

EclecticFest mixes art, shopping

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That's when he garnered the support of the NoDa neighborhood association. For Saturday's festival, NoDa's St. Patrick Day celebration is going to be a part of the event.

The event also does something that isn't common in NoDa - brings African Americans to the area.

Most of the artists at EclecticFest are black, but crowds are just African Americans because regular NoDa visitors also support the event.

"I wanted to mix it up a little bit," Vincent said, stating

that when he set out to open his store, he found that many blacks in Charlotte either didn't know about NoDa or didn't care to go there.

But with entertainment, art and free gifts given throughout the day, Vincent makes sure EclecticFest offers something for everyone.

For families, there's a kid's corner with face painting and story telling. Poets can go on stage and spit lyrics and singers serenade the crowd. For shoppers, well, anything and just about everything can be purchased at the festival and in surrounding shops.

The festivities kick off at 10 a.m. and run until 5 p.m. Sat-

urday and every second Saturday of the month behind the Neighborhood Theater at 3306 N. Davidson St.

Ewald exhibit

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head to toe with intense white marks that make the image look like an Edward Munch painting. This exhibit continues at The Mint until May 7.

The Mint Museum of Art is located at 2730 Randolph Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays with free admission from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from Noon to 5 p.m.

For additional information, call the Mint at (704) 337-2000.

Maysa covers

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more interesting. Teddy Pentgrass was certainly better on "Come Go With Me," but Maysa's version gives it a run.

Maysa may have a hard time finding air play since there is no rap. Satellite radio will love this, however.

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Our 14-year old "Student of the Month," Noah Kelly, is an A Honor Roll student at East Mecklenburg High School taking all accelerated classes. Noah's favorite subjects are math and biology. Considering his future goal of becoming a doctor, these are logical classes to concentrate on. Becoming comfortable with the transition from middle to high school, Noah is dedicated to class work and saving extracurricular activities for later.

In his spare time, Noah loves hanging out with friends skateboarding, watching spy thrillers, reading, swimming, video games and cooking. Noah's mom tagged he and his buddies, "Fast Finger Freddie & Friends" as a result of constant text messaging.

Noah is the son of Harold and Sabrina Kelly, and has two younger sisters, Asa, 12, and Laine, 10. The family attends Central Church of God, where Noah sings on the choir.

Noah admits he's a grandparents baby, lifting up his special relationship with great-grandmother Louise Oliver, and grandparents, Robert (Bob) Johnson, and Angela Johnson.

Noah has not decided where he'd like to earn his undergraduate degree, but Cornell, NYU, Wake Forest and Howard Universities are under consideration.

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