

# happenings

September

**21 Alison Brown Quintet, 7:30 p.m.,** McGlohon Theatre. Grammy-winning banjoist shows off her range from acoustic to its bluegrass roots. Tickets are \$21-\$28. For information, call (704) 372-1000 or visit [www.blumenthalcenter.org](http://www.blumenthalcenter.org) or [www.carolinatix.org](http://www.carolinatix.org).

**22 Blues Brews & BBQ, Historic South End.** National competition of national and local teams, barbecue demonstrations and national blues acts. Continues through Sept. 23.

**23 Charlotte Post Best, Hilton Charlotte Center City, 222 E. 3rd St.** Celebrating 10 years of The Post's annual scholarship gala. Entertainment by A Sign of the Times Big Band. Honorees are Nicole Beach (Top Senior), Donnarae Wade (Top Senior runner-up) Wachovia (corporation of the year), Big Brothers Big Sisters (community service) and Robert Davis (Luminary Award). Tickets are \$75 and proceeds benefit The Charlotte Post Foundation. For information, call (704) 376-0496 or log on to [www.thecharlottepost.com](http://www.thecharlottepost.com).

**Sheryl Underwood and Doo Doo Brown, 7:30 and 10:30 p.m., Big Chill, 911 E. Morehead St.** Tickets available at [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com) or [www.ajentertainmentinc.com](http://www.ajentertainmentinc.com).

**24 Nancy Wilson, Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.** Sponsored by the Southern Area of The Links. Tickets \$100 and available by calling (704) 372-1000 or online at [www.salinks.org](http://www.salinks.org). Proceeds benefit the HECU Scholarship Endowment Initiative.

**25 "Rodgers & Hart: A Celebration," Halton Theater, Central Piedmont Community College.** A celebration of the writing duo that set the standard for musical comedy Shows at 8 p.m. Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 6 and 7; 2:30 p.m. Oct. 1 and 9. Tickets are \$16, \$14 and \$12 and on sale at the box office window or calling (704) 230-6534.

**"A Filmmaker's Odyssey: Tribute to Steve Crump," 6 p.m., Duke Power Theater, Spirit Square.** Private reception followed by highlight clips from Crump's documentaries and guest commentary at 7 p.m. Tickets \$15 each and available at [www.carolinatix.com](http://www.carolinatix.com) or (704) 333-9755.

**30 Oktoberfest Beer Festival, 1-7 p.m., Memorial Stadium.** Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$35 at the gate. Designated drivers admitted for \$10 and children free with paying adult. Proceeds benefit the Mid-Atlantic chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Tickets available at [www.charlotteoktoberfest.com](http://www.charlotteoktoberfest.com).

## October

**Latin American Festival, Mint Museum of Art, 2730 Randolph Road, 12-7 p.m.** Admission \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 9-12, free for kids 8 and under. Highlights Hispanic and Latin American culture through arts, crafts, food, dance and music. For information, call (704) 531-3848 or [www.festivallatinoamericano.org](http://www.festivallatinoamericano.org).

**Black Political Caucus of Charlotte-Mecklenburg** will host its annual fundraiser/banquet, 6:30 p.m., Sheraton Airport Hotel, 3315 Scott Futrell Drive. The caucus will recognize individuals who make Charlotte a better community to live and work. For information, call Ella Williams at (704) 596-1332 or (704) 231-0294 or Gloria Rember at (704) 948-8089 or (704) 737-6185.

**Bill Cosby, Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.** Tickets are \$25-\$50 at the box office in Founders Hall, by phone at (704) 372-1000 and online at [www.blumenthalcenter.org](http://www.blumenthalcenter.org).

**"Music of the Great Depression,"** Charlotte Museum of History, 3500 Shamrock Drive. Depression-era activities and storytelling for all ages. Free. Reserved seating concert, reservations required.

**One Man Star Wars, McGlohon Theatre at Spirit Square, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.** Charles Ross stars in a one-man performance. Tickets are \$20 and \$25 at the box office in Founders Hall, by calling (704) 372-1000 and online at [www.blumenthalcenter.org](http://www.blumenthalcenter.org).

**San Jose Taiko, McGlohon Theatre at Spirit Square, 7:30 p.m.** Performance inspired by traditional Japanese drumming that expresses the beauty and harmony of the human spirit. Tickets are \$22-\$26 and available at the box office at Founders Hall, by phone at (704) 372-1000 and online at [www.blumenthalcenter.org](http://www.blumenthalcenter.org).

**29 Ebony Fashion Fair, Owens Auditorium, 2700 E. Independence Blvd.** "Stylishly Hot" is sponsored by Delta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta sorority. Tickets are \$25 general admission, \$35 for reserved seating. For information, go to [www.zetasofcharlotte.org](http://www.zetasofcharlotte.org).

## November

**16 "Tango Fire," 8 p.m., Belk Theatre.** A history of Tango featuring quintet of musicians, dancers and singers. Tickets are \$23-\$39 and available at the Founders Hall box office, by phone at (704) 372-1000 or online at [www.blumenthalcenter.org](http://www.blumenthalcenter.org) and [www.carolinatix.org](http://www.carolinatix.org).

## LISTEN

Ethos



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Ethos Percussion Group will perform Oct. 1 at Dana Auditorium, Queens University of Charlotte. The concert will begin at 3 p.m. Ethos will start a preview at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 the day of the concert or call (704) 337-2213.

## WITNESS

"The Eyes of God"



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Charlotte's PI Productions will stage the world premiere of "The Eyes of God" Oct. 6-21 at The Actor's Theatre of Charlotte, 650 E. Stonewall St. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. General admission for all shows is \$18, \$15 for seniors and groups and \$12 for students. Reserve tickets at (704) 367-1345 or [www.piproductions.org](http://www.piproductions.org).

Good to go



## SCHOOL TOOLS HELP



Miss Johnson C. Smith University Aisha Lide (front), sorts supplies for School Tools, part of the homecoming court's community service. Helping Lide are Mr. Senior Class Daryl Jackson, Brittany Wiggins Miss Sophomore Class and Miss Junior Class Brittny Carter.

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## THE BOOK OF BUSINESS SOLUTIONS



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Author/motivational speaker Dennis Kimbro signs a copy of "Think And Grow Rich" for Tensa Moore at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church's Business Solutions tradeshow.

## Notes etc.

**Narnia Lovers Bookclub** will discuss "The Magician's Nephew" Sept. 23, 8 p.m., West Boulevard Public Library. For registration and information, call (704) 336-6802.

**Back to School Festival, Sept. 23, Thomasboro neighborhood.** Vendors and school supplies welcome. Call Vanessa Johnson at (704) 821-1092.

**Wellness fair, ImaginOn Center, Sept. 23, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 300 East Seventh St.** Sponsored by Charlotte Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority. Health assessments, blood pressure screenings, breast self-exam demonstrations are among the activities. Free. For information, call Lauretta Chisholm at (704) 535-5030 or Antoinette Cody at (704) 281-2765 or visit [www.deltasigmamatheta.org](http://www.deltasigmamatheta.org).

**Health fair, Sept. 23, New Zion Baptist Church, 217 West Todd Lane.** Call (704) 399-4181 for information.

**Panel discussion on how civil rights affected white southerners, Sept. 26, 7 p.m., West Boulevard Library, 2157 West Boulevard.** Panelists include former WGIV radio personality **Chatty Hatty Leeper**, WBTV reporter **Steve Crump** and former Creative Loafing editor **John Grooms**. To RSVP, call (704) 336-6802.

**Charlotte Preparatory School open house, Sept. 28, 7 p.m., 212 Boyce Road.** Open house for early, lower and middle school students. Information about the school, its educational philosophy, curriculum and student environment will be available.

**Cultural diversity open house, Sept. 29, 7 p.m., Gorehck Family Theater, Charlotte Country Day School, 1440 Carmel Road.** Prospective students can learn about the school's International Studies program and course selections on global issues, cultures and foreign languages. To RSVP, call (704) 943-4500.

**Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund Awards of Excellence, Oct. 5, Westin Hotel.** Reception at 6 p.m., program and dinner at 7. Honoring attorney Dovey Roundtree, executive Johnny Taylor and Cressie Thigpen, chairman of N.C. Central University board of trustees. Proceeds will go to scholarships for students at N.C.'s five public historically black colleges. For information, call Mary Jones at (201) 227-8427 or e-mail [maryjones@aol.com](mailto:maryjones@aol.com).

**Genealogy research course at Central Piedmont Community College, Thursday through Oct. 12.** Classes will be held at 7 p.m. For information, call (704) 995-0731 or e-mail [preservpro@earthlink.net](mailto:preservpro@earthlink.net).

**Bethlehem Center Charlotte golf classic 12:30 p.m., Oct. 17 at Highland Creek.** Entry fee \$500 per team, \$125 for individuals. For information, call Rochelle Brown at (704) 371-7428 or e-mail [rbrown@bethlehemcenter.org](mailto:rbrown@bethlehemcenter.org). Proceeds go to programs for children and families served by Bethlehem Center.

**Distinguished Partners** hosts an evening of inspiration in honor and support of future leaders Oct. 21, Best Western, 201 South McDowell St. Individual tickets sold at the door. For information: [www.distinguishedpartners.org](http://www.distinguishedpartners.org).

**96.1 The Beat Holla Run 5K race, Oct. 26, 7 p.m.** Race starts at Morehead Street and ends at Carson Boulevard. For race information, log on to [www.runforyourlife.com](http://www.runforyourlife.com).

**Jack Brayboy Homecoming golf tournament, Oct. 27, 8 a.m., The Tradition Golf Club, 3500 Prosperity Church Road.** Sponsored by Johnson C. Smith University 100 Club. Fee \$100, \$400 per foursome and \$75 for seniors. For information, call Francis Pendergrass at (704) 578-8437, Leslie Eggleston at (704) 399-4881 or James Saunders at (704) 451-5434.

## Exhibits

**"Mexico,"** through Oct. 12, Knight Gallery, Middleton/McMillan Gallery, The Light Factory. Black and white prints from photographer Harvey Stein from his visits south of the border.

**"(ID): An exhibit of self-portraiture,"** through Oct. 12, Knight Gallery, The Light Factory. Exhibit designed to reveal the real idea of self, or what happens when the artist turns the camera inward.

**Solo exhibit of works by Gayle Stott Lowry, Center of the Earth Gallery, 23204 North Davidson St.,** through Oct. 27. Gallery crawls on Oct. 6 and Oct. 20.

**Opening reception for "Force of Nature,"** Oct. 11-13 at UNC Charlotte, Davidson College and Winthrop University. Ten artists from Japan will be in residence with each school for six weeks. The exhibition explores the relationship between humans and nature through the minds and hands of contemporary artists. The exhibit (at Davidson's Van Every/Smith Galleries, UNCC's College of Architecture and Winthrop University Galleries) is intended to provoke dialogue and discussion with members of each host community while bringing the work of young artists to people who have few opportunities to view contemporary Japanese art. For information, log on to [www.halsey.cofc.edu/fofn.html](http://www.halsey.cofc.edu/fofn.html).

**Woven Worlds: American Indian Baskets as Works of Art,** through Dec. 31, Mint Museum of Craft + Design, 220 N. Tryon St. Baskets from the Clark Field Collection honors tribal groups from the U.S., Canada and northern Mexico dating from the late 19th to mid-20th century. For information, call (704) 337-2000 or [www.mintmuseum.org](http://www.mintmuseum.org).