

# ARTS & LIFESTYLE

## Of Interest ...

### Artists will be featured at Sawtooth Center event

Triad residents are invited to join The Community Arts Café on July 20 at the Sawtooth Center for Visual Arts for "A Year of Art & Music in the Triad." The event, which will be from 6 - 10 p.m., will feature the artists and performers who were in the magazine over the past year. It will also include the exhibition of many of the artists' works. Performances by the magazine's featured performers will include a variety of music, dance and theatrical poetry. The event also includes a silent auction as well as a live art auction, which will be hosted by Rich Brenner of Fox 8 and Carmen Brown of 98.7 Simon. For more information call 336-725-2372 or visit [www.CommunityArtsCafe.com](http://www.CommunityArtsCafe.com).

### SciWorks' Family \$1 Friday

SciWorks will hold its second "Family \$1 Friday" evening on July 13. From 4-8 p.m., SciWorks will be open with a \$1 per person (age 2 and up) admission fee. Children under age 2 are free. The park will remain open until 6 p.m.

SciWorks will also have the final (for this Summer) Family \$1 Friday on Aug. 2. There are several special features currently at SciWorks, including The Maze, which fills more than 2,500 square feet of space. The SciWorks Barnyard has reopened as well, with goats, sheep, a miniature horse, donkeys and some cows.

SciWorks' mission is to promote scientific literacy, lifelong learning, and an appreciation of the sciences by providing innovative educational and recreational experiences for all people through interactive programs and exhibits, collections, an environmental park and unique facilities.

SciWorks is easy to find, located off University Parkway or HWY 52 on Hanes Mill Road. Go to [www.sciworks.org](http://www.sciworks.org) for more information or call 336-767-6730.

### Reports say Philly anchorman used 'N-word'

**PHILADELPHIA (Philadelphia Tribune/NNPA)** - The latest media figure on the hot seat for using the "n-word" is WTXF Fox 29's weekend news anchor Tom Burlington, who was suspended recently following a meeting during which the award-winning journalist used the racial slur several times during an internal news meeting.

Burlington reportedly didn't direct the slur at anyone and according to Jennifer Best, Public Affairs Director for WTXF, would not confirm that Burlington was suspended for using the word.

"At this point I can only confirm that Tom was suspended for personal reasons," Best said, politely declining to answer further inquiries or comment as to how long Burlington's suspension would last.

"I can't release any other details," she said.

According to published reports, during a news staff meeting following a discussion of a story about the recent NAACP mock funeral for the "n-word" at John Dobbins High School, Burlington allegedly argued that it was irresponsible to report on the subject without actually using the word.

His alleged reasoning was that a Daily News story published on June 22 used the word in its opening lead.

Burlington is a weekend co-anchor of FOX 29 News and an award-winning investigative reporter.

Philadelphia Inquirer education reporter and Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists Board Member Melanie L. Burney said Burlington's comments were unacceptable by anyone of any ethnicity.

"I believe it's unacceptable under any circumstances and it's appalling in this day and age," Burney said. "I understand that there should be discussions about it in newsrooms as part of the creative process. But Burlington's comments went way beyond that and that's what I find offensive. What happened is unacceptable by anyone of any race in any profession."

### Film probes minds of black men

**WASHINGTON, DC (BlackNews.com)** - On Wednesday, July 25, 2007, iYAGO Entertainment Group will premiere the thought-provoking documentary, "What Black Men Think" at Washington, DC's historic Avalon Theater. This 83 minute "Docu-logue" style film brings you candid conversations about the many myths, stereotypes and misperceptions of being Black and male in America.

Dr. Alvin F. Poussaint, Dr. Shelby Steele, Dr. John McWhorter, Michael Steele, Juan Williams, Armstrong Williams, Joseph C. Phillips and many others give definitive opinions as they share their intimate feelings on a variety of issues, important to Black men.

"What Black Men Think" challenges many of the negative myths, assumptions and ideas that have been linked to Black Males. For example, "Are there more black males in jail than in college?" or "Are black women contracting HIV at an increasing rate because of down-low brothers?" The film tries to get to the bottom of many of these myths and dispels them. Additional controversial topics discussed include: "Educational Attainment", "Interracial relationships", "Black Male Identity", "Hostile Male Environments", "The symbiosis of Media, Government and Black Leadership", "Black male homosexuality" and a variety of tough topics that the Black Community has parroted continuing the diminishment of Black Men's roles in American Society.

## Jugglers returning to Winston-Salem

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The 60th International Jugglers Association will be held in Winston-Salem July 16-22.

The event will bring more than 1,000 jugglers from all over the world. This is the largest juggling festival on the North American continent. As part of the event, there will be juggling in the streets during the Fourth Street Jazz concert on July 20. There will also be a benefit at Brenner Children's Hospital on Monday, July 16 at 10 a.m.

Several other special activities will take place during the week, including a "Joggling" competition. Joggling is simply juggling while jogging. The current record is 2:58:19 set at the Boston Marathon in 2006. This year's joggling competition will be held on Tuesday, July 17, at 9 a.m.

Also on July 17 (at 9 p.m.), the Jugglers Welcome Show will be held at the Stevens Center fea-



Photo courtesy of V. Kee

### Juggling superstar Viktor Kee.

turing the comedy of the Fettuccini Brothers. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for 10 and under.

The youth showcase is a competition of youth up to 18 years. This year's showcase will

be held Wednesday, July 18 at 7 p.m. at the Benton Convention Center.

The Cascade of Stars will be July 20. It is the four-star spectacular convergence of international performers and juggling

superstars. It will take place at Stevens Center. Featured will be the Peapot Jugglers from Finland. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for 10 and under.

The special guest for this 60th annual festival is Viktor Kee. Kee is universally-recognized as one of the world's most creative and talented jugglers. He has performed long engagements at the Moulin Rouge and the Lido de Paris, and has recently enjoyed an eight-year run at the Cirque du Soleil.

The International Jugglers Association was formed in Pittsburgh in 1947 by 11 men who met to keep the juggling arts alive after Vaudeville's golden age had past. These were the founding fathers of the association. Today, the organization publishes JUGGLE Magazine, produces juggling DVDs, and hosts a spectacular annual week-long festival attracting jugglers globally.

## SOMETHING TO 'TALK' ABOUT



Photo by Steven Williams

"Talk to Me," a movie about the controversial Ralph "Petey" Greene, an ex-con who became a popular talk show host and community activist in the 1960s, will hit theaters on Aug. 3. The stars and director of the film recently attended a screening of the movie at the Los Angeles Film Festival. Pictured are Chiwetel Ejifor, from left, Elle Down, Vondie Curtis Hall, director Kasi Lemmons, Don Cheadle, Taraji P. Henson and Cedric the Entertainer.

## Williams among faces on "General Hospital" spin-off

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**BURBANK, CA** - SOAPnet revealed last week the new faces that will join the all-star, ensemble cast of its one-hour original scripted drama "General Hospital: Night Shift," a 13-episode series that goes beyond what is seen in daytime to reveal the lives and loves of



Billy Dee Williams

"General Hospital's" favorite characters during the hospital's night shift. The series, which will premiere on Thursday, July 12 at 11 p.m., will also reveal new faces and complications in Port Charles.

Joining the cast as student nurses are: Amanda Baker ("Jolene Crowell"), Angel Wainwright ("Regina Thompson") and Nazanin Boniadi ("Leyla Mir"). New doctors include Dominic Rains as cardiologist "Dr. Leo Julian" and Ron Melendez as anesthesiologist "Dr. Andy Archer". Graham Shiels ("Cody Paul") stars as an Iraq War veteran looking to constantly numb out his memories and Alla Korot ("Stacy Sloan") as an HIV + expecting mom.

The new members will join the previously announced cast including Billy Dee Williams ("Toussaint Dubois"), Steve Burton ("Jason Morgan"), Kimberly McCullough ("Robin Scorpio"), Jason Thompson ("Patrick Drake"), Kirsten Storms ("Maxie Jones"), Julie Marie Berman ("Lulu Spencer"), Rebecca Herbst ("Elizabeth Spencer"), Kent King ("Lainey Winters"), Jason Gerhardt ("Coop Barrett"), Josh Duhamel ("Logan Hayes"), Lindze Letherman ("Georgie



Photo provided by Reynolda House

Clare Fader with some of the members of the Vaudevillains.

## U.K. singer and her band coming to town

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Reynolda House Museum of American Art will present Clare Fader and the Vaudevillains with guest pianist, arranger, and conductor Damon Carmona in concert on Friday, July 20 at 8 p.m. in the Museum's Babcock Auditorium. This will be Fader's first public performance in the Triad in three years.

Fader's music blends cabaret, jazz, pop, and world music styles and evokes the atmosphere of sultry Parisian cafes, uber-sophisticated Berlin cabarets, and the glory days

of Tin Pan Alley. Her group performs nationally and has been featured on the BBC's "The World" and on MTV's "The Real World."

Born in England and raised in Ireland, Fader came to the U. S. following a stint in Montreal. Over the past five years she has performed up and down the east coast, including a performance with the Winston-Salem Symphony in February 2004.

For information and to purchase tickets, please call 336-758-5150. Tickets are \$12, \$10 for members and students.