

happenings

October

5 Taste of the World. Cuisines from two dozen international restaurants along East Charlotte's international corridor. Starts at 5 p.m. at Charlotte Museum of History and ends at 9:30 p.m. with dessert reception at the Van Landingham Estate. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased by calling Carol Walton at (704) 716-6619 or visiting www.charlotteeast.com.

6 Black Political Caucus of Charlotte-Mecklenburg will host its annual fundraiser/banquet, 6:30 p.m., Sheraton Airport Hotel, 3815 Scott Futrell Drive. The caucus will recognize individuals who make Charlotte a better community to live and work. For information, call Ella Williams at (704) 596-1332 or (704) 231-0294 or Gloria Rembert at (704) 948-8089 or (704) 737-6135.

7 Charlotte Post Features Editor Cheris Hodges will sign copies of her novel "The Business of Love" at Joseph-Beth Booksellers from 2-4 p.m., 4345 Barclay Downs. For information, call (704) 602-9800.

8 Bill Cosby, Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25-\$50 at the box office in Founders Hall, by phone at (704) 372-1000 and www.blumenthalcenter.org.

10 "Music of the Great Depression," Charlotte Museum of History, 3500 Shamrock Drive. Depression-era activities and storytelling for all ages. Free. Reserved seating concert, reservations required.

12 "Two Gentlemen of Verona" and "September Bears," Charlotte Christian School, 7301 Sardis Road. Upper School production begins at 7 p.m.; reserved seating \$10 and tickets available at (704) 366-5657, extension 605. Plays continue through Oct. 14.

15 D.C. Express Band featuring Billy Phillips, 6 p.m., Club Faces, 2815 Crisman St. Live classic soul, jazz, R&B.

19 Billy Jonas in concert, 7 p.m., Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Blvd., Gastonia. High-energy performance for adults and school-age children by national musician and entertainer. For information, call (704) 688-2164, extension 4.

21 "Ferdinand the Bull," Wachovia Playhouse at ImaginOn. Performances through Nov. 5. Friday performances at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 1 and 3 p.m., Sundays at 2 and 4 p.m. Orchestra tickets are \$18; general admission \$14 by calling (704) 973-2828 or visit www.ctcharlotte.org.

21 Pearl Awards Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Westin Charlotte, 601 South College St. Sponsored by Alpha Lambda Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. Theme is "Hats off to Unsung Heroes." Live entertainment and fashion show. Donation is \$40, with proceeds going to charitable organizations. For information, call Nancy Dozier at (704) 532-1070.

Evening of inspiration in honor and support of future leaders, 7 p.m., Best Western hotel, 201 South McDowell St. Admission \$20. Semi-formal gala featuring New York designer Michi with fashion models from area schools. For information, call (212) 862-4284.

Tarsha Williams concert, 7 p.m., Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Ave. For tickets, call (704) 965-2570.

22 Blues solo/duo competition, 5 p.m., JB's Beach Club, 2311 West Sugar Creek Road. Admission \$5. Up to eight acts will compete for a chance to represent Charlotte at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis in February.

26 San Jose Tchio, McGlohon Theatre at Spirit Square, 7:30 p.m. Performance inspired by traditional Japanese drumming that expresses the beauty and harmony of the human spirit. Tickets are \$22-\$28 and available at the box office, by phone at (704) 372-1000 and online at www.blumenthalcenter.org.

29 Ebony Fashion Fair, Owens Auditorium, 2700 E. Independence Blvd. "Stylishly Hot" is sponsored by Delta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta sorority. Tickets are \$25 general admission, \$35 for reserved seating. For information, go to www.zetasofcharlotte.org.

November

8 "The Oldest Profession," Actor's Theatre, 650 E. Stonewall St. Performances through Nov. 25. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday performances \$23; \$25 on Fridays and \$28 for Sunday by visiting www.actorstheatrecharlotte.org or calling (704) 342-2251.

14 "Tango Fire," 8 p.m., Belk Theatre. A history of Tango featuring quintet of musicians, dancers and singers. Tickets are \$23-\$39 and available at the box office, by phone at (704) 372-1000 or online at www.blumenthalcenter.org and www.carolinatix.org.

19 "Ball in the House," 3 p.m., McGlohon Theatre at Spirit Square. A capell group using pop harmonies with vocal drums/beatbox and bass. Tickets are \$18-\$22 and available at the box office at Founders Hall, www.blumenthalcenter.org, www.carolinatix.org and (704) 372-1000.

WATCH

North Carolina Shakespeare Festival



Students can get to know the world's greatest playwright during the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival's MainStage season, through Oct. 8 in High Point and Oct. 11-15 in Raleigh. Productions include "Romeo & Juliet" and "The Taming of the Shrew." More than a dozen performances are scheduled for school groups throughout MainStage. Admission is \$12 per student. Teachers can make reservations in advance by calling (336) 841-2273, extension 226 or e-mail sales@ncshakes.org.

WITNESS

"The Eyes of God"



Charlotte's Pi Productions will stage the world premiere of "The Eyes of God" Oct. 6-21 at The Actor's Theatre of Charlotte, 650 E. Stonewall St. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. General admission for all shows is \$18, \$15 for seniors and groups and \$12 for students. Reserve tickets at (704) 367-1345 or www.piproductions.org.

CRAWLING

Center of the Earth Gallery



"Summer House" is among the works by a selection of Center of the Earth Gallery artists and emerging Charlotte artists on display Nov. 3 in conjunction with the NoDa gallery crawl. The crawl starts at 6 p.m.

Notes etc.

"Successful Breakfast," Saturdays at 8 a.m., Westin Hotel, Bar 10, 601 South College St. E-mail Jerry Boyce at jboyceomega@yahoo.com to reserve a space.

Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund Awards of Excellence, Oct. 5, Westin Hotel. Reception at 6 p.m., dinner at 7. Honoring attorney Dorey Roundtree, executive Johnny Taylor and Christine Thigpen, chairman of N.C. Central University board of trustees. Proceeds will go to scholarships at N.C.'s five public historically black colleges. For information, call Mary Jones at (201) 227-8427 or e-mail maryjones@aol.com.

Camp Greene Neighborhood Fall Festival, Oct. 7, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 2216 Montmart St. Music, food, games, balloons and tours to the historic Dowd House.

Steele Creek Elementary School PTA fall festival, Oct. 7, 2-6 p.m., Olympe High School. Inflatables, games, food, karate demonstrations and Jeff Gordon's NASCAR show car. Free.

1 Wachovia: Walking the Walk to Diversity, Hilton Uptown, Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. Business Attire. Sponsored by the African American Network, Women's Initiative and GLBT Initiative.

Big Brothers Big Sisters informational tour, Oct. 10, 12 p.m. and 4 p.m., 2424 North Davidson St. One-hour tour of BBBS of Greater Charlotte. Light refreshments. For information, call (704) 377-3963.

Junior and Senior Parent Night, Oct. 10, East Mecklenburg High School, 6:30 p.m. Session conducted by Central Piedmont Community College, UNC Charlotte and Davidson College.

Genealogy research course at Central Piedmont Community College Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. For information, call (704) 995-0731.

Olympic High School pork barbecue, Oct. 13, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 4301 Sandy Porter Road. Plates, sandwiches and bulk meat for \$7, sauce and slaw for \$4. Proceeds benefit school athletic programs.

Blues and Jazz Festival, Oct. 14, downtown Salisbury, 12-11 p.m. Headliners include Mac Arnold, Joe Robinson Jazz Band, Mack Attack and Davis Tucker Band. Free. For information, call (704) 686-2811 or www.rowanbluesandjazz.com.

Bethlehem Center Charlotte golf classic 12:30 p.m., Oct. 17 at Highland Creek. Entry fee \$500 per team, \$125 for individuals. For information, call Rochelle Brown at (704) 371-7428 or e-mail rbrown@bethlehemcenter.org. Proceeds go to programs for children and families served by Bethlehem Center.

Johnson C. Smith University homecoming parade Oct. 28 at 10 a.m. Lineups start at 8 a.m. Deadline to sign a float, vehicle or other entry, is Oct. 17. For a sign-up form, visit www.jcsu.edu/alumni/alumnivevents.htm.

Jack Brayboy Homecoming golf tournament, Oct. 27, 8 a.m., The Tradition Golf Club, 3800 Prosperity Church Road. Sponsored by Johnson C. Smith University 100 Club. Fee \$100, \$400 per foursome and \$75 for seniors. For information, call Francis Pendergrass at (704) 578-8437, Leslie Egleston at (704) 399-4881 or James Saunders at (704) 451-5434.

Exhibit

"Mexico," through Oct. 12, Knight Gallery, Middleton McMillan Gallery, The Light Factory. Black and white prints from photographer Harvey Stein from his visits south of the border.

"(ID): An exhibit of self-portraiture," through Oct. 12, Knight Gallery, The Light Factory. Exhibit designed to reveal the real idea of self, or what happens when the artist turns the camera inward.

Solo exhibit of works by Gayle Stott Lowry, Center of the Earth Gallery, 23204 North Davidson St., through Oct. 27. Gallery crawls on Oct. 6 and Oct. 20.

Opening reception for "Force of Nature," Oct. 11-13 at UNC Charlotte, Davidson College and Winthrop University. Ten artists from Japan will be in residence with each school for six weeks. The exhibition explores the relationship between humans and nature through the minds and hands of contemporary artists. The exhibit (at Davidson's Van Every/Smith Galleries, UNCC's College of Architecture and Winthrop University Galleries) is intended to provoke dialogue and discussion with members of each host community while bringing the work of young artists to people who have few opportunities to view contemporary Japanese art. For information, log on to www.halseycofc.edu/fon.html.

Art auction and exhibit extravaganza, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Beatties Ford Road Library, 2412 Beatties Ford Road. Exhibit of some of Charlotte's top artists include paintings, sculpture, ceramics, crafts, books and live music. All items will be on sale. For more information, call (704) 336-2882.

Woven Worlds: American Indian Baskets as Works of Art, through Dec. 31, Mint Museum of Craft + Design, 220 N. Tryon St. Baskets from the Clark Field Collection honors tribal groups from the U.S., Canada and northern Mexico dating from the late 19th to mid-20th century. For information, call (704) 337-2000 or www.mintmuseum.org.

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