

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 22

Carl Brown, co-founder of FUBU and president of FUBU Music Group will lecture on entrepreneurship at the Charlotte Chamber's Belk Action Center, 330 S. Tryon St. at 6:30 p.m. Event is free and seating is limited. Call (704) 378-1329 for reservations.

January 23

"Oedipus Rex," through Jan. 31 at Children's Theatre. Tickets \$12 for center seats, \$10 for side. Recommended for ages 12 and up.

Charlotte Symphony with guest conductor Peter Oundjian and pianist Markus Groh, Blumenthal Performing Arts Center Belk Theatre, 8 p.m. Second performance Jan. 24. Tickets are \$14-\$64 and can be ordered by calling (704) 972-2000.

Ziad Rabie Jazz Duo, Funky Friday, 12-2 p.m., Founders Hall, Bank of America Corporate Center.

January 24

Afro-American Cultural Center will host a West African dance master class at the center, 401 N. Myers St. 1 p.m. The workshop will be facilitated by Sekouba Camara. Admission is \$15 for AACC members, \$20 for non-members.

Film, "Islam: The Life and Times of the Prophet Muhammad," Beatties Ford road Public Library, 2412 Beatties Ford Road, 1:20-4:30 p.m.

Dr. Patricia Bailey, author of "Finishing Touches: God's Master Design to Define Your Purpose, Mature Your Soul and Complete Your Call" will sign copies at Family Christian Store, 5618 Albemarle Road, Suite 800 from 1-3 p.m.

Young Artists Competition, Rowe Recital Hall, UNC Charlotte. Competition is open to the public and begins at 9:30 a.m. Awards ceremony at 3 p.m. Competition in four divisions: Winds, piano, strings and percussion. Sponsored by The Symphony Guild of Charlotte

Skate party sponsored by Sister 2 Sister Passport 2 Womanhood, 3-8 p.m. Kate's Skating Rink, 145000 East Independence Blvd.

January 28

Toby Tyler Circus, 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Cricket Arena. Performances also on Jan. 29. tickets are \$20 for adults, \$7.75 for children under 12.

January 30

"Courage: The Carolina Story That Changed America" at Levine Museum of the New South. Through Jan. 31. Celebration kicks off with National Public Radio senior correspondent and Fox News analyst Juan Williams as keynote speaker at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 30. On Jan. 31, Symposia on the legacy of Brown v. Board of Education starting at 8:30 a.m. with historian John Hope Franklin and children of Rev. J.A. DeLaine, a plaintiff in the original Clarendon County, S.C. lawsuit that became Brown. Tickets are \$20 for Juan Williams on Jan. 30; \$5 for non-members on Jan. 31. Lunch program is \$5. For information, call (704) 333-1887

Guitarist **Justin Mychals**, Funky Friday, Founders Hall, Bank of America Corporate Center, 12-2 p.m.

February 5

Grammy award-winning pianist **George Winston** at Spirit Square's McGlohon Theatre at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$27-\$35 and can be purchased at Performing Arts Center box office, calling (704) 372-1000 or online at www.blumenthalcenter.org.

February 6

Opera Carolina presents **"Porgy & Bess."** N.C. Blumenthal Performing Arts Center. Tickets: Grand tier \$90, orchestra - \$75. Premiere seating includes pre-reception (6-7:45) with performers. Premiere tickets must be purchased by Jan. 30 through the Urban League website at www.urbanleaguecc.org. All other tickets must be purchased through the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center Box Office. Call (704) 372.1000 to order. Mention the Urban League by name when you place your ticket order and a portion of the ticket cost will benefit the agency.

February 7

"Together Again ...An Evening with Fanny Fay and Tammy Sue Baker" at Unitarian Universalist Church Sanctuary, 234 North Sharon Amity. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. with concert starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 with proceeds benefiting Regional AIDS Interfaith Network. Tickets are available at White Rabbit Books and Things, 1401 Central Ave., Paper Skyscraper, 330 East Blvd. or the RAIN office. For information or to order tickets, call (704) 372-RAIN.

February 13

Afro-American Cultural Center will present **"COTO: Chocolate on the Outside"** through Feb. 14, 8 p.m. Admission is \$7 for members and \$10 for non-members.

February 20

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" Piedmont Players Theatre, 213 South Main St., Salisbury. Tickets are \$6 for general admission. For information, call (704) 633-5471.

February 21

Charlotte Section of National Council of Negro Women Brotherhood/Sisterhood Banquet, 7 p.m., United House of Prayer for All People, 2321 Beatties Ford Road. Donation is \$25 per person. Guest speaker is Dr. Manderline Scales, state convener, NCNWN.C. For information, call Mattie Caldwell at (704) 376-9955.

March 5

"Madeline" at Spirit Square through

March 14. Reserved seating tickets \$15; general admission \$10. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

March 31

Yanni, Charlotte Coliseum, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$55 and \$35 and on sale now.

April 2

"Hansel & Gretel" through April 25 at Children's Theatre. Tickets \$12 for center seats; \$10 on side. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

April 30

Shania Twain, 7:30 Charlotte Coliseum. Tickets are \$80, \$65 and \$45 and on sale now.

'IDOL' ANTHEM



PHOTOS/WADE NASH

"American Idol" winner Ruben Studdard sang the national anthem at last week's Carolina Panthers-Philadelphia Eagles game at Lincoln Financial Field. Studdard, an Alabama native, proved to be a good luck charm for the Panthers, who won 14-3 to earn a trip to the Super Bowl.

HOMAGE TO KING LEGACY



Mildred Endsley of Macon, Ga., lent her voice to Charlotte's Martin Luther King Day celebration at Little Rock AME Church. Also on hand for the celebration were local political and community leaders like N.C. legislator Becky Carney (left).

MARCH FOR PEACE



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Youngsters from Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church took part in the Martin Luther King Day procession along Trade Street uptown. The parade was one of dozens of events scheduled around the Charlotte area to remember the slain civil rights leader on the federally-recognized holiday.

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, 6500 S. New Hope Road, Belmont Admission \$8 for adults and children 12 and older; \$4 for children between 4 and 11. Garden open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m..

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.

BareBones Theatre Group's playwriting workshop, **PLAYMAKERS**, is seeking serious playwrights to participate in monthly writing workshops at the SouthEnd Performing Arts Center. Interested playwrights should have several completed scripts or several scripts in development to bring into the workshop. Participation allows consideration for possible full production of scripts by BareBones Theatre Group as well as regular reading series. Contact BBTG PlayMakers at (704) 332-5300 for more details.

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.

Mill Community seminar series Feb. 5, 12, 19 and March 4 at 1 p.m. at Levine Museum of the New South. Writers, artists and photographers explore culture and history of Piedmont textile communities. Free with museum admission of \$6 for adults; \$5 for seniors and children.

Black Heritage Tour and Pilgrimage sponsored by Queen City Tours and Levine Museum of the New South. Saturdays in February at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Three-hour tours of historical sites around Charlotte. Tickets are \$30 for adults 13-54; \$28 for seniors and \$26 for children 5-12. Discounts of \$5 if purchased by Jan. 31. For reservations, call (704) 566-0104 or log on to www.queencitytours.com.

"Lonely Planet," a play by Steven Dietz, Jan. 8-25 at Bare Bones Theatre Group, 201 Rampart St. Admission \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors. To reserve tickets, call (704) 332-5300. For information, log on to www.barebones.org.

Victory Pictures needs some actors and actresses of Asian descent - preferably Chinese - to serve as extras for Gengary Glen Ross for Act I. Act I takes place in a Chinese restaurant and would like bartender/waiter/waitress etc. Also would like ushers willing to dress in Chinese garb for show. If you are interested contact Michael R. Simmons, managing artistic director Victory Pictures, Carolina Actors Studio Theatre, 1118 Clement Ave. Charlotte, NC 28205

High school computer competition and computer training program Feb. 21, 10 a.m., 11312 Gold Pan Road. Program provides environment for students to compete on an academic level.

"A Wonderful Wedding Bridal Extravaganza," Jan. 25, Charlotte Merchandise Mart, 12-5 p.m.

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..

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.

Courage: The Carolina Story That Changed America, January 30-31, Levine Museum of the New South.