

HAPPENINGS

November

24 Carolinas Carrousel Parade, 1 p.m.

Parade route begins at North Tryon Street and ends at Second and McDowell. Grand marshal is recently retired UNC Charlotte Chancellor James Woodard, who will preside over 10 marching bands and 24 floats. Santa Claus will make an appearance as well.

25 Charlotte Krunk vs. Mississippi, ABA basketball, 7 p.m., Independence Arena. Tickets \$9-\$25. For information, call Ticketmaster at (704) 522-6500 or log on to ticketmaster.com.

27 "Christmas Fantasy," Belk Theatre, 8 p.m. More than 400 entertainers including Eddie Mabry Dancers, Charlotte City Ballet, Philharmonic Singers and Community Chorus. For tickets, call Belk Theatre at (704) 372-1000, Charlotte Philharmonic at (704) 846-2788 or log on to www.charlottephilharmonic.org.

30 Disney on Ice's Princess Classics, Charlotte Bobcats Arena, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$50 on front row, \$35 for VIC, \$21, \$16 and \$12. Tickets available at www.charlottebobcatsarena.com, calling (800) 495-2295 or at Blumenthal Performing Arts Center ticket outlet, shows through Dec. 4.

December

1 Jazzy Holiday Luncheon, Westin Hotel.

Luncheon opens with an 11:30 a.m. reception and the program will run from 12-1:30 p.m. Afro-American Cultural Center fund raiser features music, visual arts and spoken word. Proceeds support programs, services, events and initiatives of the AACC. Tickets are \$55 each. For information, call (704) 374-1565, extension 32 or 23 or log on to www.aacc-charlotte.org

2 "A Christmas Story" McColl Family Theatre, ImaginOn, 300 E. 7th St., 7:30 p.m. Performances through Dec. 19. For tickets and showtimes, call the box office at (704) 973-2828 weekdays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. or log on to www.ctcharlotte.org.

3 Charlotte Youth Ballet "Nutcracker," 2:30 p.m., Owens Auditorium, 2700 E. Independence Blvd. Tickets \$11-\$21. For information, call (704) 522-6500 or log on to www.ticketmaster.com.

5 Supper With Santa, 5:30 p.m., ImaginOn, 300 E. 7th St. Family event sponsored by Encore volunteers. Supper begins with magic show performed in the theatre for parents and children. Elves will escort children to dine with Santa at supper provided by Bistro 100 and Spratt's. Tickets are \$15 for children and \$5 for adults. Reservations are taken by mail only. Call (704) 973-2806 for reservation form.

6 Children's Theatre of Charlotte will hold auditions for "Charlotte's Web," 6-9:30 p.m., ImaginOn. Roles are for two adult male actors. Auditions will consist of a cold reading from the script. Second round will be held Dec. 7. Adult roles pay \$400 per week and rehearsals begin Dec. 26 and take place Sundays-Fridays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Performances Jan. 19-Feb. 5. For information, call (704) 973-2800.

7 "The Littlest Angel," Wachovia Playhouse, ImaginOn 300 E. 7th St., 7:30 p.m. Performances through Dec. 23. For tickets and showtimes, call the box office at (704) 973-2828 weekdays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. or log on to www.ctcharlotte.org.

10 Singing Christmas Tree, Owens Auditorium. Through Dec. 11. Tickets are \$7.50-\$25. For information, call (704) 522-6500 or log on to www.ticketmaster.com.

Queen City Clash professional wrestling, 7:30 p.m., Cricket Arena. Tickets \$12-\$25.

15 Radio City Christmas Spectacular, Owens Auditorium through Jan. 1. Tickets \$25-\$67. For information, call (704) 522-6500 or log on to www.ticketmaster.com.

January

9 "Oh Freedom: Music of the Civil Rights Era - Symphony 101 Talk 5," 9 a.m., Matthews Public Library, Matthews Town Center, 230

SANTA'S BAG



PHOTO/CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Santa's Bag: Now in its 33rd season, Santa's Bag is a unique shopping experience for children ages 3-12. Open Nov. 29 - Dec. 3 at ImaginOn.

Matthews Station St. Also at 12:15 p.m., Main Library, 310 N. Tryon St. Free, informal talks will explore the music of the church, protesters and pop culture and how they worked to propel the civil rights movement. Singer Dawn Anthony will be the guest artist.

12 Aerosmith with special guest Lenny

Kravitz, Charlotte Bobcats Arena, 7:30 p.m. Tickets available online at charlottebobcatsarena.com, cellardoor.com, calling (800) 495-2295.

13 Park Martinia with the Charlotte Symphony, - Pops 4, 8 p.m., Belk Theatre, 130 N. Tryon St. Albert-George Schram conducting. Admission is \$19-\$59. Call (704) 972-2000 or log on to www.charlottesymphony.org. Park Martinia has played with Sergio Mendes and Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl, Cannes

Film Festival and Al Green.

14 The Listener-Lollipop 3, 11 a.m., Belk Theatre, 130 N. Tryon St. Pre-concert festival at 10 a.m. in theater lobby. Allan Yamamoto conducting with Magic Circle Mime Company. Admission \$8-\$20. Lollipop concerts help young listeners make friends with great music and the orchestra.

Pride Awards, Westin Hotel. Black-tie gala titled "Men Moving Mountains" will honor C. Ray Kennedy (American Products Distributors); Mecklenburg County Manager Harry Jones; Michael DeVaul (University City YMCA); Emmanuel Ohonme (Samaritan's Fee) and Lewis Young Jr. of Philip O. Berry Academy. Individual tickets \$165. For information, call (704) 375-9553 or log on to www.prideawards.net.

'A CHRISTMAS STORY' AT IMAGINON



Ralphie Parker (Will Davis), Mother (Laurie Riffe) and The Old Man (Steven Ivey) react to the Old Man's "major award" in Children's Theatre of Charlotte's stage production of the holiday movie favorite "A Christmas Story," Dec. 2-18 at ImaginOn's McColl Family Theatre.

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RIVALRY GROOVE



PHOTO/WADE NASH

N.C. A&T State University dancers get their groove on during halftime of the Rivalry Classic Saturday at Memorial Stadium. A&T's Aggies lost to S.C. State University 43-27, but the A&T band made sure Aggies supporters had a good time.

LANDDESIGN PARTY



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About 150 LandDesign clients, friends and associates attended a unique party at the firm's center city Charlotte offices to admire an exhibit of photos of urban landscape projects in which the firm takes particular pride. Brad Davis, a partner in LandDesign Charlotte office, shares a laugh with Linda Bailey and Gerald Johnson, publisher of The Charlotte Post.

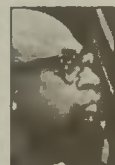
Notes

Red Hot Turkey Trot, 6 p.m., Nov. 22, Wachovia Atrium. Meet local professionals while enjoying an after-hours party and fund raiser for the American Red Cross. Entertainment by Liquid Pleasure and food provided by Moe's Southwest Grill, Mama Fu's, City Tavern. Tickets are \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door.

Charlotte Writer's Club meeting, Dec. 3, Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Ave. Meeting from 12-3 p.m. Open house and club book fair. Guest speaker Mark deCastrique, author of several mystery novels, who will read and discuss his books, including the teen thriller "A Conspiracy of Genes."

Charlotte radio legend **Chattie Hatty Leeper** will discuss and sign copies of her autobiography, "Chattie Hatty - The First Black Female DJ, the legend, Radio WGIV, Charlotte, N.C., Dec. 7 from 7-8 p.m. at West Boulevard Library, 2157 West Blvd. For information, call Sandy Seawright at (704) 336-6803.

Kwanzaa creator **Maulana Karenga** Ph.D. will lead the celebration at Winthrop University Nov. 29. The event will start at 6 p.m. with a reception in McBryde Hall. Karenga will speak to participants at 7 p.m. in Tillman Auditorium, followed by a book signing in the lobby outside the auditorium. For information, call Chad Kee, program director of the Office of Multicultural Life at (803) 323-4524 or e-mail keec@winthrop.edu.



Karenga

"Santa's Bag," 9:30 a.m., Nov. 29, ImaginOn. Shopping experience for children 3-12. Gifts handcrafted by Encore volunteers are priced from 50 cents to \$5. Admission is free.

Dell Curry Bojangles High School Hoops Tournament Dec. 29-31 at Belk Activities Center, Charlotte Latin School. Twenty-four teams will compete in three divisions: national boys, national girls and local boys. For information, call Jeffrey Hood at (704) 332-KIDS.

Exhibits

"Ancient Egyptian Art for the Afterlife," Mint Museum through Dec. 4. Exhibit is a selection of 90 ancient artifacts from a local private collection. Exhibit covers the Pre-Dynastic Period (4000-3000 BC) Old Kingdom (3000-2100 BC), New Kingdom (1350-1000 BC) and Ptolemaic Period (200-30 BC). Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students, \$3 for children 6-17.

Vintage Vernon, Local Accents Gallery, Museum of York County through Jan. 1. Featuring 15 illustrations and memorabilia of Vernon Grant. The museum is located at 4621 Mt. Gallant Road, Rock Hill. For information, call (803) 329-2121.

"Art from an Unknown Island: Andros, Bahamas," through Nov. 30, Avaunt Virtu Gallery, the Art House on Cullman Avenue. Featuring handcrafted works by Bahamian artists Henry Wallace, Omelia Marshall and William Colebrooke. For information, call (704) 222-3260.

"Renaissance to Rocco: Masterpieces from the collection of the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art," Mint Museum of Art, 2730 Randolph Road. Exhibit through Jan. 15. Hours are Tuesday 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 12-5 p.m. Admission is free Tuesdays from 5-10 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students, \$3 for students age 6-17.

Don Reitz: Clay, Fire, Salt and Wood through Dec. 31 at the Mint Museum of Craft + Design, 220 N. Tryon St. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 12-5 p.m.; free Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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"Joe Walters: Selected Works" Dec. 2-Jan. 5, Joie Lassiter Gallery, 1440 South Tryon St., Suite 104. Exhibit includes a combination of sculptures and works on paper. For information, call Kate Baillon-Case at (704) 373-1463.

Award-winning poet and non-fiction writer **Maureen Ryan Griffin**, Charlotte Art League guest speaker Jan. 17, 7 p.m. Griffin will share seven approaches to tapping into your own creative genius. The art league is at 1517 Camden Road.



Griffin

Concerts, art exhibits and community-oriented events can be submitted to *The Charlotte Post*, P.O. Box 30144 Charlotte, NC 28230. You can fax (704) 342-2160, log on at www.thecharlottepost.com or e-mail editorial@thecharlottepost.com.