

HAPPENINGS

July

1 Pianist **Marc Hoffman**. Founders Hall, 22 p.m., Bank of America Corporate Center, 100 N. Tryon St. Part of the Funky Fridays concert series. Free. For information, log on to www.foundershall.com.

Hickory Grove 4th of July parade.

Lineup starts at 10 a.m. at Hickory Grove Methodist Church off Pence Road and ends at Hickory Grove Presbyterian Church, where festivities will take place from 12-2 p.m. Games and activities for children, food and drinks.

5 CPCC Summer Theatre presents **"The Story of Hansel & Gretel: a Musical"** July 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 at 10 a.m. in Pease Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 and on sale by mail at the box office from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. daily or call the box office at (704) 330-6534.

6 CPCC Summer Theatre presents **"Caught in the Net"** by Ray Cooney, July 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16 at 8 p.m.; July 12 at 7 p.m. and July 10 at 2:30 p.m. in Pease Auditorium on the CPCC campus. Tickets are \$16. For information only contact the box office at boxoffice@cpcc.edu. Or check out the website at www.cpcc.edu/summer_theatre.

7 Actor's Theatre of Charlotte presents **"The METHOD to my MADness"** through July 16. Actor's Theatre of Charlotte, 650 E. Stonewall St Thursdays-Saturday 9 p.m. All tickets \$20. To purchase tickets, call (704) 342-2251 or go online www.actorstheatrecharlotte.org

8 **Ziad with Rayen**, 12 p.m. Founders Hall, Bank of America Corporate Center, 100 N. Tryon St. Part of Funky Fridays series. Free.

Maria Howell, one of Charlotte's best vocalists in the late 1980s and early '90s, returns with performances at The Jazz Cafe, 2127 Ayrley Town Blvd., Suite 103. Show at 9 p.m., repeat performance 9 p.m. July 9.

9 **Kenny Chesney**, 7:30 p.m., Charlotte Coliseum. Tickets \$49.50-\$59.50.

14 **Cedric The Entertainer**, 8 p.m., Ovens Auditorium, 2700 E. Independence Blvd. Tickets are \$36, \$56 and \$66.

"Laughing Wild," Carolina Actors Studio Theatre, through July 24. Tickets at the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center by calling (704) 372-1000 or www.blumenthalcenter.org

15 Guitarist **Jes Seda**, 12 p.m., Founders Hall, Bank of America Corporate Center 100 N. Tryon St. Part of Funky Fridays series. Free.

Michael Buble, 8 p.m., Ovens Auditorium. Tickets \$46-\$56.

16 African music master **Nii Tettey Tetteh** and **Kusun Ensemble**, Charlotte Museum of History, 3500 Shamrock Drive. Two performances with Tetteh and Kusun, a group of musicians and dancers from Ghana, West Africa. Tickets are \$10 for Charlotte Museum and Folk Society members and \$15 for non-members. For information, call the Charlotte Museum of History at (704) 568-1774 or www.charlottenmuseum.org

17 **Bobby Jackson Basketball Camp**, Livingstone College. Five-day camp for boys and girls age 7-18 years of age. Activities for day campers and boarding campers. Registration for boarders \$250; day campers \$200. For information, call Amy Linder at (704) 216-6017.

21 **And 1 Mix Tape Tour**, 7:30 p.m., Charlotte Coliseum, 100 Paul Buck Blvd. Tickets \$17 and \$50.

22 **Gary Marcus Duo** (piano and saxophone) 12 p.m., Founders Hall, Bank of America Corporate Center, 100 N. Tryon St. Fourth concert in Funky Fridays series. Free.

23 **Winston-Salem State University Charlotte/QC Rams Alumni chapter scholarship golf tournament**, Charles T. Myers Golf Course, 7817 Harrisburg Road. Starts at 8 a.m. Proceeds to support scholarship program for Charlotte-Mecklenburg high school graduates. Registration is \$60. For information, call (704) 532-0983 or 597-1444 or log on to <http://hypemart.net>.

24 **Kelly Clarkson**, 7:30 p.m., Charlotte Coliseum. Tickets \$17-\$50.

Bruce Springsteen, 7:30 p.m., Charlotte Coliseum. Tickets \$75-\$85.

25 **Triple Double Skills Camp**, Bobcats Basketball Center, 2266 Deerfield Drive, Fort Mill, S.C. Basketball camp for boys and girls. Five days of instruction led by Charlotte Bobcats head coach/general manager Bernie Bickerstaff includes instruction from past and present NBA coaches and players as well as collegiate and high school players and coaches. Registration fee is \$260. For information, call (888) 843-1273 or log on to www.tripledoubleskills.com.

26 **Jazzy sounds of Noel Freidline Duo**, 12 p.m., Founders Hall, Bank of America Corporate Center, 100 N. Tryon St. Final concert in Funky Fridays series. Free.

28 **"Sylvia,"** North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center. Comedy produced by Off-Tryon Theatre Company. Plays through Aug. 7 Adult language and content. For information, log on to www.blumenthalcenter.org.

August

6 **Raven-Symone** concert at Paramount's Carowinds, 7 p.m. Concert and park admission tickets range from \$14.99 to \$39.99; season pass ticket prices from \$9.99 to \$14.99 Advance tickets and season pass discount tickets available through Ticketmaster at (704) 522-6500.

11 **"Matt & Ben,"** North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center. Production of Charlotte's Off-Broadway. For information, log on to www.blumenthalcenter.org.

PRESS THE FLESH



Charlotte City Council candidate Joyce Waddell explains her platform to Robert and Beatrice Cox during a jazz reception to kick off her campaign June 12. Waddell is running for the District 4 Democratic nomination.

ADVOCATES OF JUSTICE



Brandi Autry (second from right) was named young humanitarian of the year at the National Conference of Community and Justice. Sally Robinson (second from left) and her husband Russell (center) were honored for their philanthropy. NCCJ Executive Director Nyala Hunt is on the left and former UNC Charlotte chancellor James Woodward (right) hosted the gala.

SKY SHOW



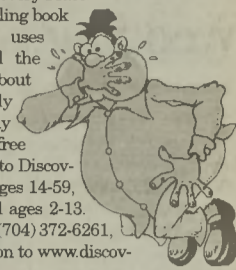
PARAMOUNT CAROWINDS

The Sky Tower will light up the skyline as part of Paramount Carowinds' 4th of July celebration.

Notes

"Grossology: The (Impolite) Science of the Human Body," Discovery Place.

Based on the best-selling book "Grossology," exhibit uses animatronics to tell the good, bad and ugly about runny noses, body odor and other body functions. Exhibit is free with paid admission to Discovery Place; \$8.50 for ages 14-59, \$6.50 for seniors and ages 2-13. For information, call (704) 372-6261, extension 300 or log on to www.discoveryplace.org.



Life As Art Productions is accepting applications for playwright and dance residencies. African dance residency experience explores the language of traditional West African dance. Write Now! playwright residency teaches students how to research, write and produce a play. Recommended for grades 5-8. For information, call (980) 254-3573.

"Healing the Wounds, Repairing the Damage" male-female relationship workshop, July 30, Oasis Shrine Temple, 604 Doug Mayes Road. Cost: \$99 per person, \$175 per couple. To reserve a seat, call Ahmad Daniels at (704) 537-1533 or Amina Haqq at (704) 947-8982.

Baseball summer camps, HQ4, 1328-A Cross Beam Road through Aug. 10. Area high school coaches will provide six weeks of training. For information, log on to www.hq4baseball.com/camps.htm.

Urban League of Central Carolinas is sponsoring a membership drive. If you are interested in volunteering as an individual or organization, log on to www.urbanleaguecc.org or call (704) 373-2256, extension 214.

Shindig on the Green, 7 p.m. Saturdays from July 2 through Sept. 3, Asheville City/County Plaza. Featuring bluegrass and mountain string bands, ballad singers, storytellers and cloggers. Free. For information, call (828) 258-6101, extension 789.

Eastside Apprentice Institute, through Aug. 19. A comprehensive forum that exposes sixth through ninth-graders to key principles of business ownership. Camp is held Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$25; camp fee is \$25 and lunch will be provided. For information, call Beth Durante-Hollan or Johnnie Wallace at (704) 563-2100.

Black Political Caucus of Charlotte-Mecklenburg banquet/dance, Aug. 19, Marriott Charlotte Executive Park, 5700 Westpark Drive. Reception begins at 6:30 p.m., program at 7:15. Tickets are \$50. For information, call Anna Hood at (704) 333-4685 or Connie Johnson at (704) 643-6686.

Exhibits

"Ancient Egyptian Art for the Afterlife," Mint Museum from July 15-Dec. 4. Exhibit is a selection of 90 ancient artifacts from a local private collection. Exhibit covers the Pre-Dynastic Period (4000-3000 BC) Old Kingdom (3000-2100 BC), New Kingdom (1350-1000 BC) and Ptolemaic Period (200-30 BC). Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students, \$3 for children 6-17.

"Project Hometown: Create. Don't Hate," through July 31, Levine Museum of the New South. Exhibit created by Charlotte teens from fragile or threatened communities features mixed media, video and photography. For information, log on to www.museumofthenewsouth.org.

Mint Museum of Craft + Design hosts **Murano: Glass from the Olnick Spanu Collection** through Aug. 21. More than 200 examples of blown glass will be showcased. Mint Museum of Craft + Design is located at 220 N. Tryon St. and open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Museum is free Tuesday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students and \$3 for children 6-17. For information, call (704) 337-2000 or log on to www.mintmuseum.org.

Paintings and sculptures by Argentine artist **Raul Diaz** (left), Jerald Melberg Gallery, 625 South Sharon Amity Road. Exhibit shown through July 23. For information, call (704) 365-3000.

Paper art by **Ernesto Berra**, Jerald Melberg Gallery, 625 South Sharon Amity. Exhibit shown through July 23. Gallery hours Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For information, call (704) 365-3000.

"Artistry Around Our Table," Afro-American Cultural Center, through Aug. 20. Exhibition features talents of AACC's Roundtable Professional Artist Fellows in multidisciplinary works.

For information, log on to www.aacc-charlotte.org.

Concerts, art exhibits and community-oriented events can be submitted to The Charlotte Post P.O. Box 30144 Charlotte, NC 28230. You can fax (704) 342-2160, log on to www.thecharlottepost.com or e-mail editorial@thecharlottepost.com.