

happenings

December

28 Bojangle's High School Shootout. Cricket Arena and Grady Cole Center. Boys and girls basketball teams from Charlotte and national powers tip off for the seventh annual event. Confirmed to play are teams from West Charlotte High School, Victory Christian Center and Charlotte Latin. Games begin at 10 a.m., and continue through Dec. 31. Tickets on sale now.

3 Thomas Moore's 27th annual New Year's Eve Celebration. 3 p.m., Dale F. Halton Theatre, Central Piedmont Community College. New Year's show for children and families. Tickets are \$8 and \$10 and available at Black Forest Books and Toys, 115 Cherokee Road. For information, call (704) 332-4838.

New Year's Eve old school party. Robert L. Bowers Fellowship Hall, 407 Rocky River Road, Mooresville, 10 p.m. Live performance by R&B artist Tony L.E.L.O with DJ Aaron Mills. Tickets \$10 at the door. Call (704) 491-0726 for information.

Final performance of "Shear Madness," 8 p.m., Booth Playhouse, North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$25-\$40 by calling (704) 372-1000 or www.blumenthalcenter.org.

Pajama Jammy Jam, Hart Witzten Gallery 136 36th St. Party starts at 9 p.m. Must be 21. Wear your sexiest or most comfortable pajamas. Old school music, free buffet, bonfire and giveaways. Tickets are \$35 and available at RealEyes Bookstore.

January

AMA Arenacross Series racing. Charlotte Bobcats Arena, 7:30 p.m. Reserved tickets are \$25 (Gold Circle), \$17 (midlevel adults) and \$5 for children 2-12. Jan. 6 tickets are general admission \$17 for adults and \$5 for children; available at arena box office, online at www.charlottebobcatsarena.com or participating Yama dealers. Adult seats \$2 on day of races.

Tosco Music Party acoustic music showcase, 7-11 p.m., Dale F. Halton Theatre, Central Piedmont Community College, 1206 Elizabeth Ave. Tickets \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors; \$6 for children under 15. For information, call the box office at (704) 330-6534.

Arena racing. Cricket Arena Pits open at 6 p.m., green flag drops at 7:07 p.m. Tickets are \$5-\$14.

Screening of the award-winning documentary "Lost Boys of Sudan," 7 p.m., Lerner Hall of Jewish Community Center in Shalom Park, 5007 Providence Road. One of the original Lost Boys will answer questions after the screening. Free. For information, call Mary Jane Burton at (704) 370-3283.

Charlotte Trolley sponsors the No-Hibition Speakeasy Gala, 7-11 p.m., LaVecchia's Seafood Grille, 225 East 6th St. Tickets are \$100, with half tax-deductible. Fundraiser for Charlotte Trolley Inc. RSVP by Jan. 7 to (704) 375-0650.

Legacy Film Festival sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta sorority 7 p.m., McGlohon Theatre at Spirit Square. Award-winning short films by African American women filmmakers include "Clandestine" by Condra Magee and "A Different Light" by K. Marie Walters. Tickets are \$15 for person, \$25 for two and available by calling the Spirit Square box office at (704) 372-1000.

East Coast World Finals Rodeo, Cricket Arena, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10-\$20. Continues Jan. 13.

Harlem Gospel Choir, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., McGlohon Theatre at Spirit Square. Tickets are \$29.50-\$34.50 and on sale at the box office at Founders Hall, online at www.blumenthalcenter.org or by phone at (704) 372-1000.

Delta Legacy Tea, 10 a.m., Heaton Hall Cornwall Center 1900 Selwyn Ave. Soiree is part of Delta Sigma Theta sorority's Founder's Day. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling Angela Vaughan at (704) 301-1191 or Cynthia Smith at (704) 330-6726. Tickets will not be sold at the door and is open to members of the sorority only. Participants should wear red and/or white high fashion attire.

Red Hot Chili Peppers with special guest Gnarls Barkley, 7:30 a.m., Charlotte Bobcats Arena. Tickets on sale at the box office, Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, online at www.livenation.com or by phone at (800) 495-2295.

"Charlotte Squawks: Fourth and Going For It," McGlohon Theatre, Spirit Square. Tickets are \$25-\$35 and on sale at the box office in Founders Hall, by phone at (704) 372-1000 and online at www.blumenthalcenter.org and www.carolintix.org. Performances through Feb. 3.

Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey circus, Cricket Arena. Tickets \$15-\$50. Greatest show on Earth continues through Feb. 11 with animal acts, acrobats and of course, clowns.

February

Big Brothers Big Sisters Chocolate Extravaganza, 6:30 p.m., Lowe's Motor Speedway. For ticket information, call Julia Pacifico at (704) 791-0145.

CRAWLING

"Whitewash"



THE LIGHT FACTORY

Martin Luther King's assassination at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis is one of the photographs featured in "Whitewash" at The Light Factory through Feb. 8. The exhibit uses conceptual photographs by Bradley McCollum and Jacqueline Tarry to render important moments from the civil rights era. For information, call (704) 333-9755

WITNESS

Royal Shakespeare Company



DAVIDSON COLLEGE

Anton Lesser (Leontes) and Kate Fleetwood (Hermione) dance in "The Winter's Tale," one of three productions by the Royal Shakespeare Company at Davidson College in February. The RSC will conduct a residency at Davidson Feb. 3-18 at Stratford's Swan Theatre that will include "Pericles" and the U.S. premiere of Roy Williams' "Days of Significance." Tickets go on sale Jan. 3 by calling (704) 894-2135.

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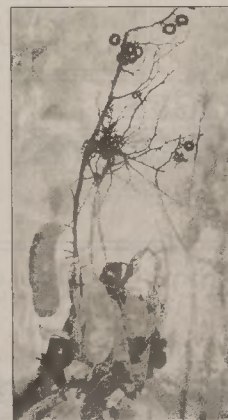
B5



Kid favorite B5 headlines the Noon Year's Eve show from 1-4 p.m. Dec. 31 at Wachovia Plaza, 301 South Tryon St. The free concert includes the music duo Myxx as well as confetti and a countdown for kids. Tryon Street between Second and Third streets will be blocked off.

CRAWLING

Lifescapes



JOIE LASSITER GALLERY

Joie Lassiter Gallery presents "Lifescapes," the premier exhibit of Scott Griffin on Feb. 2. The exhibit features three-dimensional visions of imaginary spaces defined by a profusion of links between Earth's flora and fauna. Hours are Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday by appointment only.

Notes etc.

Sister Soulah opens the Charlotte-Mecklenburg African American Agenda town hall meeting Jan. 6, Charlotte Convention Center. Free. Fox News contributor Juan Williams will also speak. Participants can register by calling (704) 714-4439 or online at www.cm3a.org.

Drama class, Mondays through June 4, 6-30 p.m., C.N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1421 Statesville Ave. Students will learn basics of stage acting and story development, write scripts, develop set designs, create costumes and choreography. Ages 8-adult. For information, call (704) 399-4548 or (704) 277-1511.

Liturgical dance class, Thursdays through May 31, 6 p.m., C.N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1421 Statesville Ave. Free; ages 6-adult. Interpret Old and New Testament scriptures, spirituals through liturgical movements. For information, call (704) 399-4548 or (704) 277-1511.

Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast, Jan. 15, 6:45 a.m., The Westin Hotel, 601 S. College St. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at any YMCA of Greater Charlotte location.

Martin Luther King Community Civil Rights Birthday Breakfast, Jan. 15, 7:30 a.m., WGIV studio, 9349 China Grove Church Road, Pineville. RSVP to (704) 333-1690 by Jan. 12.

Martin Luther King Holiday Celebration Breakfast, Charles Mack Citizens Center, Main Street, Mooresville. Rev. Sheldon Shipman, senior minister at Greenville Memorial AME Zion Church in Charlotte will be the keynote speaker. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 years and under. Proceeds will go to scholarships for students regardless of race, color or national origin. For information, call Brenda McKee at (704) 663-0067.

Animal Rehabilitators of the Carolinas is offering a class for new volunteers Jan. 20, 21, 27 and 28 in the south Charlotte area. ARC is a nonprofit group that cares and releases orphaned or injured wildlife within a 50-mile radius of Charlotte. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and complete training. For information, call Sherry Johnson at (803) 548-4698 or log on to www.arcwildlife.org.

Genealogy classes for beginners at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 3400 Beaties Ford Road Jan. 22, Jan. 29 and Feb. 5, 12, 19, and 26. Learn how to research and write family history. Classes are limited to 20 and spaces will be allocated on first-come, first-served basis. Free. Sponsored by Comprehensive Genealogical Services. For information, call (704) 603-1701.

Tickets on sale for Wachovia Championship, April 30-May 6 at Quail Hollow Club. Tickets for the first two rounds are \$40 each and tickets for the final two are \$50 each. Weekly books are \$140. Cost of parking at authorized lots and shuttle service included. Tickets for two practice rounds and pro-am tournament are \$25. To buy tickets, log on to www.wachoviachampionship.com or call (800) 945-0777.

Sister to Sister National Woman's Heart Day health fair, Charlotte Convention Center, Feb. 16 from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Free event where women can have health screenings, advice on reducing the risk of heart disease and guidance on adopting a heart-healthy

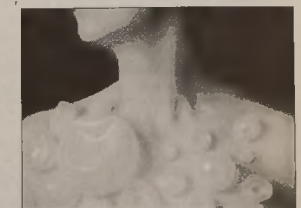
Exhibits

Design Made in Africa, through Jan. 6, 2007, McColl Center for Visual Art, 721 North Tryon St. Exhibit explores vitality and diversity of contemporary design from across the African continent. Information: call Devlin McNeil at (704) 332-5535 or visit www.mccollcenter.org.

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.

Carolina Madonnas, a work of photography by Phil Moody through Jan. 25 at Winthrop University Galleries, Elizabeth Dunlap Patrick Gallery, Rock Hill. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Exhibitions are free. For information, call (603) 323-2493.

Art and Design Faculty Exhibition, Winthrop University Galleries, Rutledge Gallery, Rock Hill. Pieces from selected faculty artists will be on display through Jan. 2. Free. For information, call (803) 323-2493.



WINTHROP UNIVERSITY

"Bubbles Brooch," by Courtney Starrett will be on display at Winthrop University's Art and Design Faculty Exhibition through Jan. 25