

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## May 13

**Carolinas Showcase**, Duke Power Theater, 7:30 p.m. Meet the filmmakers reception. Admission \$7. Eclectic showcase of short films from regional filmmakers. Sponsored by The Light Factory.

## May 14

**Grad Nite 2004**, Paramount's Carowinds, 5 p.m.-12 a.m. Tickets are \$27 with student ID. Park open to general public starting at 9 a.m. For more information, call (704) 588-2600, (803) 548-5300 or (800) 888-4FUN.

**People of Prominence celebration**, Byron's South End, 101 W. Worthington Ave, 6-11 p.m. Ten persons will be honored by The Charlotte Post for their role in shaping Charlotte. Tickets are \$75 can be reserved by calling The Post at (704) 376-0496 or logging on to [www.thecharlottepost.com](http://www.thecharlottepost.com).

## May 15

**HBCU Carolinas College Fair**, Mount Carmel Baptist Church, 3201 Tuckaseegee Road, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. More than 30 colleges will be represented and students of all grades are invited to attend. Free.

**McCrorey YMCA Family Fun Day**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 3801 Beatties Ford Road. Activities for the entire family, including free health screenings, children's games and tours of the facility. Parents will also be able to enroll kids in one of the YMCA's summer day camps with no registration fee.

**Sheila Stewart High School Step Show**, 7 p.m., Cricket Arena. Teams competing include Hunter Huss, North Mecklenburg, Olympic and West Charlotte high schools and Marie G. Davis and Castle Height middle schools. Proceeds support Sheila Stewart Education Foundation, which provides scholarships to college-bound students. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster (704) 522-6500; No Grease Barbershop; Jacobs Barbering or calling (704) 580-0460.

**Freedom Banquet**, New Hampton Presbyterian Church Community Center, 211 Hampton Church Road. Theme of the banquet is race reparations, with New York journalist Donna Lamb as guest speaker. Tickets re \$25 each, with reserved tables for six at \$150. For information, call Gyasi A. Foluke at (704) 697-0370, Thomas Sanders at (704) 392-7292 or e-mail Marilyn Turner at [glack@juno.com](mailto:glack@juno.com)



Lamb

**Spring memorial service**, 5 p.m., Children's Memorial Walkway at Frazier Park, 1201 W. Fourth St. Featured speaker will be Marilyn Heavilin, author of five books on death and grieving. For information, call Geraldine Mudge at (704) 688-0389 or log on to [www.ocmw.org](http://www.ocmw.org).

**Crown Jewels Jazz Ball**, sponsored by Carolinas Concert Association, Myers Park Country Club, 2415 Roswell Ave., 6:30 p.m. Includes silent and live auction, the Guy Lombardo Orchestra with Al Pierson and Bella Voce. For information, call (704) 527-5580 or e-mail Ron Law at [ccasoc1@bellsouth.net](mailto:ccasoc1@bellsouth.net).

**Guess Who's Coming to Dinner**, Atrium at Two Wachovia Center, 8-11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and proceeds benefit Metrolina AIDS Project. For information and ticket locations, log on to [www.metrolinaaidsproject.org](http://www.metrolinaaidsproject.org).

**Marlene VerPlank and the Rick Bean Trio**, 8 p.m., McGlohon Theater at Spirit Square. Jazz vocalist has appeared with Frank Sinatra, Mel Torme and Lonnis McGlohon. Reserve seats available through Blumenthal Performing Arts Center Box Office at (704) 372-1000.

## May 16

**Humane Society of Charlotte** summer dog wash, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Talley's Green Grocery, 1408 East Blvd. Proceeds benefit Humane Society of Charlotte. For information, call (704) 377-0534.

**Spring extravaganza** fashion show, 5-9 p.m., Arbor Glen Outreach Center, 1520 Clanton Road. Donations \$10 for fund raiser. To sign up as a model, call Ruby Darby at (704) 375-8437; Barbara Wilson Hendrix at (704) 535-1777; Barbara Garrett Lanier at (704) 525-9344 or Diane Burch (704) 393-2390. Sponsored by York Road High School General Alumni.

## May 18

**Sizzling Strings** audition May 18, J.H. Gunn, 7400 Harrisburg Road. Children between ages 9 and 14 who play violin, viola, cello or bass can audition. Concert will be given Sept. 4 at Walt Disney World.

## May 21

**Nikki Turner** signs copies of "A Hustler's Wife" at Eastland Mall from 6-8 p.m.

## May 22

**100 Black Men of Greater Charlotte scholarship banquet**, Westin Hotel, 601 South College St. Reception begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner, program and dancing. Tickets are \$100 and tables \$1,000. Proceeds go to scholarship program. For information, call (704) 375-7300 or log on to [www.100blackmenofcharlotte.org](http://www.100blackmenofcharlotte.org).

**Irwin Avenue Open School** 30th anniversary celebration, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Carnival atmosphere for students and parents, with alumni invited to attend. Guest speakers include Charlotte-Mecklenburg Superintendent James Pughsley and architect Harvey Gantt.

**Rockaway Review**, West Charlotte High School, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Sponsored by Second Ward High School National Alumni Foundation Charlotte Chapter

Pianist **Justin Dupree Wade** will be in concert

at Beatties Ford Road Library, 3 p.m. His performance is part of the Young Musicians Series, which showcases talented African American artists. An eighth-grader at J.T. Williams Middle School, Justin is a two-time division winner in the Omega Talent Hunt. Reception will follow the concert. For information, call (704) 336-3882.

## May 23

**Ginuwine, Joe and Jagged Edge** at Paramount's Carowinds. Reserved tickets for the concert at Paladium Amphitheatre are \$49.75 and \$27.75. Admission to Carowinds is free after 5 p.m. with each concert ticket the day of the show; \$10 with concert ticket before 5 p.m. Advance

ticket purchases can be made through Ticketmaster at (704) 522-6500, Carowinds' box office on operating days or logging on to [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). For information, call (704) 588-2600 or log on to [www.carowinds.com](http://www.carowinds.com).

**Carolina Thunder Motorcycle Ride** from Concord to Charlotte, 1:30 p.m. Sixty-five-mile ride begins at Ben Mynatt Megastore in Concord and ends in uptown Charlotte. Ride benefits Muscular Dystrophy Association, Thompson Children's Home, Autism Society and Bridge Jobs Program. To participate, call (704) 339-5488 or log on to [www.thunderstreet.org](http://www.thunderstreet.org).

## MOM-O'S MESSAGE

Kelly Alexander of Charlotte helped Mothers of Murdered Offspring deliver its anti-violence message during the organization's 10th anniversary last week.



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## THAT'S PROGRESS

Brothers Joshua, Emanuel and Elijah Mitchell (from left) were among the more than 40 kids from the Belmont, Villa Heights and Optimist Park communities who contributed art to Progress Park, which was dedicated Saturday. The artwork was managed by the Arts and Science Council. ASC and Mecklenburg Parks and Recreation.

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## TOP FOURSOME AT BRAYBOY TOURNAMENT



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Keffer Volkswagen's foursome of (from left) David Sellers, Lasonio Thompson, Doug Histock and Scott Hanbeck won the Jack S. Brayboy golf tournament at Johnson C. Smith University. Smith golf coach James Saunders (center) made the trophy presentation.

## LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE HONOR



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Livingstone College celebrated commencement last week in Salisbury. U.S. Senate candidate Erskine Bowles was the guest speaker and was conferred an honorary doctorate degree.

## NOTES

**Johnson C. Smith University basketball camp**, July 25-30. Registration is \$240 for day campers, \$295 overnight. Registration is July 25 from 12-3 p.m. at Brayboy Gym, coaches' office on campus or Irwin Belk Complex. For information, call Steve Joynner at (704) 378-1206 or Reginald Douglas at (704) 378-1205.

**Dragon Tales Live**, May 27-30, Cricket Arena. Tickets \$22, \$18 and \$12

**Non-contact football camp**, June 14-18, Revolution Park. Registration is May 8 from 1:30-4 p.m. at Revolution. Camp for 6-14 year-olds. For information, call Charles Cox at (704) 394-2896.

**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.

**African American Caucus of Mecklenburg Democratic Party** meets third Thursday at Carole Hoefner Center at 7 p.m. For information, call John Minter at (704) 891-3052.

**Century of American Popular Songs**, May 14-15 at 8 p.m. May 15 and 16 3 p.m., Booth Playhouse, N.C. Blumenthal Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$20 and \$25 with senior, group and student discounts.

**Wellness and relaxation seminar for women** May 22-23 at Katchikali's African Cuisine, 204-A W. Woodlawn Road. Demonstrators will make connection between nutrition, self-maintenance and wellness. Seminar fee is \$20, which includes demonstrations of dance, yoga and products. For information, call April Turner at (704) 596-8590.

**Funky Fridays**, Founders Hall, 12-2 p.m. May schedule includes Southern Silk (May 17); Marc Hoffman Duo (May 21); Justin Mychaels (May 28). Free concerts. For information, log onto [www.foundershall.com](http://www.foundershall.com).

**Festival Jubilate**, June 5-6, Hartsville, S.C. Celebration of Christian arts, showcasing performing, visual and language arts. Includes comedienne Chonda Pierce, songwriter Shaun Groves and Anacostia art exhibit from Washington, D.C. Festival pass is \$21 for adults and \$10 for children 3-12.



"Theatre Posters of James McMullan" is on display at the Main Library Gallery through May 30.

## EXHIBITS

"A Fish Story," through May 29 at Noel Gallery, 401 North Tryon St. Featuring paintings of Fernando Porras.

**The Theater Posters of James McMullan**, through May 30, Main Library Gallery. For more information, [www.plcmc.org/gallery/McMullan](http://www.plcmc.org/gallery/McMullan)'s most well-known client is the Lincoln Center Theater in New York City, which has commissioned more than 40 posters from the artist over the last decade and a half.

"My Family," a collaboration between the Light Factory and East Mecklenburg High School's English as Second Language department, May 14 at The Light Factory, Spirit Square, 6-9 p.m.. For information, call (704) 333-9755 or log on to [www.lightfactory.org](http://www.lightfactory.org).

**Primacy of Movement: Jimmy O'Neal**, May 7-June 11, Lassiter Gallery, 525 North Tryon St., Suite 140 and 11th floor. Artist will be on hand for opening from 6-9 p.m.