



# happenings

## March

**30 Robert Preston photography exhibition.** Red Sky Gallery at Phillips Place, 6 p.m. Photographs will be on sale to benefit National Multiple Sclerosis Society. For information, call (800) 477-2955.

**"Shear Madness,"** Blumenthal Performing Arts Center. Audiences will get to solve the crime in this whodunit, which runs through May 27. Performances on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays are at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and \$20 for six preview performances and on sale at the box office by calling (704) 372-1000 or online at [www.blumenthalcenter.org](http://www.blumenthalcenter.org).

**Gilbert & Sullivan's "HMS Pinafore,"** 7:30 p.m., Meroney Theatre, 213 South Main St., Salisbury. Shows on March 31, April 1, April 5-8. April 2 performance at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for seniors and students under 18 and available by calling the box office at (704) 633-5471.

**31 Tiempo Libre,** McGlohon Theatre, 8 p.m. Miami-based band performs timba, a musical mix of Latin jazz that stays true to the tradition of their native Cuba. Tickets are \$22-\$27 and available at the Performing Arts Center Box Office at (704) 372-1000 or online at [www.blumenthalcenter.org](http://www.blumenthalcenter.org).

## April

Blues performer **Sandra Hall** at JEZ Beach Club, 2311 W. Sugar Creek Road. Call (704) 696-9194 for information.

**Will Leary Day,** Revolution Park, 1 p.m. This year's theme is "Let's Try To Stop the Killing Among Our Youth." Raffle for \$1 per ticket with the winner drawing a television and food will be provided by Community Culinary School.

**Lark String Quartet,** Dana Auditorium, Queens University of Charlotte, 3 p.m. Concert includes "String Quartet No. 1 in A Minor Op. 7 by Bartok," "String Quartet in G Minor Op. 10 by Debussy and songs for string quartet by Gershwin. Tickets are \$15 and available by calling the Queens Music Department at (704) 337-2213.

**Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater,** Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. Charlotte debut continues through April 5. Single ticket prices are \$25 to \$55 and available at [www.blumenthalcenter.org](http://www.blumenthalcenter.org) or by calling (704) 372-1000.

**Bowl For Kids' Sake,** AME Lanes, South Boulevard. Fund raiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Charlotte. Competition continues through April 8. Call (704) 829-6624 to register your team or go online at [www.bowl4kidscharlotte.kintera.org](http://www.bowl4kidscharlotte.kintera.org).

**Taste of the World,** Charlotte East International District, 5 p.m. Opening reception at Charlotte Museum of History, samplings from three international restaurants via guided motorcoach tour, followed by dessert/coffee at Van Landingham Estate. Tickets \$35 by calling (704) 568-1774 or online at [www.charlottechamber.com](http://www.charlottechamber.com).

**7 Omimeo & Friends, ImaginOn** Wachovia Playhouse, 7:30 p.m. Performances April 8 at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. and April 9 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for front orchestra, \$10 for general admission. For tickets, call the Children's Theatre box office at (704) 973-2828 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. or go online at [www.ctcharlotte.org](http://www.ctcharlotte.org).

**Charlotte Jumper Classic,** 6 p.m., Charlotte Bobcats Arena. Through April 9. Three-day passes are \$75, \$45 and 15 for children 3-12. Single-session tickets are \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10 and \$5. Tickets available online at [www.charlottebobcatsarena.com](http://www.charlottebobcatsarena.com) or toll-free at (800) 495-2295.

**Bowl For Kids' Sake,** Dave & Buster's Grand Sports Cafe, Concord Mills. Fund raiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters Cabarrus County. To register,



DAVIDSON COLLEGE

Berklee School jazz trombonist **Phil Wilson** will perform free April 7 at Davidson College's Duke Family Performance Hall. The performance starts at 8 p.m. Wilson is also teaching at Davidson.

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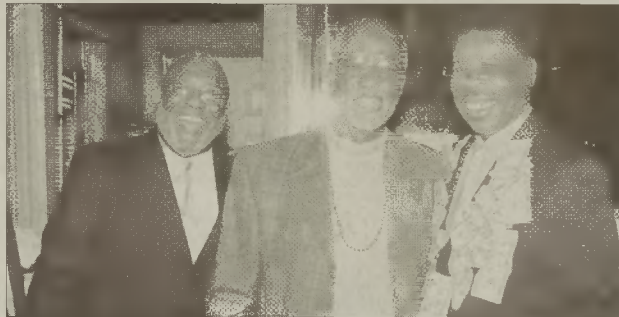
**Black Political Caucus of Charlotte-Mecklenburg family festival,** 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Bob Davis Resource Center, 421 Beaties Ford Road. Arts and crafts, children's activities, voter education and registration. For information on vending or the caucus, call (704) 277-3450 or log on to [www.bpccharlotte.com](http://www.bpccharlotte.com).

**22 Hoop It Up,** Charlotte Merchandise Mart,

2500 E. Independence Blvd., 9 a.m. National basketball tour featuring half-court style for 30 minutes. Players of all ages and abilities can play in 36 divisions for males, females and coed teams. To register, call 1(888) 997-PLAY. Registration deadline is April 17.

**23 Art and Soul of South End,** 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Camden Road. Two-day festival includes block party, Avenue of the Arts and Children's Art Festival. Second day is 11 a.m.-6 p.m. For information, call (704) 832-2227.

### MUST BE THE MONEY



PHOTO/WADE NASH

Historic Excelsior Club owner **James Ferguson** (center) congratulates **Walter Brewer** at his birthday bash earlier this month. Well-wishers gathered to leave Brewer a few bucks to spend on his special day.

### TURN THE BEAT AROUND



N.C. BLUMENTHAL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

**Tempo Libre** will perform its musical mix of Latin jazz that stays true to the group's Cuban roots March 31 at McGlohon Theatre.

### TWIN CELEBRATION



PHOTO/CURTIS WILSON

Sisters **Meishay** and **Meisha McWhorter** of Charlotte braved the chill last week as Paramount's Carowinds celebrated the 30th anniversary of Thunder Road. The park invited 30 pairs of twins to the party.

### STRING FLING



PHOTO/WADE NASH

The **Lark String Quartet** will perform April 2 at Queens University of Charlotte. The concert starts at 3 p.m.

## Notes

World-class riders will participate in the third annual **Charlotte Jumper Classic** April 7-9 at Bobcats Arena. Three-day passes are \$75, \$45 and \$15 for children 3-12. Single session tickets are \$25, \$15, \$10 and \$5 for kids 3-12. Available at the arena box office or calling (800) 495-2295.

**Walk for AIDS** April 8 through downtown Belmont. Three-mile walk is a fund raiser for residents at House of Mercy. Walkers can collect sponsor donations. Reception following the walk will include food, drinks and live music by Audioform. To participate, call Marjorie Storch at (704) 825-4711, extension 3 or log on to [www.thehouseofmercy.org](http://www.thehouseofmercy.org).

**Little Moments,** an informational tour of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Charlotte, April 11, 12 p.m., May 9, 7:30 a.m. Meeting at 2424 N. Davidson St., Suite 110. RSVP by calling (704) 377-3963 or e-mail [info@bbscharlotte.org](mailto:info@bbscharlotte.org).

**A Taste of Colorado,** April 20, 6:30 p.m., Firebirds Rocky Mountain Grill. Fund raiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Admission is \$25 per person in advance, \$35 at the door. RSVP to Nicole Johnson by April 18. For information, call (704) 377-3963, extension 23.

**The Art of Craft: 1830,** May 13 at Historic Rosedale, 347 N. Tryon St. Many of N.C.'s best-known potters will have their work on sale, in addition to metal artists, print makers, basket weavers and fiber arts. General admission tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and students ages 3-18. Family passes are \$25. Gates open at 11 a.m. and continues to 4 p.m., rain or shine. For information, call (704) 835-0325.

Step back in history Saturdays through Nov. 25 at **Historic Brattonsville** in McConnells, S.C. Costumed interpreters will bring to life aspects of 18th and 19th century living with themes changing weekly. Visitors can also witness life in the Carolina backcountry through activities such as farming, sheep shearing, cotton harvesting. Admission is free for Culture & Heritage Museum, \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$3 for children.

**Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority** regional conference, Hyatt SouthPark from April 26-30. Includes general public meeting at 6:30 p.m. April 28; Rhoer and Philo pageant 8:45 p.m. (all in Grand Pavilion Room). Awards banquet, 7 p.m., Grand Pavilion Room, vendors at Queens Court Ballroom on April 29. For information, e-mail [Leona.Magee@leonalmagee-grho@yahoo.com](mailto:Leona.Magee@leonalmagee-grho@yahoo.com) for information.

Applications are being taken for **Neighborhood Excellence** grants. The grants sponsored by Bank of America, come in three areas: Neighborhood Builders to non-profit organizations working to promote vibrant neighborhoods (\$200,000 and grant funding); five local heroes (\$5,000 to the nonprofit of their choice) whose achievements and leadership contribute to neighborhood vitality and student leaders (eight-week paid internship), high school juniors and seniors with an interest in improving their neighborhoods. Apply online at [www.bankofamerica.com/foundation](http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation).

**Mt. Olive Presbyterian Church Golf Tournament,** Renaissance Golf Course, 1525 West Tyvola Road. Entry fee is \$80. Men and women can play in three flights of captain's choice format. For information, call Ernest Grier at (704) 421-5228, John Lathan (704) 591-0914 and Robert Grier (704) 589-8928.

**Food Addicts Anonymous** hosts meetings daily for people recovering from addictive eating and anxiety. There are no dues or fees and no weigh-ins. For information, call (704) 348-1569.

## Exhibits

"**Oh Freedom Over Me,**" through May 28, Levine Museum of the New South. Photographer Matt Herron's recording of the civil rights movement through the Southern Documentary Project.

"**From Apartheid to Democracy,**" through May 15, Levine Museum of the New South. Exhibit illustrates transformation of South Africa by telling the story of the first 10 years of democracy.

## BAD TO THE BONE



PHOTO/DONNA BISE

**Mark Sutton, Jason Barney** and **Gina Stewart** star in Children's Theatre of Charlotte's production of **Judith Viorst's "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day."** The production runs April 7-23 in the McColl Family Theatre at ImaginOn. For information, call (704) 973-2828 or go online at [www.ctcharlotte.org](http://www.ctcharlotte.org).