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out and about

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For regularly scheduled meetings, contact the individual organizations or the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard in your area:

North Carolina

Asheville	(828) 253-2971
Charlotte	(704) 535-6277
Greensboro	(336) 855-8558
Raleigh	(919) 821-0055
Wilmington	(910) 762-0301
Winston-Salem	(336) 748-0031

South Carolina

Charleston	(803) 720-8088
Columbia	(803) 771-7713
Greenville	(864) 422-1645

July 24 - August 7

▼ Saturday July 24

DEVELOPING YOUR ROLE THROUGH THE WHOLE PLAY, a workshop for individuals 16 and up, is presented by The Actors Theatre of Charlotte, 2400 Distribution St. Cost is \$30. For more information, call Actor's Theatre at (704) 342-2251.

RAVEN ROCK STATE PARK DAY HIKE with the Wilderness Network of the Carolinas. Just upstream from Lillington on the Cape Fear River, this area is often more like the mountains to the west than the lower piedmont. No special equipment is required, but be prepared to bring water along as the hike will be 3 - 4 hours. For more information, call the Wilderness Network Hotline at (919) 819-3570.

▼ Tuesday - Sunday July 27 - August 8

RENT, the Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winning musical, takes the stage at Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, Charlotte. *Rent* is a joyous and breathtaking musical that celebrates a community of artists as they struggle with soaring hopes and the tough realities of today's world. Shows are Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8:00pm, Sundays at 7:30pm and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:00pm. Tickets range from \$22 to \$60. Special \$20 tickets are available for each performance in the front two rows of the orchestra. These tickets go on sale the day of the performance only, two hours prior to showtime, cash only, and with a limit of two tickets per person. Tickets can be purchased at the Performing Arts Center Box Office or by calling TicketMaster at (704) 522-6500.

▼ Tuesday July 27

TALKING TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT AIDS, an interactive discussion and skills building opportunity for parents and anyone who works with children or teens, will be held from 7:00 to 9:00pm at the Park Hotel,

2200 Rexford Road, Charlotte. The discussion is led by Angela Bray, director of education for Metrolina AIDS Project. The forum is free but space is limited. To reserve a space, call (704) 333-2437 or 1-800-289-2437.

LILITH FAIR, a Celebration of Women in Music, at Blockbuster Pavilion in Charlotte. Featured performers include Sarah McLachlan, Sheryl Crow, Pretenders, Me'Shell N'degeocello and Mya. Kids 12 and under admitted free on the festival lawn when accompanied by a paid adult lawn ticket holder. For tickets, call TicketMaster at (704) 522-6500 or order online at www.ticketmaster.com.

▼ Wednesday - Sunday July 28 - August 1

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, Shakespeare's magical farce about a play presented before the King and Queen of the Faeries, is presented as part of the Summer Youth Productions Program at the Old Courthouse Theatre, 49 Spring St., Concord. For information and tickets, call (704) 788-1187.

▼ Thursday - Sunday July 29 - August 1

BEAR TRAP V: BEARS IN THE BAR-RACKS, celebrates hirsute masculinity all weekend at the Holiday Inn State Capital in Raleigh. For the special \$65 room rate, call (919) 832-0501. Cost of the event is \$79. For information on the celebration or on joining the Carolina Bear Lodge, call (919) 598-9844, mailbox #4.

▼ Sunday August 1

FAMILY FEST '99, sponsored by OutCharlotte, will be held at Midwood Park, off Mecklenburg Ave. in the Plaza-Midwood neighborhood, Charlotte from 12:30 to 4:00pm. Bring a picnic lunch or purchase hot dogs and sodas in the park. Games for all ages will be featured, beginning at 1:30pm. Prizes will be awarded. For more information, call OutCharlotte at (704) 563-2699.

▼ Monday August 2

MAP BENEFIT SHOW WITH THE CAST OF RENT will be presented at the Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte. The cast will kick off their costumes, take off their make-up and sing in the sanctuary. Immediately preceding the show there will be an exclusive reception from 6:00 to 7:00pm; at 7:00pm enjoy a wonderful cabaret to benefit a great cause, meet the cast, mingle with Charlotte and bid on surprise auction items fans of *Rent* will have to have. Tickets are \$35 for reception and show, \$25 for show only. For more information and tickets, call (704) 333-1435 ext. 17. Space is limited; reservations must be made in advance.

▼ Thursday - Sunday August 5 - 8

1999 NORTH CAROLINA GAY AND LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL, in its fourth year and sponsored by Replacements, Ltd., at the Carolina Theatre, 309 W. Morgan St., Durham. Passes are available for \$75 and include 13 films and one ticket to the Marga Gomez perfor-

mance. Single movie tickets are \$6.50, sold only at the Fletcher Box Office 45 minutes prior to each showing. Five tickets for any of the films are \$25. See page 1 of this issue for a complete listing of all the films. For more information, call (919) 560-3040.

▼ Thursdays - Sundays August 5 - 21

THE LITTLE FOXES, considered by many to be lesbian playwright Lillian Hellman's best and most enduring play, will be presented at the Thompson Theatre, Talley Student Center, on the NC State University campus, Raleigh. The play delves into the dynamics of the Hubbard family, all Southern gentility on the surface, schemers consumed by greed underneath. Shows are at 8:00pm Thursdays through Saturdays (August 5-7, 12-14, 19-21) and at 3:00pm Sundays (August 8 & 15). Tickets are \$12.00 (free with season subscription). For tickets, call Ticket Central at (919) 515-1100.

Coming Up

▼ Saturday August 14

UNITED FOR DIVERSITY MEETING at Grace Fellowship Metropolitan Community Church, 2001 Asheville Highway, Hendersonville, NC at 10:00am. This is a newly formed community-based GLBT group. For more information, call (828) 692-0111.

▼ Saturday August 28

"LINKING LIVES" AGING RESOURCES EXPO will be presented at the Chapel Hill Senior Center, 400 S. Elliott Road, Chapel Hill from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The Expo is designed to provide health and human service professionals and anyone interested with free referral resources for older lesbian and gay adults. For more information, contact Patrick Toal or MJ at (919) 416-0609. ▼

"Out and About" policy

A listing in "OUT AND ABOUT" provides valuable publicity for your organization's event, and is provided by Q-Notes as a community service. Send information concerning your event to Q-Notes, PO Box 221841, Charlotte, NC 28222, fax: (704) 531-1361, email: editor@q-notes.com.

NOTE: Q-Notes accepts calendar items for publication from both non-profit and for-profit entities. Items should be of interest to (or some subset of) the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, and be submitted by the appropriate deadline (found on page 6). Special events (concerts, speakers, fundraisers, etc.) will be included, but ongoing or regularly scheduled meetings and programs will not. It is the sole responsibility of sponsors to submit information to be included in "Out and About." Items may be edited, held or refused based on space and time constraints.

