and use no defensive words or actions. Allow her to express all the anger and sadness without criticism. Understand that this will be a slow process to establish anything resembling what your relationship used to be AND that it may never recover all the way. You have the opportunity to make repairs.
Be patient.





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

BLACK WEDNESDAY

by E. Gurley

For over a decade, Corri Smith has been running a branding boutique called Black Wednesday. She and her team have been operating solely on word-of-mouth referrals. Their clients are so genuinely pleased with the services they receive at BW that they tell all of their friends and family. Let that sink in.



Corri Smith, BW Founder

Turning her personal style into a whole identity is very impressive to watch. Her home is painted black, her entire closet is full of nothing but black clothes, and her studio / workplace building is black. Black Wednesday isn't just a cute name, it's a lifestyle. Her office has (what I believe to be haunted) ventriloquist dolls, the forbidden Ouija boards, portal-creating mirrors facing each other, animal taxidermy, candles for days, and a ton of horror movie ephemera. It is Halloween in Corri's world year-round. Though she is playful and whimsical, she is not a goth gimmick. She is smart as a whip and truly cares for the accounts her office works.



Black Wednesday Headquarters





Black Wednesday's ventriloquist dolls-in-residence

While she is open to a new client here and there, she doesn't have to actively chase them down and often has to turn some away. She wants to give the businesses that come to her their deserved full attention. Her office is run like a tight ship; a tight ship with happy employees. It should be studied, but cannot be replicated. Black Wednesday is one of one.

It is Halloween in Corri's world year-round.

I came to visit her office to see the décor and left being super awestruck with her authenticity. If you need help marketing your brand to the community, she is your professional. Make sure to book a consultation and, before you go to BW, check the website to see what services her team offers.



BlackWednesday.co
529 Briar Creek Rd., 28205

Local Record Stores

Collecting Problems
1682 Katy Ln., Fort Mill, 29708

Gabba Gabba Huh? Records & EarWax Records
246 N. New Hope Rd., Gastonia, 28054 *(inside Vintage Village at Eastridge Mall)*

Hardy Boys Records & Comics
701 Keswick Ave., Suite 106 (at Camp NorthEnd), Charlotte, 28206
1616 Camden Rd., Suite 140, Charlotte, 28203
11237 Lawyers Rd., Mint Hill, 28227*(inside Homestyles Gallery)*

Hey Boo Records & Old Dog Records
500 S. Main St., Mooresville, 28115 *(inside Main Street Antique Mall)*

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 & Comics
315 W. John St., Matthews, 28105

Noble Records (moving soon)
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

Rewind / a Goodwill Record Store
100 W. Matthews St., Matthews, 28105

Rockin' Rob's Records
17017 S. Main St., China Grove, 28023 *(inside Joyful Pleasures),*
107 South Main St., Lexington, 27292 *(inside Magnolias Home & Maker's Market),*
15 Murphy Dr., Lexington, 27295 *(inside Evenbrooke Marketplace)*

Rock Star Records & CDs
127-A N. Main St., Mooresville, 28115

Salty's Jukebox
5865 NC-27 W., Vale, 28168

Sell Your Soul Records
124 S. Main St., Mooresville, 28115

Spooky's Records & Collectibles
902-A Bessemer City Rd., Gastonia, 28052

That's Mental Records
1919 Commonwealth Ave., Charlotte, 28205
(inside Petra's / Little Shop of Petra's)
Thursdays-Saturdays 12pm-6pm

Vintage Vibes
22 Union St. N., #201, Concord, 28025

VnylWrks
4420-A Monroe Rd., Charlotte, 28205 *(inside the Common Market Oakwold)*
Saturdays 10am-4pm



***It is recommended that you google the venue for the hours of operation before you visit.**

Local Book Stores & Comic Book Shops

- **Belmont Bookshop**
  7 N. Main St., Belmont, 28012
- **Blank Generation**
  2902 N. Davidson St., CLT, 28205
- **Book Buyers**
  3040 Eastway Dr., B, CLT, 28205
- **Book Exchange**
  345 1st Ave. NW, Hickory, 28601
  Hickory
- **Book Lady, The**
  3515 W. Hwy. 74, Monroe, 28110
- **Book Rack, The**
  10110 Johnston Rd., #5, CLT, 28210
- **Cleary's Bookstore**
  105 N. Main St., Mt. Holly, 28120
- **Corks, Cooks, & Books**
  (CCB Bistro & Vine)
  295 Herlong Ave., Suite 401,
  Rock Hill, 29732
- **Fred & June's Books**
  162 N. Main St., Mooresville, 28115
- **Friends Books on Main**
  206 E. Main St., Rock Hill, 29730
- **Goldberry Books**
  12 Union St. S., Concord, 28025
- **Grounds Bookstore and Café, The**
  8335 Browne Rd., CLT, 28269
- **Julia's Café & Books**
  1133 N. Wendover Rd., CLT, 28211
- **Liberty Book Company, the**
  1037 Oakland Ave., Rock Hill, 29732
- **Park Road Books**
  4139 Park Rd., CLT, 28209
- **Parsifal Books**
  106 E. 1st St., B, Lowell, 28098
- **Second Look Books**
  4519 School House Commons,
  #230, Harrisburg, 28075
- **So Much More to the Story Bookery**
  130 S. Main St., Monroe, 28112
- **Tall Stories Book & Print Gallery**
  164 S. Cherry Rd., Rock Hill, 29732
- **That's Novel Bookshop**
  330 Camp Rd., Suite B, CLT, 28206
  (inside Camp North End)
- **Trope Bookshop**
  1516 Lyon Ct., CLT, 28205
- **Troubadour Booksellers**
  1721 Sardis Rd. N., 7C, CLT, 28270
- **Upstairs Book Nook**
  11237 Lawyers Rd., Mint Hill, 28227
  (inside HomeStyles Gallery & Specialty Shops)
- **Urban Reader Bookstore**
  305 McGill Ave. 205 McGill Ave.,
  Concord, 28027
  (inside Gibson Mill Market)
- **Walls of Books**
  20920 Torrence Chapel Rd., B6,
  Cornelius, 28031
- **Wellinghall Books & Coffee**
  2101 Carmel Rd., CLT, 28226

COMIC BOOK SHOPS

- **All Things Collectible**
  5102 Wilkinson Blvd.,
  Gastonia, 28056
- **A. Pennyworth's Comics**
  11025 Monroe Rd., D,
  Matthews, 28105
- **Central City Comics**
  2600 Central Ave., G, CLT, 28205
- **Chewy's Cards & Collectibles**
  5719 W. Hwy 74,
  Indian Trail, 28079
- **Collecting Problems**
  1682 Katy Ln.,
  Fort Mill, 29708
- **Doc's Basement**
  427 E. Catawba St.,
  Belmont, 28012
- **Hardy Boys Records & Comics**
  - 701 Keswick Ave., Suite 106,
    CLT, 28206 *(at Camp NorthEnd)*
  - 1616 Camden Rd., Suite 140,
    CLT, 28203
  - 11237 Lawyers Rd., Mint Hill, 28227
    (inside Homestyles Gallery)
- **Heroes Aren't Hard to Find**
  417 Pecan Ave., CLT, 28204
- **Mad Jack's Records & Comics**
  315 W. John St., Matthews, 28105
- **Mac's Heroes & Villains Comics**
  11229 E. Independence Blvd., B,
  Matthews, 28105
- **Parker Banner Kent & Wayne**
  21500 Catawba Ave., A,
  Cornelius, 28031
- **Poet's Vault**
  6424 South Blvd., CLT, 28217
  (inside Sleepy Poet Antique Mall)
- **Rebel Base Comics & Toys**
  701 S. Sharon Amity Rd. C,
  CLT, 28211
- **Ssalefish Comics**
  10099 Weddington Rd., #118,
  Concord, 28027
- **Spandex City**
  8420 Bellhaven Blvd., CLT, 28216

***It is recommended that you google the venue for the hours of operation before you visit.**

The Belly of the Whale

by Siri Patterson

Editor-in-Chief Ellen Gurley and I had the pleasure of visiting The Belly of the Whale on an early summer evening, about two months after the restaurant officially opened its doors in July. As long-time Cotswold residents, walking up to the wooden door with its iconic handle was a little bittersweet. The Pizza Peel closed its Colwick Road location in November 2025, according to a post shared on the restaurant's instagram. When I heard this, I felt the same way as many others; It was an iconic neighborhood staple, and The Belly of the Whale had big shoes to fill.



Belly of the Whale occupies the former Pizza Peel location on Colwick Road.

Once inside, the atmosphere of The Belly of the Whale immediately hooks you with it's intimate ambiance. Not much has changed in terms of the layout of the dining room, but the rustic, wood lined interior feels refreshed and cozy under the warm lighting. We arrived a bit before the dinner rush, and were immediately greeted by Co-Owner Tatiana Mendizabal, who spent time reviewing the menu and recommending wine and cocktail pairings.


Paloma


Fresh, homemade bread with hand-churned butter


Gin & Tonic



Bacalao Croquettes



Blue Crab Cake

I ordered the Paloma with tequila, which was reminiscent of a Brazilian Caipirinha with muddled grapefruit and a Tajin Rim. Ellen went with a classic gin and tonic. After settling in, Tatiana's husband and co-owner Raynold Mendizibal emerged from the kitchen with a tableside selection of fresh homemade bread and hand-churned butter. It's definitely a cliche statement to make, but I could have spent the night enjoying just this starter course.

Ellen, a born-and-raised Charlottean who has spent time in the food scene, took the lead on ordering. The menu is not extensive, but it contains a smattering of carefully-curated dishes representing flavors from across the world, from salmon sourced from the fjords of Patagonia, to Korean barbecue octopus, to back home in North Carolina with Beaufort north river oysters. Ellen's Order: Bacalao Croquettes, Blue Crab Cakes, Norwegian Salmon with Inca Tears, Roasted Potatoes, and Grilled King Trumpet Mushrooms.



Norwegian Salmon with Inca Tears



Roasted Potatoes

One of my favorite things about trying a new restaurant (especially with a friend who knows how to order) is when I fall in love with something I would normally never order. For this night, it was the King Trumpet Mushrooms. Silky-smooth and tender with a rich umami flavor, this dish is a showstopper. The aromatic Blue Crab Cakes, seasoned with cilantro and fried in a panko crust, were the perfect combination of sweet and savory, with a touch of brine to balance the delicate flavors. While I don't typically opt for raw fish, the slightly seared salmon was a low-risk, high-reward sort of situation. Served in a puree dotted with Inca Tears, this dish was unlike anything I have tried before.

The passion of Tatiana and Raynold is apparent in every square foot of the small restaurant. In my experience, it's rare you meet both restaurant owners within ten minutes of sitting down. From the ever-rotating menu to the carefully curated selection of international and domestic flavors, this couple has worked hard to create a new neighborhood staple.



Grilled KIng Trumpet Mushrooms

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Sundays

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- @ Bank of America Stadium: 11.08 1pm vs. Denver Broncos / 11.22 1pm vs. Baltimore Ravens / 12.13-1pm vs. New Orleans Saints / 12.20-1pm vs. Cincinnati Bengels - / Panthers.com
- @ the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: 12:30-1:30pm yoga on the rooftop

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

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

LIVE MUSIC:

- @ Amos': 11.15 Kings X / 12.06 Ballantyne School of Music Winter Jam
- @ the Boatyard (Lake Norman): Mystic Vibrations
- @ the Comet Grill: Omari & the Hellhounds / 1st Mondays Monday Night Live Band w. Shana Blake, Chris Bryant, Michael Haywood, Pete Lents, Johnny Flash, John Woodward & more
- @ the Common Market (Oakwold): 4:20-6:30pm 3rd Sundays w. the Eastland Jazz Combo (Aaron Carlisle, Brent Dunn, Mark Crowson)
- @ the Evening Muse: 11.01 Justin Wells, Abe Partridge / 11.08 Ward Davis, Cody Gentry
- @ the Fillmore: 11.22 Alex Edelman / 11.29 Hunxho / 12.06 Shakey Graves / 12.13 Chris Mitchell
- @ Middle C Jazz Club: 1st Sundays Courtney Montgomery 11.01 Sean Mason Trio / 11.08 Justin Varnes does Charlie Parker / 11.15 Marcus Miller / 11.22 Peter Cincotti / 12.06 Adam Hawley Christmas / 12.13 Evan Taylor, Adrian Crutchfield & more / 12.20 Stanley Jordan
- @ Neighborhood Theatre: 11.08 Tyler Ballgame / 11.15 Paula Cole / 11.22 Kurt Vile & the Violators / 12.13 Denny Love
- @ Smokey Joe's: 6-9pm James Brock & friends + potluck dinner hosted by Drew Maner
- @ the Underground: 11.01 Almost Monday / 11.08 the Wrecks / 11.22 Inayah
- @ Tommy's Pub: 11.01 Bryan Bielanski, Anguish / 11.15 Gemz Jazz / 11.22 Acoustic Sunday Funday w. Jeff Williams, Ghost Fossils & Chris Cretin
- @ the Milestone: Sun., Nov. 1st-Daisychain, My Blue Hope, Warp Street
- Sun., Nov. 1st @ Spectrum Center: Young Miko
- Sun., Nov. 15th @ the Visulite Theatre: Sons of Paradise, Stylie, One Culture
- Sun., Nov. 22nd @ Ovens Auditorium: ROA
- Sun., Nov. 29th @ Bojangles Coliseum: Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith, CeCe Winans

COMEDY / THEATER:

- @ the Comedy Club at Duckworth's: 11.01 Cameron Keys / 11.15 Aaron Weber / 11.22 Jessica Michelle Singleton / 11.29 Chaunte Wayans / 12.06 Henry Sir / 12.13 Desi Alexander / 12.20 Tommy Armstrong
- @ the Comedy Zone: 11.01 My Cousin Tiera / 11.08 AJ Wilkerson / 11.22 the Christi Show / 11.29 DeRay Davis / 12.06 EJ Speaks / 12.13 Chris Franjola / 12.20 Sejoe
- Sun., Nov. 1st @ Ovens Auditorium: David Sedaris

SYMPHONY / OPERA / DANCE:

- Sun., Nov. 29th @ First United Methodist Church Charlotte Symphony Presents: Majestic Brass & Organ / CharlotteSymphony.org
- Sun., Nov. 29th @ Ovens Auditorium: Derek Hough – Dance for the Holidays

MUSEUMS / ART:

- @ the Levine Museum of the New South: 1/2 off admission / 1st Sundays free
- @ the Mint Museum (Uptown): 1-4pm free admission for kids + hands-on art activities, yoga & more 11.29 1-5pm Museum Store Sunday – 30% off of inventory / free admission + wine, coffee, vendor trunks & more

TRADE / INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

- @ Tommy's Pub: 11.29, 12.27 10am Splash Page Coffee & pop-up market w. Stacy Badger & Occums Emporium
- Sun., Nov. 1st @ Johnson C. Smith University: the Melanated Wholistic Wellness Fair
- Sun., Nov. 15th @ Stumptown Park (Matthews): Matthews Pride in the Park

DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE / DRAG:

- @ Archive: last Sundays 12-4pm the Art of Easing w. DJs Foundation & Cairo Black
- @ 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

SPEAKERS:

- Sun., Nov. 22nd @ Carolina Theatre: Stewart Copeland – Have I Said too Much?

FILM:

- @ the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: 2nd Sundays 2pm / ClassicBlackCinemaSeries.com

Mondays

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- @ Spectrum Center: 11.02 7:30pm vs. Detroit Pistons / 11.09 7pm vs. Cleveland Cavaliers (Grateful Dead night) / 11.23 7pm vs. Memphis Grizzlies / 11.30 7pm vs. Washington Wizards / 12.14 7pm vs. Toronto Raptors / 12.21 7pm vs. Philadelphia 76ers / Hornets.com
- @ Sir Edmund Halley's: trivia night w.Merely Players

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

- @ 300 Restaurant: 1/2 off wine by the bottle

LIVE MUSIC:

- @ the Evening Muse: 7:30pm Find Your Music open mic 11.02 Fender / 11.09 Moral
- @ the Fillmore: 11.09 Slaughter to Prevail / 11.16 Whitechapel
- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 11.02 the Arcadian Wild / 11.09 Deer Tick
- @ Petra's: 7-10pm Bill Hanna Legacy Jazz Jam
- @ Smokey Joe's: Bluegrass Mondays w. Chad Andrew Harris, Steven Davidson & friends 1st Mondays Jamorah
- @ Snug Harbor: 11.16 the Treasury, Hexx Head, Joshua Cotterino / 12.14 Blood Rave
- @ the Milestone: Nov. 2nd Sap, Sludge Mother, Easterlin

COMEDY / THEATER:

- @ the Comedy Club at Duckworth's: Dec. 14th Stormy Daniels

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 Mister Williams
- @ Snug Harbor: 8pm All my Friends are Fly w. DJ See Bird Go & guests 1st Mondays "What's Good" w. DJ MF Burns & guest DJs or performers (benefitting local charities)
- @ Soul Gastrolounge: DJ Saudade (Don Poush)
- @ Tommy's Pub: Dec. 21st- DJ Nostalgia's Old Tyme Christmas

KARAOKE:

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

Tuesdays

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- @ Bojangles Coliseum: 11.10 7pm vs. Providence Bruins / CharlotteCheckers.com
- @ Spectrum Center: 12.29 7pm vs. Orlando Magic / Hornets.com

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

- @ 300 East: 1/2 off wine by the glass
- @ the Goodyear House: kids eat free
- @ Infinity Live: $2 taco night
- @ Tip Top Daily Market: 10% off bottles of wine

LIVE MUSIC:

- @ Bart's Mart: open mic
- @ the Comet Grill: Red Rocking Chair
- @ Crown Station: 8-12pm open mic/improvised jam w. Jay Cooper & Ben Bourne
- @ the Evening Muse: 1st Tuesdays Tosco Music open mic 11.10 Mama's Broke, Nathan Evans Fox / 11.17 Camylio
- @ the Fillmore: 11.10 Hot Mulligan / 11.17 Blue October / 11.24 Dragonforce / 12.01 Beartown / 12.15 Lucy Bedroque
- @ Jackalope Jack's: 9pm Eternally Grateful (Dead covers)
- @ Middle C Jazz Club: 3rd Tuesdays: Broadway after Dark w. host Jessie Booth 12.29 Tim Scott does Miles Davis' 'Round About Midnight
- @ Moochie's Tavern: open mic night
- @ the Neighborhood Theatre: 11.03 the Army, the Navy / 11.10 Gaelic Storm / 11.17 Joy Oladokun / 12.15 the Casualties
- @ Smokey Joe's: open mic night w. the Smokin J's
- @ Snug Harbor: 11.10 Tear Dungeon, Doltz, Psychic Scream / 11.17 Cairo Jag / 12.01 Nicole Atkins, John Gallagher Jr. / 12.08 La Securite, CDSM, Ultra Lights
- @ the Underground: 11.10 Catch your Breath / 11.17 Giant Rooks
- @ VisArt (Video) Café: 2nd Tuesdays 7:30-9pm Mike Strauss Trio w. guests
- Nov. 3rd @ Spectrum Center: Rod Wave
- Nov. 10th @ Petra's: Minka, Family Video
- Nov. 10th @ the Milestone: Stinking Lizaveta, Deathbird Earth

COMEDY / THEATER:

- @ the Comedy Zone: 11.10 Andy Gross / 12.01 Radel Ortiz / 12.15 Sammy Obeid / 12.29 Jose Sarduy
- @ Starlight on 22nd: 7-10pm comedy open mic
- Nov. 10th @ the Comedy Club at Duckworth's: Francisco Ramos
- @ Tommy's Pub: Nov. 10th 8pm an evening w. the Angels: Heroines in Disguise (of Renaissance Faire fame)

DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE / DRAG:

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

KARAOKE:

- @ Petra's: 1st Tuesdays – piano bar karaoke with Ryan Stamey

FILM:

- Nov. 10th @ the Visulite Theatre: Charlotte Ski & Snowboard Club Presents: Warren Miller's Days Off

Wednesdays

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- @ Bojangles Coliseum: 11.11 7pm vs. Providence Bruins / CharlotteCheckers.com
- @ Spectrum Center: 11.25 7pm vs. Chicago Bulls / 12.16 7pm vs. LA Clippers / Hornets.com

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

- @ 300 East Restaurant: 1/2 off wine by the bottle
- @ Central Coffee: 15% off pounds of coffee
- @ Dilworth Neighborhood Grill: 6:30pm-1st Wednesdays / CarolinaBrewMasters.com meeting

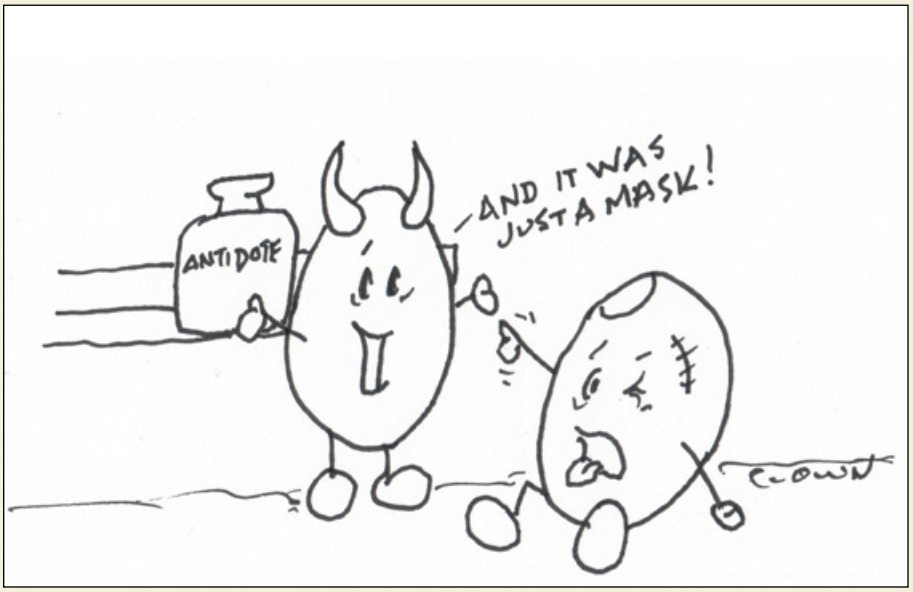
LIVE MUSIC:

- @ Amos': 11.18 Hovvdy, Christian Lee Hutson / 12.30 Whiskey Glasses (Morgan Wallen tribute), Adam James
- @ the Evening Muse: 11.04 Tabitha Meeks, Kate Cosentino / 11.11 the Deltaz, Buffalo Wabs & the Price Hill Hustle / 11.18 Ma & the Observers, Chase Travlnd
- @ the Fillmore: 11.04 Moonbloom / 11.11 Sleeping with Sirens / 11.18 Palace / 11.25 Wage War / 12.16 American Football
- @ Middle C Jazz Club: 11.04 Bri Gallagher (a Ronstadt & Raitt tribute) / 11.11 Ken Gober / 11.18 Chris O'Leary / 11.25 Farber & Friends / 12.09 Bria Skonberg's Jingle Bell Swing / 12.16 "a Charlie Brown Christmas" feat. Lovell Bradford & Tyra Scott / 12.23 5th & York
- @ the Milestone: 11.04 Thus Spoke Zarathustra, Reality, Shotwithagun, Vow of Vengeance / 11.18 Thoughts on Bowling, Softly, Hummus Vacuum, Moosecreek Park, Peach Rings / 12.16 Brotality, Violent End, Oceans Run Red / 12.30 Tu Vas a Gozar con la Orquesta Bravo
- @ Neighborhood Theatre: 11.04 Zauntee / 11.18 Jalen Ngonda / 11.25 Devante' Hitchcock
- @ Ovens Auditorium: 11.11 Hudson Westbrook, Josh Ross, Greylan James, Jackson Dean / 12.09 Jason Bonham's Led Zeppelin
- @ the Rooster (Gastonia): 7-10pm singer songwriter open might w. Kennon Knight
- @ Smokey Joe's: Josh Daniel, Kerry Brooks, Jim Brock
- @ Snug Harbor: 11.04 Dogwood Tales / 11.11 Kimaya Diggs, Jackson Harden, Group Therapy / 11.18 With Sails Ahead, Somnium, East Viridian, Dollars Taxes / 11.25 Suit Night, Bravo Pueblo, No Quarter Brass Band, Indigo Jo, DJ Girl Brutal / 12.16 Delafunk, Braxton Bateman
- @ Spectrum Center: 11.18 Doja Cat / 12.02 Nick Cannon's Wild 'N Out Live
- @ Starlight on 22nd: 7-10pm open mic
- @ the Underground: 11.11 Wesghost / 11.18 Miss May I
- @ the Visulite Theatre: 11.11 Spafford / 12.16 Born Deprived, Corrupted Machine, Ten-4, No Anger Control / 12.23 the Holdouts

COMEDY / THEATER:

- @ the Comedy Club at Duckworth's: 11.04 Mike E. Winfield / 11.11 JT Tomlinson / 12.02 Zac Townsend / 12.09 Oscar Aydin / 12.16 Benny Feldman
- @ the Comedy Zone: 11.04 La'Trez Anderson / 11.11 Jerry Wayne Longmire / 12.02 Santi Espinosa / 12.09 Mark Paul / 12.16 Highly Unscripted / 12.30 Jamie Lissow
- @ Crown Station: open mic comedy

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SYMPHONY / OPERA / DANCE:

- @ Triple C Brewing Co.: Wed., Nov. 4th CharlotteSymphony Presents: "On Tap" – Mozart, Holst & Haydn / CharlotteSymphony.org

DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE / DRAG:

- @ Soul Gastrolounge: DJ See Bird Go
- @ Tommy's Pub: 9pm Shindig w. DJs Blondzai & HostModern
- @ 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., Dec. 9th @ the Fillmore: Rob Has a Podcast

THURSDAYS

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- @ Spectrum Center: 12.31 1pm vs. San Antonio Spurs / Hornets.com
- @ Armored Cow Brewing: 7pm trivia
- @ the Common Market (Oakwold): 7-9pm trivia

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

- PBSCharlotte.org: 8:30pm Charlotte Cooks
- @ 300 East: 1/2 off Matlida Wongs
- @ Cabarrus Creamery (Concord): 7-9pm 2nd Thursdays Cabarrus Homebrewers Society
- @ Eddie's Place: 9:30pm music bingo / trivia night w. prizes

LIVE MUSIC:

- @ Amos': 11.05 Hot Water Music, Late Bloomer, Pretty Baby / 11.12 Lizzie Morgan / 12.31 the Dave Matthews Tribute Band, Dangerous Hours
- @ the Evening Muse: 11.05 Liz Longley, Hayley Mae Campbell / 11.12 Late Night Thoughts / 11.19 Roe Xander, Qui, SNCR, Sidney Gilliam
- @ the Fillmore: 11.05 Switchfoot, Anberlin / 11.12 Avery Anna / 11.19 Tamar Braxton / 12.03 Montell Fish
- @ Mariposa (at the Mint): 5-8pm Shana Blake & Gary Marcus
- @ Marquee: Rhythm 4U Band feat.Erika Morrison
- @ Middle C Jazz Club: 11.05 the Tony Tatum Experience (a Luther Vandross tribute) / 11.19 the Business / 12.03 Jay D. Jones' Soul Holiday / 12.10 Rodney Shelton & Eric Brice Present: Brandon Stevens Holiday Party Hits / 12.17 "a Charlie Brown Christmas" feat. Lovell Bradford & Tyra Scott / 12.31 the Voltage Brothers
- @ the Milestone: 11.05 Secret Idol, Vick Vapors, Holy Water, Solemn Shapes / 11.12 in the Company of Serpents, Winters Gate, Cleansing of the Temple, Divinicide
- @ Neighborhood Theatre: 11.05 Tab Benoit / 11.12 New Constellations / 11.19 Carbon Leaf / 12.03 Eddie & the Getaway / 12.10 Winyah
- @ Queen City Grounds: open mic
- @ Rhino Market (Morehead): 1st & 3rd Thursdays jazz w. the GTO Trio (John Shaughnesy, Greg Jarrell & Phillip Howe)
- @ Smokey Joe's: 9pm-12am Shana Blake & friends' "Menagarie Jam"
- @ Spectrum Center: 11.19 Disney Descendants, Zombies, Camp Rock / 12.03 Leanne Morgan
- @ the Visulite Theatre: 11.05 Paige Fish, Hank Garrett / 11.12 Lespecial, Natalie Brooke / 11.19 Treehouse! / 12.17 the Strays, Faculty Lounge
- Thurs., Nov. 12th @ the Underground: Josh Garrels, Taylor Armstrong
- Thurs., Nov. 12th @ Coyote Joe's: Lil Man J.
- Thurs., Nov. 19th @ Carolina Theatre: "Soul Amplified" feat. Al Jasper & friends + Gena does Tina
- Thurs., Dec. 3rd @ Ovens Auditorium: Silvestre Dangond – El Baile de Todos

PLAY OR POETRY READINGS / BOOK SIGNINGS:

- @ Cafe Audire: 3rd Thursdays "the Mix" – spoken word, discussions, vinyl & comic book exchange
- Thurs., Nov. 12th @ the Charlotte Convention Center: Verse & Vino w. authors Isaac Fitzgerald, Lucy Foley, R.F. Kuang & Walter Mosley

COMEDY / THEATER:

- @ the Comedy Club at Duckworth's: 11.05 Colum Tyrrell / 11.12 Matt Richards / 11.19 Christian Johnson / 12.03 Clint Coley / 12.10 Alex Thomas / Malik Elassal // 12.17 Ian Lara / Jiayoing Summers // 12.31 Annie Lederman
- @ the Comedy Zone: 11.05 Brian Bates / 11.12 Nate Jackson / 11.19 Zar the Star / 12.03 Jordan Thewlis / 12.10 Mark Normand / 12.17 Crystal Marie
- Thurs., Dec. 3rd @ Spectrum Center: Leanne Morgan

SYMPHONY / OPERA / DANCE:

- Thurs., Dec. 10th @ Knight Theater: CharlotteSymphony Presents: Festival of Lights / CharlotteSymphony.org
- Thurs., Dec. 10th @ Bojangles Coliseum: The Arrival – a Christmas Spectacular

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:

- @ 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
- Thurs., Nov. 19th @ the Underground: DJ Raphi

KARAOKE:

- @ Hattie's Tap & Tavern: 9pm-1am karaoke
- @ the Rooster (Gastonia): trivia & karaoke
- @ Tommy's Pub: 8pm karaoke w. KJ Notorious J.A.M.

Fridays

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- @ Bojangles Coliseum: 11.06 7pm vs. Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins / 11.27 4pm vs. Hershy Bears / 12.04 7pm vs. Colorado Eagles / CharlotteCheckers.com
- @ Spectrum Center: 11.06 7pm vs. Boston Celtics / 12.18 7pm vs. Oklahoma City Thunder / Hornets.com
- Fri., Nov. 27th @ Spectrum Center: 12pm Dick Vitale Invitational – WV Mountaineers vs. NC Tar Heels

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

- @ Armored Cow Brewing: University City food truck Fridays
- @ Cabarrus Brewing Co. (Concord): 1st Fridays Cabarrus County food truck Fridays
- @ Duckworth's: 1/2 off wine by the bottle
- @ Hi-Wire Brewing: 5:30-9pm SouthEnd food truck Fridays
- @ Lenny Boy Brewing Co.: food truck Fridays
- @ Resident Culture: food truck Fridays

LIVE MUSIC:

- @ Amos': 11.13 Be Kind Rewind / 11.20 John Morgan, Erin Kinsey / 12.04 Fox N' Vead (SOLD OUT) / 12.18 Guardians of the Jukebox
- @ Bechtler Museum of Modern Art: 1st Fridays jazz
- @ City Cellar (Lincolnton): 3rd Fridays 6-9pm Shana Blake & Ben Davenport
- @ the Comet Grill: the Lenny Federal Band
- @ the Evening Muse: 11.06 7:30pm John R. Miller, Lou Hazel / 10:30pm Big Shrimp // 11.13 7:30pm Caleb Lee Hutchinson / 10:30pm Tyler Dial // 11.20 10:30pm Scattrbrain / 11.27 Ellis Paul

- @ the Fillmore: 11.06 Judah & the Lion / 11.13 Jack White (night one) / 11.20 Los Parceritos / 11.27 Pouya / 12.18 AJ Ghent & His Signing Guitar
- @ Middle C Jazz Club: 11.06 Noel & Maria Celebrate Seven w. Morgan James & Doug Wamble / 11.13 Special EFX, Chieli Minucci / 11.20 Songs in the life of Mandyl Evans / 11.27 Robyn Springer does Sade / 12.04 Kirk Whalum / 12.11 Mindi Abair / 12.18 Joey Santo sings Christmas classics of Sinatra, Crosby & Martin
- @ Neighborhood Theatre: 11.06 Knox / 11.13 Katie Pruitt / 11.20 Phillip Phillips / 12.11 Friendship, Charlotte Cornfield
- @ Petra's: 11.06 MoFunGo, Pachanga 02, Adrian Abarca / 11.13 Creatures of the Sun, Alla Prima, Bop Shop / 11.27 Ego Death Machine, North by North, Wilde Green
- @ Snug Harbor: 11.06 Pressing Strings, McKinney, STEV / 11.13 Woody, Lonnie Walker / 11.20 Five Door Sedan, Dune Dogs / 11.27 No Anger Control, Bridge Burner, Convalescent, Secret Idol / 12.04 Pons, the Mad Tea Party, Frogbeam / 12.11 Flannelmouth, Chore Coat
- @ Substrate: 7pm Cosmic Collective
- @ Tommy's Pub: 11.06 Billy Batts & the Made Men / 11.13 the Local Odyssey / 11.27 FroFest 3.0 / 12.04 the Whiskey Predicament, Crow with no Mouth, Mutual Assurance, Cocker Spaniels / 12.11 No More People
- @ the Underground: 11.06 Mountain Grass Unit / 11.13 Yaelokre / 11.20 Akeem Ali
- @ Visulite Theatre: 11.06 Caiola, Bre Kennedy / 11.13 the Mad Hatters (a Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers tribute) / 11.20 the Chain (a Fleetwood Mac tribute) / 11.27 Josh Daniel & Friends (night one) / 12.11 Southern Culture on the Skids / 12.18 New Potato Caboose
- Fri., Nov. 20th @ Carolina Theatre: NEEDTOBREATHE (benefiting global healthcare access)
- Fri., Nov. 6th @ the Milestone: Lil Skritt, Couch Surfer, Slugline, Dear Kavalier
- Fri., Nov. 20th @ Ovens Auditorium: the Stray Cats

COMEDY / THEATRE:

- @ the Comedy Club at Duckworth's: 11.06 Colum Tyrrell / 11.13 Aaron Weber / 11.20 Christian Johnson / 11.27 Chaunte Wayans / 12.04 Clint Coley / 12.11 Alex Thomas / Malik Elassal // 12.18 Ian Lara / Jiayoing Summers
- @ the Comedy Zone: 11.06 Luenell / 11.13 Nate Jackson / 11.20 Chris Distefano / 11.27 DeRay Davis / 12.04 Funny Marco / 12.11 Mark Normand / 12.18 Corey Holcomb
- @ the Common Market (SouthEnd): 7pm open mic comedy w.Jacob Manlucu
- @ Tip Top Daily Market: 3rd Fridays 8pm comedy open mic
- Fri., Nov. 13th @ Starlight on 22nd: 8pm Hugs-n-Harmony Improv Comedy
- Fri., Nov. 20th @ the Evening Muse: 7:30pm comedy open mic w. host Matt Barrentine

SYMPHONY / OPERA / DANCE:

- Nov. 13th @ Booth Playhouse: CharlotteSymphony Presents: Bach 360 / CharlotteSymphony.org
- Dec. 4th @ Knight Theater: / CharlotteSymphony Presents: Handel's Messiah / CharlotteSymphony.org

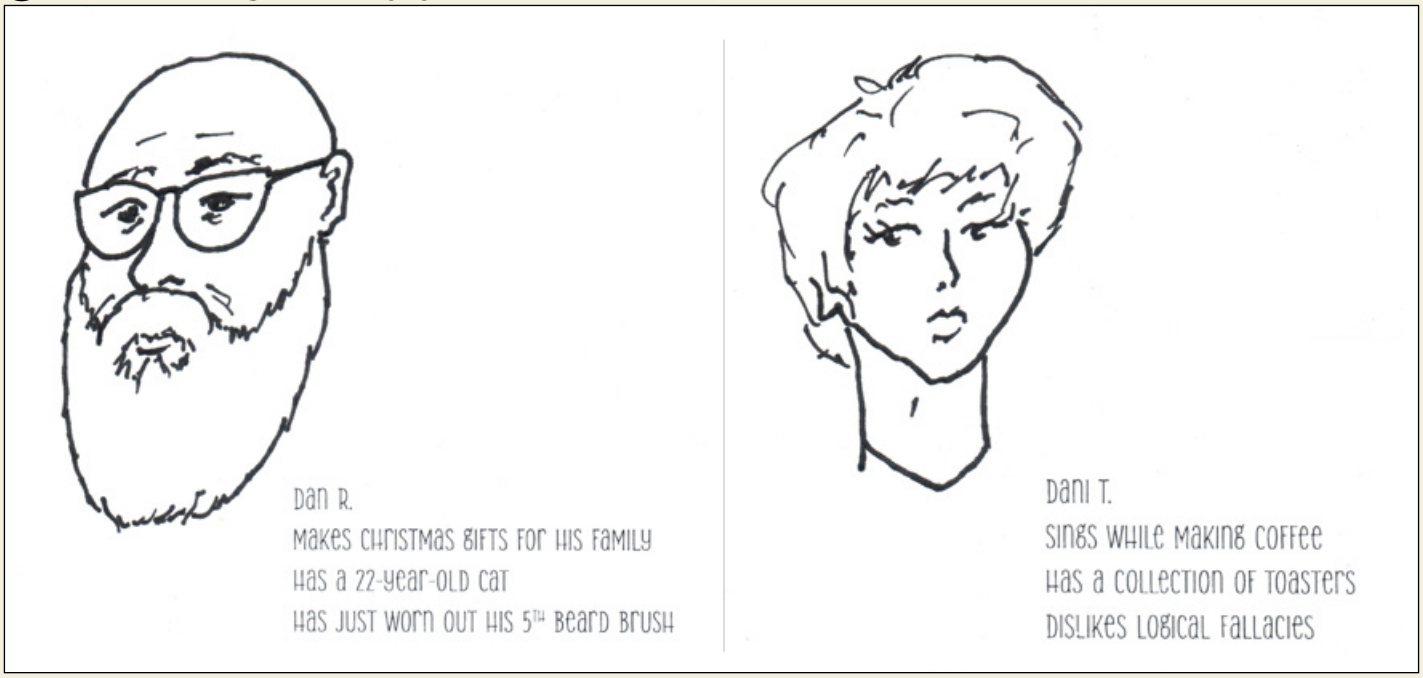
MUSEUMS / ART:

- 1st Fridays @ Dilworth Artisan Station: 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

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DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE / DRAG:

- @ Marquee: DJ C-Rob
- @ the Reggae Lounge: "Fyah Fridays" w. DJ Dr C & guests
- @ Rhino Market (Morehead): 6-9pm Vinyl Fridays w. DJ Tober
- @ Salud Cerveceria: 2nd Fridays 11.13, 12.11 DJ She's A Plus
- @ TCB Hundred Bar & Grill: 7-9pm "Pull up Fridays" w. DJ Stacey Blackman
- @ Tommy's Pub: 11.20 Tool Chest Productions Presents: Amateur Burlesque Night & Variety show / 12.18 DJ Spider's Silly Christmas
- @ VINYL: 8pm DJ A-Minor

FILM:

- @ the Spoke Easy: B-Movie Fridays

SATURDAYS

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- @ Bojangles Coliseum: 11.07 6pm vs. Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins / 11.28 4pm vs. Hershey Bears / 12.05 6pm vs. Colorado Eagles / CharlotteCheckers.com
- @ Spectrum Center: 11.28 6pm vs. Brooklyn Nets / 12.19 6pm vs. Portland Trail Blazers / Hornets.com
- Sat., Nov. 28th @ Tommy's Pub: bingo w.the Primes

BEER / WINE / FOOD:

- @ 300 East: 1/2 off wine by the bottle
- Sat., Nov. 7th @ Armored Cow Brewing: 12-4pm Cider Festival

LIVE MUSIC:

- @ Amos': 11.07 the Reflex (a Duran Duran tribute), Lips like Sugar / 11.14 Summer Wars, Tremont & DJ Skid / 11.21 84 (a Van Halen tribute), Satchsquatch (a Joe Satriani tribute) / 11.28 Blankstate, Adjust the Sails, Newgrounds Death Rugby, Condado / 12.05 Fox N' Vead, Taxi (SOLD OUT) / 12.19 Fake Happy, the Dirty Little Rejects, Breathe Today
- @ Carolina Theatre: 11.28 Duke Ellington's the Nutcracker Suite feat. Dawn Anthony, Braxton Bateman, Harvey Cummings, Phillip Howe, Tim Scott, Jr., Tyrone Jefferson & more / 12.05 Ricky Scaggs & Kentucky Thunder
- @ the Evening Muse: 11.07 Joe Jordan, Mattie Pruitt (SOLD OUT) / 11.14 7:30pm Fabrizio / 10:30pm Daring Greatly, Brown Oak Assembly // 11.21 7:30pm Levi Bloom / 10:30pm Girl Tones, JT Loux // 11.28 Green Knuckle Material, 6 Story Pyramid, Proxima System
- @ the Fillmore: 11.07 Yebba / 11.14 Jack White (night two) / 11.21 Punchis Punchis / 11.28 SYD / 12.19 Trivium
- @ Middle C Jazz Club: 11.07 Noel & Maria Celebrate Seven w. Morgan James & Doug Wamble / 11.14 Marcus Miller / 11.21 Peter Cincotti / 11.28 Soul Sacrifice (a Santana tribute) / 12.05 Kirk Whalum / 12.12 Kim & Kayla Waters / 12.19 Jingle Jazz feat. BK Jackson, Amaye Love & Gino Rosaria
- @ the Milestone: 11.07 Idle Threat, the Undertaking!, Meadows, the Johnstown Flood / 11.14 Giles Corey, Kathryn Mohr, Val Acton Loper / 12.12 Dollars Taxes, Somnium, Saintlogic, Cold Summer II, Dreamscent, Sad & Pathetic
- @ Neighborhood Theatre: 11.07 Kitchen Dwellers, Dogs in a Pile / 11.14 the Stews / 11.21 the Bends / 12.12 Dillon Fence
- @ Ovens Auditorium: 11.07 Little Big Town / 11.21 Beat feat. Adrian Belew, Tony Levin, Steve Vai, Terry Bozzio (the music of King Crimson) / 12.05 Dalvin La Melodia / 12.12 Rene Vaca & that Mexican OT / 12.19 Jodeci
- @ Petra's: 11.07 Sapphic Dance Party / 11.14 the Volver, Along Time AgoGo / 11.21 Blue Cactus, Ramona & the Holy Smokes, Anna Kimm
- @ Snug Harbor: 11.07 the OBGMS, Fury in Few / 11.14 Harm, American Theory, Muelas, Moving Boxes / 11.21 Coughing Dove, Redwood Sleeper, Alan Charmer / 11.29 20 Watt Tombstone, Jackson Slater & the Revelators, Futility Clinic / 12.12 Midniter, Pie Face Girls, La Brava / 12.19 Karma, Ivory Layne
- @ Spectrum Center: 11.14 John Summit / 12.12 Trans-Siberian Orchestra – the Ghosts of Christmas Eve
- @ Tommy's Pub: 11.07 Joe & Ether / 11.21 4 Barrel Frankenstein, Lot Lizards, Saddle Breaker, Forty Two / 12.05 Stormwatchers, Gurthworm, Dumpster Service, Beyond the Portal / 12.19 "Home for the Holidays Acoustic Show" w. Jessie Bellet & more
- @ the Underground: 11.14 Chat Pile / 11.21 Bleood / 11.28 Hurricane Wisdom / 12.19 Modern Alibi
- @ the Visulite Theatre: 11.14 Jeremy's Ten (a Pearl Jam tribute) / 11.21 the Camera Eye (a Rush tribute) / 11.28 Josh Daniel & Friends (night two) / 12.05 Cale Yeah (a JJ Cale tribute) / 12.19 Runaway Gin (a Phish tribute)
- @ Revelry (Camp North End): Sat., Nov. 28th Bad Daddies

COMEDY / THEATER:

- @ the Comedy Club at Duckworth's: 11.07 Colum Tyrrell / 11.14 Aaron Weber / 11.21 Christian Johnson / 11.28 Chaunte Wayans / 12.05 Clint Coley / 12.12 Alex Thomas / Malik Elassal // 12.19 Ian Lara / Jiayoing Summers // 12.26 Steve Hofstetter & Friends
- @ the Comedy Zone: 11.07 Luenell / 11.14 Nate Jackson / 11.21 Chris Distefano / 11.28 3pm Jason Ladanye (card magician) / 6 & 8:45pm DeRay Davis // 12.05 Funny Marco / 12.12 Mark Normand / 12.19 Corey Holcomb / 1.02 Jamie Lissow
- Sat., Dec. 12th @ Carolina Theatre: Gianmarco Soresi

SYMPHONY / OPERA / DANCE:

- @ Knight Theater: Charlotte Symphony Presents: 11.07 Annual Gala Concert – Joshua Bell Plays Bruch / 12.19 Holiday Pops Family / CharlotteSymphony.org
- Sat., Nov. 14th @ Dale F. Halton Theater: Opera Carolina Presents: Gian Carlo Monotti's the Medium starring Victoria Livengood / OperaCarolina.org

MUSEUMS / ART:

- @ Charlotte Studio Artists: 10am-4pm gallery crawl
- @ ClearWater Artists Studio: every 2nd Saturday 10am-4pm Open Studios
- @ the NASCAR Hall of Fame: 2nd Saturdays interactive program exploring racing
- @ Legion Brewing (lawn): 2nd Saturdays art market (Apr.-Nov.)

TRADE / INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

- @ the Local Pick Up (Rock Hill): 11am-6pm musical instrument consignment
- @ VisArt (Video) Café: Improv Building Blocks – improv comedy workshop w. April Kirby

DANCE MUSIC / DJS / BURLESQUE / DRAG:

- @ the Milestone: 11.28, 12.19 "Digital Noir" w. DJ Spider & guest
- @ Marquee: DJ 360
- @ the Story of Mi Carino: 1st & 3rd Saturdays w. DJ DK (Danielle Kharman)
- @ Substrate: 3rd Saturdays "LoveLee Days" w. DJ Adverb (Lee Lally) & friends / last Saturdays w. DJ Saudade (Don Poush)
- @ Tommy's Pub: 11.14 (guest: Blondzai), 12.12 (guest: Spider) Requiem Goth Dance Party w. DJs Sanity Ana & Dil3mma
- Sat., Nov. 14th @ the Charlotte Convention Center: / CarolinaRain.org (Regional AIDS Interfaith Network) Presents: Material Gurrrl Bingo
- Sat., Nov. 21st @ the Rabbit Hole: Craze, Dieselboy, ND-Skyz
- Sat., Nov. 21st @ Starlight on 22nd: 8pm Adrianne's Starlight Spectacular Burlesque w. the Oracles (live jazz band)
- Sat., Dec. 26th @ Snug Harbor: "Off the Wall: Scenario in Shaolin V.2" w. DJs Chief Rocka Aking & Justice

Special or Multiple Day Events

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES:

- Thursdays-Sundays: Funny Bus Tours (starts @ 7th Street Station) / FunnyBus.net
- Historic Uptown Neighborhood Tour / 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 / CharlotteNCTours.com (daily)

LIVE MUSIC:

- Nov. 20th & 22nd @ Spectrum Center: Rush
- Dec. 30th & 31st @ Bojangles Coliseum: Widespread Panic

COMEDY / THEATER:

- Nov. 3rd-8th @ Belk Theater: Blumenthal Arts Presents: Dirty Dancing the Musical / BlumenthalArts.org
- Nov. 27th – Dec. 6th @ the James Warren Citizen Center: the Santa Switch – a Holiday Jukebox Musical w. stage manager & costumer Bryan Rife
- Dec. 11th-20th @ Theatre Charlotte: a Christmas Carol

SYMPHONY / OPERA / DANCE:

- Nov. 20th & 21st @ Belk Theater: Charlotte Symphony Presents: Strauss & Beethoven feat. Bella Hristova / CharlotteSymphony.org
- Nov. 27th & 28th @ Ovens Auditorium: Charlotte Symphony Presents: How the Grinch Stole Christmas / CharlotteSymphony.org
- Dec. 4th-23rd @ Belk Theater: Charlotte Ballet Presents: the Nutcracker / CharlotteBallet.org
- Dec. 11th-13th @ Knight Theater: Charlotte Symphony Presents: Cirque de Noel / CharlotteSymphony.org
- Dec. 18th-20th @ Knight Theater: Charlotte Symphony Presents: : Holiday Pops / CharlotteSymphony.org
- Dec. 21st & 22nd @ Carolina Theater: Vienna Light Orchestra

MUSEUMS / ART:

- Liberty Walk: self-guided tour of the American Revolution / CharlotteLibertyWalk.com
- THRU Jan. 31st @ Mint Museum (uptown): Corey Pemberton – Living Well
- THRU Feb. 1st @ Bechtler Museum: Making an Impression – Pioneering Latin American Printmakers

TRADE / INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS:

- Thursdays-Saturdays @ Petra's: 12-6pm Little Shop of Petra's w. vintage housewares, clothes, records & more
- THRU Nov. 22nd @ 16445 Poplar Tent Rd. (Huntersville): / Carolina.RenFestInfo.com (Saturdays & Sundays)
- THRU Nov. 1st @ Carowinds: SCarowinds

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CHARLOTTE GEMS

The Mad Greek

5011 South Blvd., 28217 | MadGreekofCLT.com

If you're looking for a restaurant with traditional Greek fare, the Mad Greek has gyros, souvlaki, baklava, dolmades, Greek beer, and more. Give them a try for lunch or dinner soon.







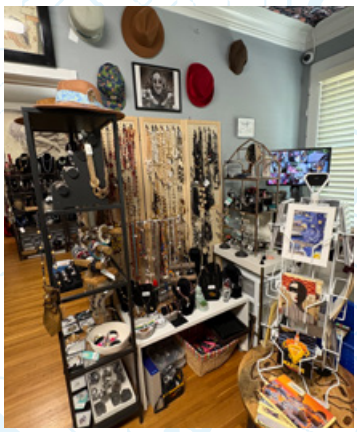
Nouveau Chapeau

2133 Commonwealth Ave., 28205

There's an adorable vintage shop hidden in plain sight right in Plaza-Midwood. They have men's and women's clothing, art, jewelry, tons of records, and an inviting vibe. Check it out for yourself.





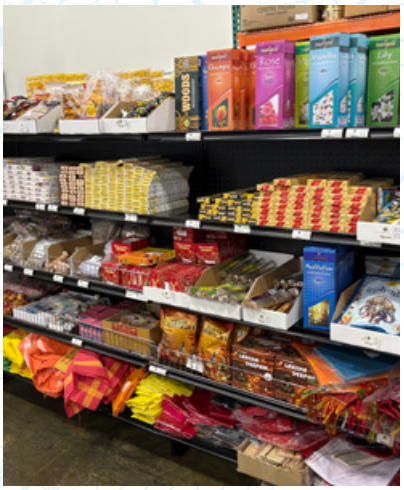


Indian Wholesale

8104 University City Blvd., 28213 | IWGrocery.com

Just shy of UNC-Charlotte, there is an Indian supermarket you may not even know exists. They boast a huge selection of meats and treats plus a bunch of gift ideas to impress your friends and family. Make that drive today.







Curio, Craft & Conjure

3204 N. Davidson St., 28205 | CurioCharlotte.com

In NoDa proper, tucked in an upstairs store, Curio, Craft & Conjure supplies incense, spiritual tools, books, crystals, candles, and many other things you didn't know that you needed. Go treat yourself to something.











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