

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## February 12

Kimberley LaMarque's "Tribute to Rosa Parks," Plowden Auditorium, Winthrop University, 8 p.m. Tickets \$5 and \$7.

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"Art with Heart" Byron's South End at the Design Center of the Carolinas, 101 W. Worthington Ave. Tickets \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door. Proceeds benefit United Family Services domestic violence programs.

## February 13

Afro-American Cultural Center will present "COTO: Chocolate on the Outside" through Feb. 14, 8 p.m. Admission is \$7 for members and \$10 for non-members.

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"Annie" 8 p.m., Pease Auditorium, Central Piedmont Community College. Sponsored by CPCC Theatre. Tickets are \$12 and con-

and 22 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets on sale at CPCC box office from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday or calling (704) 330-6534.

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**Kid Rock and Twisted Tucker Band**, 8 p.m., Cricket Arena. Tickets \$35.

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"Charlotte Squawks with LUV", Blumenthal Performing Arts Center. Fundraiser for WTVI pokes good-natured fun at Charlotte events and people. Individual tickets are \$25 per person and Valentine's Day patron tickets are \$100 with cocktails, and dinner with the cast. For information, call (704) 372-1000 or log on to [www.wtvi.org](http://www.wtvi.org) or [www.performingartsctr.org](http://www.performingartsctr.org).

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Oral historian and storyteller **Ramona Moore Big Eagle** will be featured at Central Piedmont Community College, Bryant Recital Hall, 1220 Elizabeth Ave. Free.

## February 18

Carolinas Concert Association will present the national Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m., Belk Theatre, N.C. Blumenthal Performing Arts Center.

## February 20

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" Piedmont Players Theatre, 213 South Main St., Salisbury. Tickets are \$6 for general admission. For information, call (704) 633-5471.

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**Mothers day breakfast**, 7 p.m., Cochrane Middle School media center. Guest speaker will be Cheryl Atkinson, assistant regional superintendent, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

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**Djoliba Don**, an African drumming and dancing company, Children's Theatre of Charlotte. Also performs Feb. 21.

## February 21

**Charlotte Section of National Council of Negro Women Brotherhood/Sisterhood Banquet**, 7 p.m., United House of Prayer for All People, 2321 Beatties Ford Road. Donation is \$25 per person. Guest speaker is Dr. Manderline Scales, state convener, NCNW/N.C. For information, call Mattie Caldwell at (704) 376-9955.

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"The Road to Manhood" workshop, 9 a.m.-4:40 p.m., J.T. Williams Middle School, 2400 Carmine St. Registration is \$40 for one adult and one youth. For information, call (704) 535-3248 or log on to [www.walkingthetalk.net](http://www.walkingthetalk.net).

## February 22

**A Sign of The Times** big band plays "A Song For My Fathers" at North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center Spirit Square McGlohon Theatre. Performance begins at 4 p.m. Admission is \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door.

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**Carolina Culture Foundation** presents "Lift Every Voice," exploration and readings of novelists Zora neale Hurston and James Weldon Johnson, 8 p.m., Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Ave. Entertainment provided by Betty Pride & The BP Ride and Nappy Brown. Admission is \$10.

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Therapeutic Recreation Division of Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation is chartering a bus for teens to Atlanta. The cultural enrichment trip is for teens 13-16 years old and includes site visits to Spelman College, Morehouse College and Martin Luther King Center. The cost is \$40. Bus will depart from K-Mart shopping center, 2701 Freedom Drive at 6 a.m. and returns at 11 p.m. To register or for information, call Dianna Monroe at (704) 336-8830 or Marilyn Rainey at (704) 336-5953.

## February 24

**Kelly Clarkson and Clay Aiken** at Charlotte Coliseum. Tickets are \$35 and \$45 and available at the Coliseum and Cricket Arena box offices; charge by phone at (704) 522-6500; Ticketmaster outlets and ticketmaster.com.

## February 27

Rudy Currence and Dezeray's Hammer, Peabody Field, Winthrop University. Free admission. Currence performs at 8 p.m.; Dezeray's Hammer at 9:30

## February 28

LTD Promotions and E.E. Waddell Community Center present Winterfest Comedy Jam, Stanly Senior Center, 283, North Third

St., Albemarle. BET comedians Minister P; Reggie Byrdman and David Martin scheduled to perform. Show starts at 9 p.m.

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"Beauty Shop: Under New Management," Blumenthal Performing Arts Center's Belk Theatre. Tickets are priced from \$20.50 to \$32.50 and available at the Performing Arts Center box office, by calling (704) 372-1000 or logging on to [www.blumenthalcenter.org](http://www.blumenthalcenter.org). Tickets are also available through Ticketmaster outlets or logging on to [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

## March 4

North Carolina Dance Theatre will present three masterworks by George Balanchine, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Stars & Stripes" and "Agon." Performances through March 6. Performances are 7:30 p.m. on

ets are \$10-\$55 and senior and group discounts are available. Tickets are available at the Performing Arts Center box office from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. or calling (704) 372-1000.

## March 5

"Madeline" at Spirit Square through March 14. Reserved seating tickets \$15; general admission \$10. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

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**Whitney M. Young Jr. award dinner**, sponsored by Urban League of Central Carolinas. Tickets are \$125 for Urban League members; \$150 for non-members. For tickets or information, call Robin Brown at (704) 373-2256 or log on to [www.urbanleaguecc.org](http://www.urbanleaguecc.org)

## March 9

"The Full Monty," Belk Theatre. Shows through March 14. Showtimes are 8 p.m.

March 9-11; 8:15 p.m. March 13 and 7:30 p.m. March 14. Tickets are \$23-\$67 and on sale at the Performing Arts Center box office or logging on to [www.blumenthalcenter.org](http://www.blumenthalcenter.org) or calling (704) 372-1000.

## March 20

Charlotte Chapter of S.C. State University National Alumni Association will host Scholarship Gala 2004, 7 p.m. at Charlotte Hilton & Towers Hotel, Carolina Ballroom. Honorees include Winthrop University Associate Vice President Wilhelmina Rembert, Bank of America African American marketing executive Angela Crawford and Blessed Assurance Adult Day Care Executive Director Nathaniel Huggins. Funds from the gala will support scholarships for Charlotte-area students who attend SCSU.

## March 27

University. Nigerian poet recently appeared on Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry. Admission \$5 with Winthrop ID; \$7 general public.

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**BowlForKids' Sake**, 12-5 p.m., Northcross Lanes at the Lake, I-77 at exit 25, Huntersville. Sponsored by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Charlotte to raise funds and build awareness for mentoring relationships. To form a team or become a sponsor, call Delta Sanders at (704) 829-6624.

## March 31

Yanni, Charlotte Coliseum, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$55 and \$35 and on sale now.

## April 2

"Hansel & Gretel" through April 25 at Children's Theatre. Tickets \$12 for center seats; \$10 on side. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

## WE'RE HEALING



PHOTO/WADE NASH

Regina Spencer and Dr. Benedict Okwara were all smiles at the open house for First Care Medical Center on Nations Ford Road last week.

## WORDS OF WISDOM, HISTORY



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Ebony magazine Executive Editor Lerone Bennett was the guest speaker at Livingstone College's Founder's Day.



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Barbara Moore, international grand basileus of Zeta Phi Beta sorority makes a point during the Zeta's 84th Founders Day luncheon at Livingstone College in Salisbury. Livingstone President and Zeta soror Aleania Freeman hosted the event with support from surrounding graduate and undergraduate chapters.

## NOTES

Central United Methodist Church will sponsor "Adventures in Learning" for seniors from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Registration is \$18; \$5 lunch or bring your own. Subjects include Tai-Chi, learning Spanish, do it yourself home repair. For information, call (704) 338-1511.

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Charlotte-Mecklenburg Black Political Caucus will meet Feb. 15 at Memorial Presbyterian Church, 2600 Beatties Ford Road at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be attorney James E. Ferguson II. For information, call Johnnie Collins at (704) 393-1200 or Franklin McCain at (704) 598-7737.

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**Life As Art Productions**, is holding auditions for "Reservations," a play written by April Turner, Feb. 8-10. Interested actors must call (818) 625-2005 for an appointment. "Reservations" examines the histories of Native American and African American peoples. Rehearsals begin April 15 and the play premieres at the Afro American Cultural Center March 5-6.

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**Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County** meet second Wednesday at 2821 South Blvd. Meetings with refreshments served at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. Open to all registered Democrats.

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**BareBones Theatre Group's** playwriting workshop, PLAYMAKERS, is seeking serious playwrights to participate in monthly writing workshops at the South End Performing Arts Center. Interested playwrights should have several completed scripts or several scripts in development to bring into the workshop. Contact BBTG PlayMakers at (704) 332-5300 for more details.

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Afro-American Cultural Center CultureCamp, first Saturday of the month. Cultures that will be explored include Native American, Vietnamese, Hispanic and African traditions. CultureCamp will run in conjunction with AACC's Heritage Saturday Tour program, which travels to cultural sites across the Southeast. General admission \$3, first 10 children free. For information, call (704) 374-1565.

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Mill Community seminar series Feb. 12, 19 and March 4 at 1 p.m. at Levine Museum of the New South. Writers, artists and photographers explore culture and history of Piedmont textile communities. Free with museum admission of \$6 for adults; \$5 for seniors and children.

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Black Heritage Tour and Pilgrimage sponsored by Queen City Tours and Levine Museum of the New South. Saturdays in February at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Three-hour tours of historical sites around Charlotte. Tickets are \$30 for adults 13-54; \$28 for seniors and \$26 for children 5-12. Discounts of \$5 if purchased by Jan. 31. For reservations, call (704) 566-0104 or log on to [www.queencitytours.com](http://www.queencitytours.com).

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High school computer competition and computer training program Feb. 21, 10 a.m., 11312 Gold Pan Road. Program provides environment for students to compete on an academic level.

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Joe Walters, selected works from "High Tide" through March 26 at Joie Lassiter Gallery, 525 North Tryon St., ground floor gallery.

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Arts & Science Council Public Art Program invites members of the community to meet artists selected to meet artists selected to create art for the uptown arena, Feb. 17, 7 p.m. and Feb. 18 at 5:30 p.m., Levine Museum of the new South. For information, call (704) 372-9667.

## EXHIBITS

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"Spirit of Freedom," and "Cultural Collection: the Art of Collecting," Afro-American Cultural Center from 6-9 p.m. Roundtable Fellows exhibition runs through Feb. 29 and represents African American, Native American and Latin American cultures and artistries.

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"Through the Lens: Women's Perspective" at Mint Museum of Art, 2739 Randolph Road. Coffee at 10 a.m. followed by lecture at 10:30 a.m. Three women photographers - JoAnn Sieburg-Baker, Diane Davis and Carolyn DeMeritt - will discuss their work, challenges and aspirations. For information, call Priscilla Dabney at (704) 366-9808.

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"Seeking the Center: Paintings, Prints and Constructions of Zanne Hochberg," Feb. 9-March 26, Patrick and Rutledge Galleries, Winthrop University. Opening reception Feb. 6 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Curator Andrew Svedlow lecture Feb. 15 at 3 p.m., Rutledge 119.