

# HAPPENINGS

## December

**9** "The Littlest Angel," Wachovia Playhouse, ImaginOn 300 E. 7th St., 7:30 p.m. Performances through Dec. 23. For tickets and showtimes, call the box office at (704) 973-2828 weekdays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. or log on to [www.ctcharlotte.org](http://www.ctcharlotte.org).

**10** Singing Christmas Tree, Ovens Auditorium. Through Dec. 11. Tickets are \$7.50-\$25. For information, call (704) 522-6500 or log on to [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Queen City Clash** professional wrestling, 7:30 p.m., Cricket Arena. Tickets \$12-\$25.

**Charlotte Bobcats vs. Toronto Raptors**, 7:30 p.m., Charlotte Bobcats Arena.

**11** Manheim Steamroller, 7 p.m., Charlotte Bobcats Arena. Tickets range from \$45 to \$85 and available online at [charlottebobcatsarena.com](http://charlottebobcatsarena.com), calling (800) 495-2295 or at Blumenthal Performing Arts Center ticket outlet.

**13** Charlotte Krunk vs. Florida, American Basketball Association, 7 p.m., Cricket Arena. Tickets \$9-\$25.

**14** Sports historian Pamela Grundy PhD and sportswriter Susan Shackelford will sign copies of their book "Shattering The Class: The Remarkable History of Women's Basketball at West Boulevard Branch of the Library, 7 p.m. Reservations are free by calling (704) 336-6802.

**15** Charlotte Krunk vs. Chattanooga, ABA basketball, 7 p.m., Cricket Arena. Tickets \$9-\$25.

**16** Radio City Christmas Spectacular, Ovens Auditorium through Jan. 1. Tickets \$25-\$67. For information, call (704) 522-6500 or log on to [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Charlotte Krunk vs. Richmond**, ABA basketball, 7 p.m., Cricket Arena. Tickets \$9-\$25.

"Amahl & the Night Visitors," performed by Opera-Carolina, 7 p.m., McGlohon Theatre/Spirit Square. Single tickets are \$15 for adults and \$9 for children 6-16 at (704) 372-1000 or [www.operacarolina.com](http://www.operacarolina.com). Second performance Dec. 17 at 2 p.m.

**18** "It's All About Love," 7 p.m., The Park South, 13733 Lancaster Highway in Pineville. Free. For information, call (704) 392-1681.

**20** Charlotte Krunk vs. Georgia, ABA basketball, 7 p.m., Cricket Arena. Tickets \$9-\$25.

**21** Clay Aiken Joyful Noise Holiday Concert, Charlotte Bobcats Arena, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$39.50 and \$54.50 and available at [www.charlottebobcatsarena.com](http://www.charlottebobcatsarena.com), (800) 495-2295 or Blumenthal Performing Arts Center.

**23** "Season of Light," Settlemyre Planetarium, 4621 Mt. Gilead Road, Rock Hill. "Season of Light" examines many of the world's customs surround the holiday season and winter solstice. Narrated by Noah Adams of National Public Radio's "All Things Considered." Programs on Saturdays at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

**31** Bill & Gloria Gaither's Jubilate, Charlotte Bobcats Arena, 7 p.m. Tickets \$19.75 and \$35.75. Tickets available at [www.charlottebobcatsarena.com](http://www.charlottebobcatsarena.com) or calling (800) 495-2295.

## January

**6** Ushra Monster Jam, Charlotte Bobcats Arena, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$17 in advance \$19 day of show; children \$5 in advance and day of show. Second performance Jan. 7 at 8 p.m. Tickets available online at [www.charlottebobcatsarena.com](http://www.charlottebobcatsarena.com) or calling (800) 495-2295.

**9** "Oh Freedom: Music of the Civil Rights Era - Symphony 101 Talk 5, 9 a.m., Matthews Public Library, Matthews Town Center, 230 Matthews Station St. Also at 12:15 p.m., Main Library, 310 N. Tryon St. Free, informal talks will explore the music of the church, protesters and pop culture and how they worked to propel the civil rights movement. Singer Dawn Anthony will be the guest artist.

**12** Aerosmith with special guest Lenny Kravitz, Charlotte Bobcats Arena, 7:30 p.m. Tickets available online at [charlottebobcatsarena.com](http://charlottebobcatsarena.com), [cellardoor.com](http://cellardoor.com), calling (800) 495-2295.

**13** Park Martinia with the Charlotte Symphony, - Pops 4, 8 p.m., Belk Theatre, 130 N. Tryon St. Albert-George Schram conducting. Admission is \$19-\$59. Call (704) 972-2000 or log

## WINTER WONDER LAND



PARAMOUNT'S CAROWINDS

The "Home for the Holidays" parade will wind its way through the streets of Winter-Fest each night during the holiday season, capping off a great evening of holiday magic at Paramount's Carowinds.

on to [www.charlottesymphony.org](http://www.charlottesymphony.org). Park Martinia has played with Sergio Mendes and Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl, Cannes Film Festival and Al Green.

**14** The Listener-Lollipop 3, 11 a.m., Belk Theater, 130 N. Tryon St. Pre-concert festival at 10 a.m. in theater lobby. Allan Yamamoto con-

ducting with Magic Circle Mime Company. Admission \$8-\$20. Lollipop concerts help young listeners make friends with great music and the orchestra.

**18** Allison Krauss & Union Station with Jerry Douglas, Ovens Auditorium. Tickets \$39.50 and \$45.50.

## 'A CHRISTMAS STORY' AT IMAGINON



Ralphie Parker (Will Davis), Mother (Laurie Riffe) and The Old Man (Steven Ivey) react to the Old Man's "major award" in Children's Theatre of Charlotte's stage production of the holiday movie favorite "A Christmas Story," through Dec. 18 at ImaginOn's McColl Family Theatre.

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## PURR-FECT BEAT



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Tuskegee University's Golden Pipers marching band and dancers put on a stirring show at halftime of the Pioneer Bowl Saturday at Memorial Stadium. Tuskegee's football team defeated Bowie State 28-26.

## SHARING IS CARING



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Charlotte City Council member James Mitchell (top right), and his wife Vivian greet James Edward Dial and Romona Moore Big Eagle at the Afro-American Cultural Center's Jazzy Holiday Luncheon last week at the Westin hotel. Dial and Big Eagle were recognized for their contributions to the Afro Center at the annual event.

## Notes

**Campus Connections BCT** will participate in a financial aid workshop hosted by College Foundations of the Carolinas Dec. 10 at Mount Carmel Baptist Church, 7237 Tuckaseegee Road. Isabella Jenkins from Clark Atlanta University will do a career and majors workshop after the financial aid workshop. For information, call Gerald or Kathie Baucom at (704) 527-6168.

**Dell Curry Bojangles High School Hoops Tournament** Dec. 29-31 at Belk Activities Center, Charlotte Latin School. Twenty-four teams will compete in three divisions: national boys, national girls and local boys. Volunteers also needed for halftime performers (auditions Dec. 10 and Dec. at 11 a.m., at Charlotte Latin School), statistics crew, clock operators and game announcers. For information, call Jeffrey Hood at (704) 332-KIDS.

**Lowe's Shootout presented by Bojangles'** Dec. 29 at Charlotte Bobcats Arena. High school basketball games start at 3:30 p.m. with Charlotte Christian vs. West Charlotte, South Mecklenburg vs. Providence Day (girls), Norcross (Ga.) High vs. Laurinburg Institute; The Episcopal Academy (Pa.) vs. Statesville Christian. General admission tickets are \$15 and available online at [www.charlottebobcatsarena.com](http://www.charlottebobcatsarena.com) or calling (800) 495-2295.

**Pride Awards**, Jan. 14, Westin Hotel. Black-tie gala titled "Men Moving Mountains" will honor C. Ray Kennedy (American Products Distributors); Mecklenburg County Manager Harry Jones; Michael DeVaul (University City YMCA); Emmanuel Ohonme (Samaritan's Fee) and Lewis Young Jr. of Philip O. Berry Academy. Individual tickets \$165. For information, call (704) 375-9553 or log on to [www.prideawards.net](http://www.prideawards.net).



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Dec. 1 marked the 50th anniversary of Rosa Parks' arrest for refusing to give up her seat to a white passenger on a Birmingham, Ala., bus. In Charlotte, a front seat on every Charlotte Area Transit System bus was reserved for Parks with a ribbon in honor of her act.

## Exhibits

**Vintage Vernon**, Local Accents Gallery, Museum of York County through Jan. 1. Featuring 15 illustrations and memorabilia of Vernon Grant. The museum is located at 4621 Mt. Gallant Road, Rock Hill. For information, call (803) 329-2121.

**"Renaissance to Rococo: Masterpieces from the collection of the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art,"** Mint Museum of Art, 2730 Randolph Road. Exhibit through Jan. 15. Hours are Tuesday 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 12-5 p.m. Admission is free Tuesdays from 5-10 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students; \$3 for students age 6-17.

**Don Reitz: Clay, Fire, Salt and Wood'** through Dec. 31 at the Mint Museum of Craft + Design, 220 N. Tryon St. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 12-5 p.m.; free Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**"Ancient Egyptian Art for the Afterlife"** through Dec. 4 at the Mint Museum of Art, 2730 Randolph Road. Hours are Tuesday 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 12-5 p.m. Admission is free Tuesdays from 5-10 p.m.

**"Joe Walters: Selected Works"** Dec. 2-Jan. 5, Joie Lassiter Gallery, 1440 South Tryon St., Suite 104. Exhibit includes a combination of sculptures and works on paper. For information, call Kate Baillon-Case at (704) 373-1463.

Award-winning poet and non-fiction writer **Maureen Ryan Griffin**, Charlotte Art League guest speaker Jan. 17, 7 p.m. Griffin will share seven approaches to tapping into your own creative genius. The art league is at 1517 Camden Road.



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