

happenings

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 Theater, 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.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Founders Day celebration, Westin Hotel, U.S. Rep. Mel Watt will be presented the Legacy Award and James Bazzell, owner of Murt's Heart and Soul Restaurant and Glenda Horton-Manning, owner of Touch Inc., will be given the Bigger and Better Business and Education Legacy Awards respectively. Admission is \$50, which includes dinner, cash bar and dance. Log on to www.betarhosigma.com to order.

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) 375-0850.

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 per 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 through 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 Vaughn 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.carolinitix.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.

North Carolina Dance Festival through Feb. 17, 8 p.m., Anne Belk Theater, Robinson Hall at UNC Charlotte. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door and two- and three-night packages available for \$27 and \$40 in advance. For tickets, call Kinetic Works at (704) 338-1533.

Rodney Carrington, 7:30 p.m., Owens Auditorium. Tickets are \$38.75.

Central Interscholastic Athletic Association basketball tournament, Charlotte Bobcats Arena. Nation's largest black college event returns for second season in Charlotte. Tickets available at CIAA schools, including Johnson C. Smith University and Livingstone College in Salisbury, Bobcats Arena box office or online at www.bobcatsarena.com.

March

Harry Connick Jr., 7:30 p.m., Owens Auditorium. Tickets are \$45-\$68.

New Edition world tour, Cricket Arena, 8 p.m. Special guest is Keith Sweat. Tickets are \$49.50 and \$39.50, available at Cricket Arena box office and all Ticketmaster outlets.

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 Tany to render important moments from the civil rights era. For information, call (704) 333-9755.

WITNESS

Royal Shakespeare Company



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Anton Lesser (Leontes) and Kale 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" (below) and the U.S. premiere of Roy Williams' "Days of Significance." Tickets are on sale for \$50 for promenade seats and \$68 for traditional seating by calling (704) 894-2135. You can also go online at www.davidson.edu/tickets.



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 Souljah 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.cma3a.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) 548-4608 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) 503-1701.

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.wachovachampionship.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 lifestyle. Cooking and fitness instruction and demonstrations, seminars on preventative health, stress management pavilion and other activities. For information, log on to www.womansheartday.org/charlotte or call Sandi Greene at (704) 442-9964.

Exhibits

Design Made in Africa, through Jan. 6, 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.

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 (803) 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.