

happenings

September

29 "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) 330-6534.

30 "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 or (704) 333-9755. Sponsored by The Light Factory and Reel Soul Cinema.



Crump

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.charlottooktoberfest.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.festivalatnoinamericano.org.

Blues band competition. 2 p.m., Double Door Inn, 218 E. Independence Blvd. Admission \$10, \$5 for Charlotte Blues Society members. Includes a full day of blues and silent auction opportunities. As many as 10 bands will compete for a chance to represent Charlotte in the International Blues Challenge in Memphis in February.

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 Rembert at (704) 948-8089 or (704) 737-6185.



Hodges

Charlotte Post Features Editor **Cheris Hodges** will sign copies of her novel "The Business of Love" at Joseph-Beth Booksellers from 2-4 p.m., 4345 Barclay Downs. For information, call (704) 602-9800.

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 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.

"Two Gentlemen of Verona" and **"September Bears,"** Charlotte Christian School, 7301 Sarris Road. Upper School production begins at 7 p.m.; reserved seating \$10 and tickets available at (704) 366-5657, extension 605. Plays continue through Oct. 14.

One Man Star Wars, McClohon 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.

Billy Jonas in concert, 7 p.m., Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Blvd., Gastonia. High-energy performance for adults and school-age children by national musician and entertainer. For information, call (704) 868-2154, extension 4.

Evening of inspiration in honor and support of future leaders, Best Western hotel, 201 South McDowell St. Admission \$20. Semi-formal gala featuring New York designer Michi with fashion models from area schools. For information: www.distinguishedpartners.org

Blues solo/duo competition, 5 p.m., JBz Beach Club, 2311 West Sugar Creek Road. Admission \$5. Up to eight acts will compete for a chance to represent Charlotte at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis in February.

San Jose Taiko, McClohon 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-\$28 and available at the box office, by phone at (704) 372-1000 and online at www.blumenthalcenter.org.

Ebony Fashion Fair. Ovens 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.salsasofcharlotte.org.

November

"Tango Fire," 8 p.m., Bell Theatre. A history of Tango featuring quintet of musicians, dancers and singers. Tickets are \$23-\$39 and available at the box office, by phone at (704) 372-1000 or online at www.blumenthalcenter.org and www.carolinatix.org.

LISTEN

Ethos



PHOTO: PETER SERLING

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. Stonevall 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.

Good to go

HERE SHE IS



Charlotte native Melissa McDaniel, All American Miss 2005, will crown her successor Oct. 7 in Myrtle Beach, S.C. McDaniel is a graduate of Independence High School and UNC Charlotte.

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Notes etc.

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

Cultural diversity open house, Sept. 29, 7 p.m., Gorelick 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.

Fish fry, Sept. 30, Delta House, 5408 Beatties Ford Road 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sponsored by Iota Rho chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

"Pickin' By the Lake," Sundays in October and November from 8 p.m. to dark at Colonel Francis Beatty Park, 4390 Weddington Road, Matthews. Free acoustic jam sessions. Participation is encouraged. For information, call Lorri Michniak at (704) 814-0678.

Men of the Cloth fashion show, Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m., 500 E. Morehead St. Suite 318. Reception and program features ministers modeling fashions from Nordstrom SouthPark. Donation \$25 to support the Movement of Youth Scholarship Fund.

100 Black Men charity Golf Classic, Oct. 2, Birkdale Golf Club, Huntersville. Four-person captain's choice. Registration fee includes cart, driving range, gifts, breakfast and lunch.

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

Camp Greene Neighborhood Fall Festival, Oct. 7, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 2216 Monument St. Music, food, games, balloons and tours to the historic Dowd House.

1 Wachovia: Walking the Walk to Diversity, Hilton Uptown, Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. Business Attire Sponsored by the African American Network, Women's Initiative and GLBT Initiative.

Genealogy research course at Central Piedmont Community College, Thursday through Oct. 12. Classes at 7 p.m. For information, call (704) 995-0731.

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. Proceeds go to programs for children and families served by Bethlehem Center.

Blues and Jazz Festival, Oct. 14, downtown Salisbury 12-11 p.m. Headliners include Mac Arnold, Joe Robinson Jazz Band, Mack Attack and Davis Tucker Band. Free. For information, call (704) 636-2811 or www.rowanbluesandjazz.com.

October festival, 216 Bradford Drive, Thomasboro Neighborhood Association gets together for food, vendors and music.

Jack Brayboy Homecoming golf tournament, Oct. 27, 8 a.m., The Tradition Golf Club, 3800 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) 399-4681 or James Saunders at (704) 451-5434.

Exhibit

"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, UNC'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.halscy.cofc.edu/fon.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.