

HAPPENINGS

January

6 USHRA Monster Jam, Charlotte Bobcats Arena, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$17 in advance \$19 day of show; children \$5 in advance and day of show. Second performance Jan. 7 at 8 p.m. Tickets available online at www.charlottebobcatsarena.com or calling (800) 495-2295.

8 Vienna Choir Boys, 7 p.m., Belk Theatre, Blumenthal Performing Arts Center. Tickets start at \$20 and can be purchased by calling (704) 972-2000, visiting the Charlotte Symphony website www.charlottesymphony.org or the CSO ticket office at 201 S. College St.

Auditions for "To Kill A Mockingbird" at Theatre Charlotte, 501 Queens Road. Roles available for nine men and five women in their 20s to 60; one girl 8-12 years old and two boys 10-14. African Americans are encouraged to audition. Readings will be from the script and resumes and headshots are encouraged, but not required. Auditions begin at 7 p.m., with another round Jan. 9. For information, call (704) 376-3777 or log on to www.theatrecharlotte.org.

8 "Oh Freedom: Music of the Civil Rights Era - Symphony 101" Talk 5, 9 a.m., Matthews Public Library, Matthews Town Center, 230 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, 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-Lollipops, 11 a.m., Belk Theater, 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. Lollipops concerts help young listeners make friends with great music and the orchestra.

Comedian **Larry The Cable Guy**, 7:30 p.m., Charlotte Bobcats Arena. Part of the "Right to Bear Arms" tour. Tickets are \$40.75.

16 Martin Luther King Memorial Concert "Daybreak of Freedom", 7 p.m., Belk Theatre of Blumenthal Performing Arts Center. Conducted by Harry Davidson, music director and conductor of the Duke Symphony Orchestra and Tony McNeill, director of the Charlotte Community Choir. Tickets are \$5-\$30 and can be purchased by calling (704) 972-1000, logging on to www.charlottesymphonyorchestra.org or the CSO ticket office at 201 S. College St.

18 Allison Krauss & Union Station with Jerry Douglas, Owens Auditorium. Tickets are \$9.50 and \$45.50.

19 Jovi, Charlotte Bobcats Arena, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$49.50 and \$89.50.

20 Bookoo Arenacross, Cricket Arena. Tickets are \$5-\$22. Continues through Jan. 22.

February

3 "Little Women: The Broadway Musical", Belk Theatre through Jan. 8. Tickets are \$20-\$56 and on sale at the Performing Arts Center box office at (704) 372-1000 or www.blumenthalcenter.org. Discounts available for groups by calling (704) 379-1380.

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12 Charlotte Post Features Editor Cheris Hodges will sign copies of her new novel "Second

Chance at Love," 5 p.m., Real Eyes Bookstore, 3306 N. Davidson St.

16 Keith Urban with special guest Pat Green, 7:30 p.m., Charlotte Bobcats Arena. Tickets \$42 and \$29.50. Continues through Jan. 22.

17 "Off the Wall & Onto the Stage: Danc-ing the Art of Jonathan Green", 8 p.m., Blumenthal Performing Arts Center Belk Theatre. Ballet presented by the Afro-American Cultural Center as part of its annual Heritage Signature event. Tickets are \$25 to \$55 and available by calling (704) 372-1000 or at www.aacc-charlotte.org.

20 Cop-A-Squat Coffee House will hold auditions for dinner theatre performance of selections

from "Cats," 7 p.m., Cop-A-Squat Coffeehouse, 107 South Main St. Lancaster, S.C. Have music selection ready and be prepared for light movement. Second round of auditions Jan. 21.

23 WWE Monday Night Raw, 7:45 p.m., Charlotte Bobcats Arena.

26 "LaTraviata", Belk Theater at North Carolina Performing Arts Center through Jan. 29. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Jan. 26; 8 p.m. Jan. 27-28 and 2 p.m. Jan. 29. All performances have projected English titles, Opera Carolina Chorus, The Moving Poets Theatre of Dance and The Charlotte Symphony. Tickets are \$15-\$92 and available at www.operacarolina.org or (704) 372-1000.

BACK THE PACK



CURTIS WILSON

N.C. State University cheerleader Amanda Ladd of Charlotte adds a spark of sideline spirit for the Wolfpack during the Meineke Car Care Bowl at Bank of America Stadium. N.C. State defeated South Florida 14-0.

BOBCATS DESTINY



PHOTO/CURTIS WILSON

Former Destiny's Child Michelle Williams performed at the Charlotte Bobcats-Phoenix Suns basketball game Friday in Charlotte.

Notes

Charlotte Alumni Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity will celebrate its 92nd anniversary Jan. 7 at Hyatt Charlotte-SouthPark at 6 p.m. The fraternity will recognize Debbie Antshel of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Schools Foundation, county commissioner Wilhelmina Rembert and Anthony James, founder of the Charlotte Flights track club for their community contributions. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased from any chapter member. For more information, call Mark Vaughns at (980) 621-6627.

Pride Awards, Jan. 14, 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.

Martin Luther King youth basketball celebration, Jan. 16, Ray's Splash Planet gymnasium, 215 N. Sycamore St. Double elimination tournament for teams 12 years-under, 14-under and 16-under boys and girls. Cost is \$150 per team, which includes admission to the indoor water park. Deadline for entry is Jan. 2. For information, call Ramona Staton at (704) 432-4296 or Mario Torrence at (704) 336-7995.

Exhibits

"Renaissance to Rococo: Masterpieces from the collection of the Wadsworth Antheum 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.

"Faces & Stories: A Portrait of Southern Writers," through Jan. 5, Charlotte Museum of History, 3500 Shamrock Drive. Photographic exhibit features 60 portraits by Curt Richter.

"Joe Walters: Selected Works" through-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.

"Purses, Platforms & Power," Levine Museum of the New South, 200 E. Seventh St. through Jan. 16. On Jan. 14, the museum will offer activities around the exhibit and special admission price for women of \$1 off. Guided tours at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., at 2 p.m., there'll be a rap session with National Organization of Women and Women's Political Caucus members.

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 to www.thecharlottepost.com or e-mail editorial@thecharlottepost.com.



BLUMENTHAL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The Vienna Choir Boys will perform Jan 8 at Belk Theatre at the N.C. Blumenthal Performing Arts Center. Tickets start at \$20.