

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## November 28

Dance Central presents "Nutcracker" at Pease Auditorium, Central Piedmont Community College at 2:30 p.m. Performances on Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 5-7. Tickets are \$12 each and can be reserved by calling the Pease box office at (704) 330-6534. For information, call (704) 330-6882.

**Living History Days**, Latta Plantation. Tour the plantation home, visit the kitchen, meat house and other buildings on the property through Nov. 30. Costumed interpreters and introductory video shown from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students and \$3 for kids 6-12.

**Jerusalem in Lights: The Real Christmas Story** at King's Arena, Regent Park in Fort Mill, S.C., 7 p.m. through Nov. 29. For free brochures, tickets and information, call (803) 802-2300; toll-free (888) 437-7473 or log on to www.narroway.net.

**A Sign of the Times** will be featured at Night Sounds Music Concert, Four Points Sheraton, 8 p.m. Admission is \$40 for individuals, \$75 for couples. Concert sponsored by Afro-American Cultural Center as a tribute to jazz musician Johnny Holloway. For information, call (704) 374-1565.

## November 29

House of Mercy's third annual **Thanks for Giving (but not attending) Ball**. A non-event in which donors are invited to stay home and send contributions they would have spent on attending a gala. For information, call Marjorie Storch at (704) 825-4711, extension 3.

**Michael W. Smith's Christmastime Tour** with Point of Grace and The Katinas, 7 p.m. Charlotte Coliseum, 100 Paul Buck Blvd.

## December 2

Christmas celebration, Shaw University Kannapolis Campus, 6-6:30 p.m. For information, call Joyce King at (704) 932-4614.

## December 4

Jazzy Holiday Luncheon, Afro-American Cultural Center, 401 N. Myers St. Tickets are \$50; corporate tables \$1,000.

## December 5

**"Scrooge! The Musical"** Spirit Square through Dec. 14. Reserved seating \$15, general admission \$10. For information, call Children's Theatre at (704) 376-5745.

**Original Kings of Hip Hop Christmas Bash**, 7:30 p.m., Cricket Arena.

**Charlotte Youth Ballet's "The Nutcracker"** 7:30 p.m., Ovens Auditorium, 2700 E. Independence Blvd.

**Friends of the Mint** coffee and lecture by Connie Winter, 10 a.m., Mint Museum of Art, 2739 Randolph Road. Free to members of the Friends or the public with museum admission. For information, call Priscilla Dabney at (704) 366-9808.

**Charlotte Philharmonic Orchestra** at Unity Place, Gastonia, 8 p.m. Admission \$10 for children 12 and under, adults \$25, which includes a champagne, coffee and dessert reception after the concert. Fund raiser for United Arts Council. For information, call (704) 853-ARTS.

**"12 Months of Community Dance"** presented by Chris Thompson & The Cultural Ensemble, E.E. Waddell High School, 7300 Nations Ford Road. Performance will also be held Dec. 6. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for children 12 years old and younger. Special guests include Gerry Chisholm's Nubian Roots Cultural Center, Stanley Reynolds' Marcellus Dance and Barbara Howse-Diemers' Catchin' On Dance. For information, call (704) 890-0970 or (704) 510-2033.

## December 6

Basketball hall of fame inductee **David Thompson**, author of "Skywalker" will sign copies of his autobiography at Barnes & Noble Arboretum, 3327 Pineville-Matthews Road. Free admission.

Candlelight tours of **James K. Polk birthplace**, 308 South Polk St. in Pineville. Admission is \$2 for adults, free for children 12 and under. For information, call Jeff Bockert at (704) 889-7145.

**Heavenly Epiphany Gala Ball**, 6 p.m., Adam's Mark hotel Symphony Ballroom, 510 N. McDowell St. Sponsored by Christian Women of Elegance to open a resource house for women in crisis. For ticket information, call (704) 525-7114.

**Kwanzaa Kamp**, Afro-American Cultural Center, 401 N. Myers St., 10 a.m. Admission is \$5 per child and \$15 per family. Children will have an opportunity to learn the seven principals of Kwanzaa as well as symbols and practices of the holiday. For information, call (704) 374-1565, extension 22.

**Manheim Steamroller**, 7:30 p.m., Charlotte Coliseum

**Pay It Forward party and silent auction**, 5-8 p.m., Carmen! Carmen! salon, Cotswold Mall, 324 S. Sharon Amity. Proceeds benefit Harvest Kitchen Outreach, which serves the homeless and families in transition. For information, call Susan Petracca at (704) 366-1144.

## December 7

**Festival Singers Christmas concert**, sponsored by Carolina Voices, 1900 Queens Road. Call (704) 374-1564 for tickets and information.

**Johnston C. Smith University Concert Choir** Christmas concert, 5:30 p.m. in the University Church. The choir, under the direction of Bruce A. Thompson, will sing a variety of selections including excerpts from Handel's Messiah, Bach's Magnificat and the choral finale to Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Free

## December 10

**Disney On Ice**, Charlotte Coliseum, 100 Paul

Buck Blvd. Through Dec. 14.

**Charlotte Doctors and Lawyers Ball** at The Westin Charlotte, 601 South College Street, 6:30 p.m.-12 a.m. The evening will begin with a reception and art exhibit by folk artist Nellie Ashford. After a three-course dinner, dance band Sweet Dreams will perform. Tickets are \$100 and table purchases and sponsorships are available. For tickets or information, log on to www.personaldynamics.net or call (704) 366-9555.

## December 12

**"The Singing Christmas Tree,"** Ovens Auditorium, 2700 E. Independence Blvd. Through Dec. 14.

**Jingle Bell Ball**, 8 p.m., Byron's South End, 101 W. Worthington Ave. Tickets are \$30, \$25 in advance before Nov. 12 at Just Fresh locations around Charlotte. Proceeds go to the Shelter for Battered Women. Entertainment provided by Deja Vu. Dress is semi-formal or black tie. For information, log on to www.jinglebellball.com.

**Singing Christmas Tree**, Carolina Voices, 1900 Queens Road. MainStage Choir's holiday spectacular of music, puppetry and dance. A new Chanuka work by composer Joel Silberman will be featured. Through Dec. 14. Season tickets are \$51. For information or tickets, call (704) 374-1564.

**Burns McFarlane**, author of "Living Tomorrow's Dreams Today" will sign copies at The Bookmark, 100 N. Tryon St.

## December 13

Charlotte Contemporary Ensemble presents

## MUSICAL AUTHOR



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**James McBride** author of "The Color of Water," showed off his musical abilities at Johnson C. Smith University. McBride also spoke at Levine Museum of the New South.

## MAKING THE ROUNDS



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National radio personality **Tom Joyner** was one of the guests of honor at **Livingstone College's homecoming**. Joyner attended a **black-tie fundraiser for Livingstone with President Algeania Freeman**.

## BRINGING SMILES TO KIDS



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**Pastor Ken Gaillard** of Christ Resurrection Church (left) and participants from **A Better World** celebrated a gift from **Ronald McDonald House Charities** that will allow the group to buy a new van for at-risk youth programs. The event was part of **World Children's Day**.

## NOTES

Central United Methodist Church will sponsor **"Adventures in Learning"** for seniors from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Registration is \$18; \$5 lunch or bring your own. Subjects include Tai-Chi, learning Spanish, do it yourself home repair. For information, call (704) 338-1511.

Children's story times Saturdays at 2 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 4720 Sharon Road. For more information, call (704) 554-7986.

**Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden Free First Sundays**. DSBG offers free admission to the garden the first Sunday of each month. The garden is located at 6500 S. New Hope Road, in Belmont. For more info visit www.dsbg.org or call (704) 825-4490.

**Funky Fridays** concerts, Founders Hall 12-2 p.m., 100 N. Tryon St. The November schedule: Nov. 28 - Justin Mychals, guitar. For information, log on to www.founder-shall.com

**Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County** meet second Wednesday at 2821 South Blvd. Meetings with refreshments served at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. Open to all registered Democrats.

**Matchmaker Tennis** sponsors clinics to teach new players the basics of the game. To sign up, log on to www.matchmakertennis.com and click on the events calendar link.

**Mecklenburg EMS Agency** offers free car seat checks first and third Thursdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 6410 Conference Drive. Trained technicians are available to install car seats safely.

**Afro-American Cultural Center CultureCamp**, first Saturday of the month. Cultures that will be explored include Native American, Vietnamese, Hispanic and African traditions. CultureCamp will run in conjunction with AACC's Heritage Saturday Tour program, which travels to cultural sites across the Southeast. General admission \$3, first 10 children free. For information, call (704) 374-1565.

**Singing Christmas Tree**, December 12-14, Carolina Voices, 1900 Queens Road. MainStage Choir holiday spectacular of music, puppetry and dance for the family. For tickets and information, call (704) 374-1564.

**McCrorey Family YMCA** is accepting nominations for the **Martin Luther King Jr. Spirit Award** through Jan. 3. The winning recipient will be honored at the 10th annual MLK Prayer Breakfast Jan. 19 at the Adam's Mark Hotel. To make a nomination, call the McCrorey YMCA at (704) 716-6510 or 716-6513.

## EXHIBITS

**"Celebrating the Legacy of Romare Bearden,"** a juried exhibition, at **Mint Museum of Art and the McColl Center for Visual Art**. The exhibition offers Carolina artists the opportunity to show the impact of Bearden on their own works.

**"American Quilt Classics 1800-1980: The Charles and Fleur Bresler Collection"** at Mint Museum of Craft + Design through January 4, 2004. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 seniors and \$3 for anyone age 6-17. Closed on Mondays and major holidays. For information, call (704) 337-2000 or log on to www.mintmuseum.org.

Works of **Dale Chihuly** at **Jerald Melberg Gallery** through-Dec. 27. An intimate exhibition of organic, innovative glass sculptures. Chihuly's works include baskets, pears, machias and seafoams.

**Joie Lassiter Gallery** presents **Linda Fantuzzo**, through-Dec. 2. At 525 N. Tryon St. For information, call Kate Bailon-Case at (704) 373-1464 or e-mail artjlg@aol.com.

**Art and Design Faculty Exhibition**, Winthrop University Galleries, 107 Mclaurin Hall, Rock Hill, S.C. Exhibition runs through Jan. 23. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Nov. 26-28 and Dec. 22-Jan. 2. For information, call (803) 323-2493.

**Linda Fantuzzo**, "New Paintings" 525 N. Tryon St. in the Odell Building through Dec. 2. Fantuzzo is best known for mellow, textured landscapes and still-life paintings. Gallery hours by appointment only. Call (704) 373-1464 for information and appointments.

**John Hill**, Edward M. Smith Gallery, Davidsor College through Dec. 1. Free. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 12-4 p.m. weekends. For information, call (704) 894-2519.

**Holiday Group Show**, 525 N. Tryon St. in the Odell Building. Works by gallery artists **John Nickerson**, **Linda Fantuzzo**, **Peggy Rivers** and **Maja Godlewska**. From Dec. 7-mid-January. The show brings together some of the South's leading artists, with a diverse show. Call (704) 373-1464 for information and appointments.