

# ARTS & LIFESTYLE

## OF INTEREST

### DJ Aoki coming to W-S

Grammy-nominated Steve Aoki, an electro/house DJ and producer, is coming to the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds Annex on March 22 at 8 p.m. for his biggest show to date in North Carolina.

The man behind DIM MAK Records, Aoki has been credited with launching the careers of some of the most influential acts of the last decade, including Bloc Party, The Kills, Klaxons and MSTRKRFT. His remix and production work has linked him with artists like Tiësto, Laidback Luke, Kanye West, AfroJack, Linkin Park and Lenny Kravitz and has catapulted him into one of the world's most in-demand artists.



Aoki

Aoki's acrobatic crowd surfing stunts, cake throwing and general dance floor madness have made him renowned as one of the most energetic and entertaining dance artists on the circuit. Tickets are on sale now at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), 800-745-3000 or the Fairgrounds Annex Box Office. The Front Pit is limited to 300 tickets (\$53.50), and the remainder of the general admission area (\$34.50) is limited as well. Any tickets available the day of the show will cost \$5 more per ticket.

Also, on March 22, the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds will host The Color Run at 9 a.m. for the second consecutive year.

### Sports legends at Museum

Tar Heel sports legends will be at N.C. Museum of History in Raleigh on Saturday, March 8 from 10 a.m. to noon.

They include Marques Ogden, former NFL offensive lineman; Ursula Gillespie, one of four licensed African American female drag racers in the United States; Dave Wolak, an award-winning professional bass angler; and Donal Ware, a nationally syndicated sports talk show host who specializes in HBCU coverage.



Ware

These sports legends will take part in a discussion led by Ware, host of the nationally syndicated sports radio talk show "From the Press Box to Press Row."

This free program for ages 12 and up is presented in partnership with Our Youth Matters, a non profit organization designed as an academic and social intervention program in Wake County. Learn about the hard work and commitment it takes to become a sports legend.

After the discussion, join a gallery hunt through the exhibit N.C. Sports Hall of Fame to test your sports knowledge. The exhibit showcases more than 200 items representing 289 Tar Heel sports heroes such as Richard Petty, Meadowlark Lemon, Kay Yow and Mike Krzyzewski.

For information about the Museum of History, call 919-807-7900 or access [www.ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://www.ncmuseumofhistory.org).

### Belle releases novel

Bennett College senior India Wilkins has released her first novel, "Enamored."

The book is loosely based on the lives of two characters from the popular ABC drama "Glee" and was originally a short piece of fan fiction.

"It was supposed to be for fun, but it turned into something that I really wanted to write, so I continued to write it," Wilkins says.

"Enamored" was self-published through Maryland-based PublishAmerica. Wilkins researched ways to get the book published and went with PublishAmerica after hearing about it from a family friend. The company asked for a manuscript and wanted to publish it after reading it.



Wilkins

Audiences have responded well to the book, but not everyone has applauded it. One person told Wilkins that he wouldn't read "Enamored" because of the relationship between the two main characters.

Wilkins says, "I had to explain to him that it wasn't necessarily about being gay; she [the protagonist] was trying to better herself and the person she fell in love with just happened to be a woman, too."

There's more to come. Wilkins, a senior social work major from Washington, D.C., has completed the manuscript for a sequel and is in the process of preparing it to be sent for publishing. In addition, she is writing the third installment of the series.

"Enamored" is available for purchase online through PublishAmerica, Amazon, Barnes & Noble and as an e-book through the Kindle app.

## Major acting honor for Aggie

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Andrew Coleman, a sophomore theatre arts major at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, took top acting honors at the 2014 Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Region IV, which was held Feb. 4-8 at Hollins University in Roanoke, Va.

He won "Best Classical Theatre Performance" and received the Irene Ryan Scholarship acting award.

Coleman competed with more than 200 college actors from across the Southeast. He performed a classical monologue from William Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," portraying the character of Shylock.

The Kennedy Center was founded in 1969 and has grown to a network of 600 academic institutions throughout the country. The college theatre festival reaches 18,000 students across the United States, offering students the opportunity to showcase and receive outside assessments on their work.

The Irene Ryan Foundation awards 19 regional scholarships and two fellowships each year. The scholarships provide recognition, honor and financial assistance to outstanding student performers.



Andrew Coleman

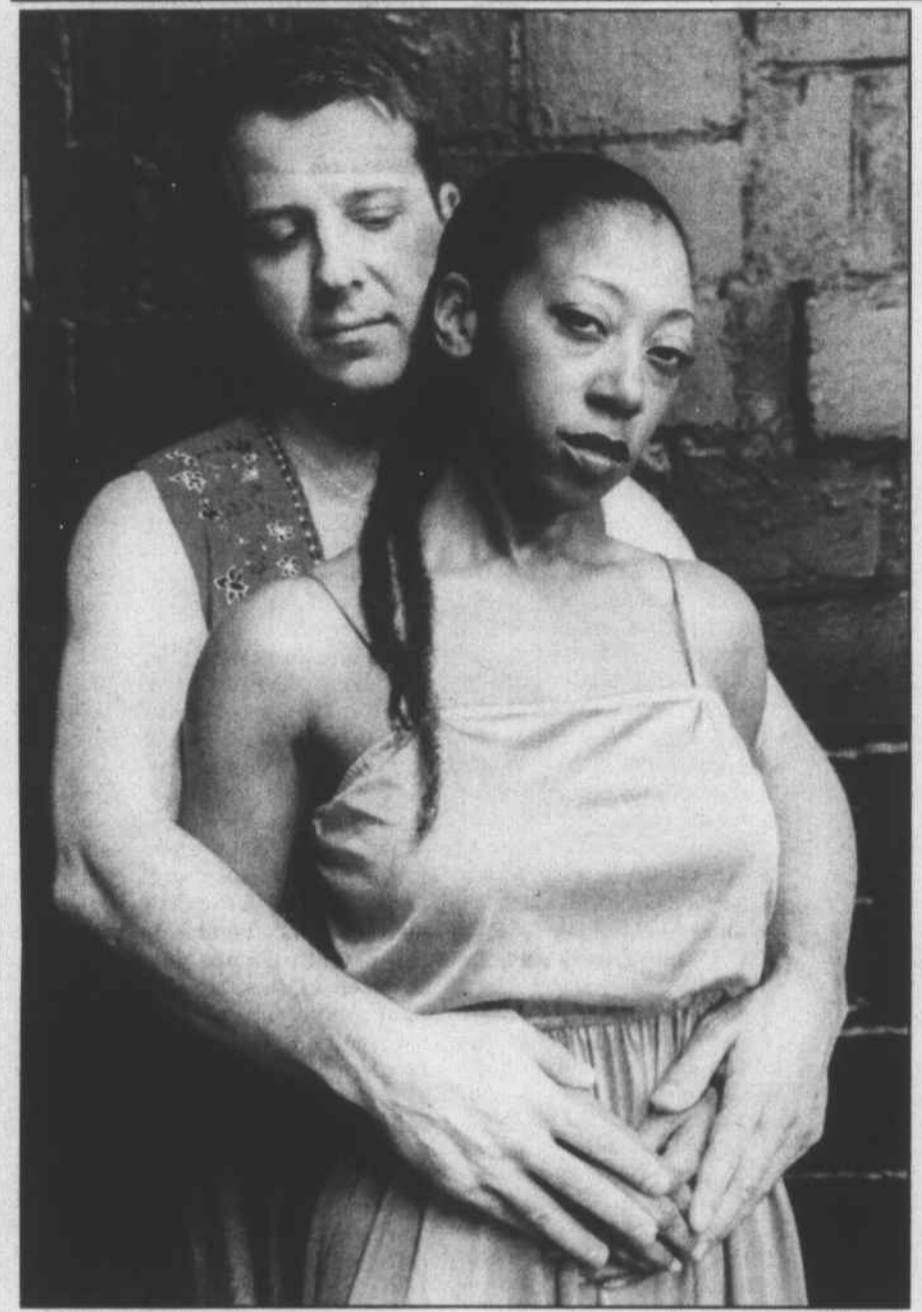


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David Joy and Natasha Gore in "Aida."

## "Aida" opening March 21

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The Theatre Alliance of Winston-Salem, 1047 W. Northwest Boulevard, will present "Aida" later this month.

Elton John and Tim Rice's contemporary musical is a classic tale of the timeless bond between an enslaved Nubian princess and an Egyptian soldier. As forbidden love blossoms between them, the young lovers are forced to face death or part forever. Together, they set a shining example of true devotion that ultimately transcends the vast cultural differences between their warring nations, heralding a time of unprecedented peace and prosperity.

With a pop-rock score that features stirring ballads and rousing choral numbers, "Aida" is a modern crowd pleaser that embraces multi-cultural casting, exuberant dancing, staging and singing.

Natasha Gore plays the title role. David Joy is Ramades, and Abigail van Patter is Amneris. The production is directed by Jamie Lawson and choreographed by Zach Pfrimmer. Tommy Jackson is the musical director.

The show will be staged on Friday, March 21 and Saturday, March 22, Wednesday, March 26, Thursday, March 27, Friday, March 28 and Saturday, March 29 at 8 p.m. Stagings on Sunday, March 23 and Sunday, March 30 will be at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$14 for students/seniors. Tickets for opening night (Friday, March 21) are \$14 for adults and \$12 for students. There is also a \$2 per ticket discount available for groups of 10 or more. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Theatre Alliance Box Office, online at [www.wstheatrealliance.org](http://www.wstheatrealliance.org) or by calling Brown Paper Tickets at 800-838-3006.



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## G'boro teacher wins Joyner cruise contest

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Jessica Collins, seventh grade language arts teacher at Brown Summit Middle School in Greensboro, has been selected as the grand prize winner in "All Aboard for Education," a national contest held by the Tom Joyner Morning Show and Denny's.

Collins and a guest will enjoy the Tom Joyner Foundation's 2014 Fantastic Voyage from March 16 - 23. The newlywed was hand-selected from a pool of more than 1,000 deserving educators, each nominated for the top prize by a parent, or current or former student via a 1,000-character essay describing how the teacher has made and continues to make a difference in the lives of his or her students, both in and outside of the classroom.

Stephanie Teasley, mother of one of Collins' students, wrote and submitted the winning essay.

"Jessica Collins' story is not only uplifting, but incredibly motivational as well," said John Miller, Denny's president and chief executive officer. "She truly represents everything it means to be an inspirational educator, always going that extra mile to ensure that each and every one of her students succeeds. We at Denny's couldn't think of a better way to celebrate all her accomplishments, not to mention her recent nuptials, than by welcoming her aboard the Tom Joyner Foundation's Fantastic Voyage."

As the grand prize winner, Collins will receive a complimentary cabin onboard the eight-day, seven-night cruise, roundtrip airfare to and from Miami, one-night hotel accommodations and a \$200 gift card. As the winning nominator, Teasley will be awarded an e-tablet, free Denny's Grand Slam breakfasts for a year and will be featured alongside Collins in a future Black Equal Opportunity Employment Journal spread.

"Jessica Collins is truly a role model," stated Joyner, chairman of the Tom Joyner Foundation and host of the nationally syndicated Tom Joyner Morning Show of Collins, who is the head of her school's Improv Club and an all-around advocate for reading and literature. "I'm proud Jessica is the winner of the 'All Aboard for Education' contest."

The annual cruise sets sail from Miami on Sunday, March 16, making stops in Nassau, Bahamas; St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands; and Grand Turk Island. Dozens of celebrity guests and performers are slated to entertain to guests on the cruise, including Nelly, Katt Williams,

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## Local artists bringing arts movement to town

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

One City, One Prompt (OCOP) movement is coming the Triad.

Billed as a dynamic series of writing, performance, activist and community-building events, OCOP is a global effort, bringing people together to gather to write, tell stories, perform or discuss a common theme.

Poet Jacinta V. White's The Word Project, the NC Writers Network, Press 53, Women Writers of the Triad and other writers and writers' groups will sponsor a series of OCOP events through April 30 centered around this year's OCOP theme - "Begin Again." Many of the programs are free and



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Jacinta V. White is a well-known area poet and writer.

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