

concerts: fall 2010

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Lady Gaga

Before departing to Europe, the Monster Queen will make her last 2010 U.S. tour stops in North Carolina, starting with the Time Warner Cable Arena in Charlotte and then at the RBC Center in Raleigh.

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Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers

Despite saying its last tour would be in 2006, Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers is back again and now promoting a new album, "Mojo." Reversing Lady Gaga's trek, Petty will begin at Raleigh's Time Warner Cable Music Pavilion and play Charlotte's Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre the next day.

9/29 // RALEIGH

A. R. Rahman

World-renowned Indian musical artist A. R. Rahman will visit the RBC Center as part of The Journey Home World Tour. Partly famous in America for the Hindi "Jai Ho" song composed for the movie "Slumdog Millionaire," Rahman's concerts incorporate a wide variety of music, instruments and imagery to astound audiences around the world.

10/2 // CHARLOTTE

Guster

Boston-originated alternative rock band Guster will play The Fillmore Charlotte three days ahead of releasing "Easy Wonderful," the group's newest album including the single "Do You Love Me," and on the same day as the annual Pride Charlotte festival also hosted at the N.C. Music Factory.

10/8 // WINSTON-SALEM

Lupe Fiasco

Hip-hop artist Lupe Fiasco (released "Lasers" earlier this year)

and DJ L'il John are coming to the Winston-Salem Entertainment Sports Complex.

10/15-10/16 // CHARLESTON

Phish

Phish will rock the North Charleston Coliseum two days in a row with its always musically and culturally unique concerts. Whether you're a longtime phan or you've never heard "You Enjoy Myself," be sure to check out the parking lot community before the show.

10/29 // GREENSBORO • 10/30 // CHARLOTTE

Carrie Underwood

2005 "American Idol" winner and country superstar Carrie Underwood is coming to North Carolina, making her first tour stop to perform at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex followed by the Time Warner Cable Arena.

11/20 // DURHAM • 11/22 // CHARLESTON

Joe Bonamassa

Durham Performing Arts Center
North Charleston Performing Arts Center
Promoting his 2010 album "Black Rock," rising blues rocker Joe Bonamassa will play to the crowds at the Durham Performing Arts Center and the North Charleston Performing Arts Center.

11/20 // GREENSBORO

Greensboro Symphony, Rock at the POPS

At the Greensboro Coliseum Complex, the Greensboro Symphony with Victor Vanacore will play music from as far back as the '50s all the way to a Michael Jackson tribute.



Boston alternative rockers Guster hit Charlotte on Oct. 2.

12/3 // COLUMBIA

Trans-Siberian Orchestra

The Trans-Siberian Orchestra is bringing its unique blend of musical styles and famous pyrotechnics to the Colonial Life Arena for Columbia fans to enjoy.

— Compiled by Tyler DeVere.



Charlotte goes crazy for Gaga

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Lady Gaga is rolling into town. You know what that means: the entire gay community is going to go crazy. A party here, a party there, some cocktails and spritzers and then off to the concert!

Before the show, go Goo Goo for GAGA, Takeover Charlotte's pre-party, at the Breakfast Club. Dance and drink with fellow Little Monsters before going to what Takeover's Dan Mauney calls the "biggest event in Charlotte in a long, long time."

Giveaways and inexpensive drinks are sure to make this party a blast for all its Gaga monsters in attendance. Be sure to wear your best costume and maybe you can be the winner of the Best Original GAGALicious Costume Contest. The party is free and open to everyone (even if you're not going to

the concert) and it starts at 5 p.m.

After you've gotten your fill of Lady Gaga at the concert, you can't miss the Off White Party at the Visulite Theatre. In case it hasn't already crossed your mind, the Lady Gaga concert will be the same night of the annual White Party. That's why partners and owners of JustTwirl.com (the name is actually derived from a Lady Gaga song) Zuny Johnson and Jason McCrall are making this year's Off White Party "Monster-Size" with the goal to "bring the community together," says Johnson. He says the party will be "Alice in Wonderland" meets "Honey, I Shrank the Kids."

San Francisco DJ Craig Gaibler will hold the reigns of the music for the party. Other entertainment includes performance group Basic Instinct. Also open to everyone 18+, the party starts at 10 p.m. and continues until 2:30 a.m.

For more detailed event listings see our Q Events Calendar on page 23. ::

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