

# happenings

## May

**31 People of Prominence**, 6 p.m., Center Stage in NoDa, 2315 North Davidson St. Sponsored by The Charlotte Post, POP panelists include African American leaders in government and business to discuss matters of race in Mecklenburg County. Tickets are \$75. For information, go to [www.thecharlottepost.com](http://www.thecharlottepost.com).

International reggae recording artist **Capleton**, 9 p.m., Tremont Music Hall, 400 West Tremont Ave. For tickets and information, call Reggae Central at (704) 377-2782 or go to [www.carolinareggaevibes.com](http://www.carolinareggaevibes.com).

"Taking a Chance on Love," through June 9, Flat Rock Playhouse, Flat Rock, N.C. Tickets are \$28 with senior, student and group discounts available. For information, go to [www.flatrock-playhouse.org](http://www.flatrock-playhouse.org), call (828) 693-0731 or (866) 732-8008.

## June

**2 WTVI Family Fun Fest**, 3242 Commonwealth Ave. Free. Games, entertainment, educational activities and food.

**3 "Curse of the Comet"**, 6 p.m., Lava Java Coffeehouse & Bistro, 5724-G W.T. Harris Blvd. Murder mystery and dinner show relies on audience to identify the culprit who did in archaeologist Myron Mason. Dinner at 7, sleuthing at 7:30. Call the Blumenthal box office at (704) 372-1000 for reservations or [www.carolinatix.org/events/detail.asp?id=551](http://www.carolinatix.org/events/detail.asp?id=551)

**8 "South Pacific"**, Dale Halton Theatre, Central Piedmont Community College. Shows through June 16. For tickets, go to <http://arts.cpc.edu/performing-arts/summer-theatre> or call (704) 330-6534.

**Big Medicine**, 7:30 p.m., Bryant Recital Hall, Central Piedmont Community College, 1220 Elizabeth Ave. String band music of the rural South. Free, donations accepted. For information, call Wanda Hubicki at (704) 563-7080 or [www.folksociety.org](http://www.folksociety.org).

**13 "Natural Selection"**, Actor's Theatre of Charlotte. Comedy is a futuristic farce of culture and race with performances through June 30. Tickets are \$23 for Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; \$25 for Friday and \$28 on Saturday by calling the box office at (704) 342-2251 or online at [www.actorstheatrecharlotte.org](http://www.actorstheatrecharlotte.org).

**15 Juneteenth Festival of the Carolinas**, through June 17 at Independence Park. Free. Celebration of humanity and freedom with education village, healthcare village and entertainment stages. Multicultural vendors as well as exhibitions of cultural tradition through food, arts and music. For information, go to [www.juneteenthofthecarolinas.com](http://www.juneteenthofthecarolinas.com).

**16 Showtime at the Excelsior**, The Excelsior Club, 921 Beatties Ford Road. Family-friendly talent show. Auditions will be held for children 5-18 on June 9 from 1-4 p.m.. Entry fee is \$15. For information, call Leisha Kilpatrick at (704) 777-1235.

**20 AACTFest '07**, North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, 130 North Tryon St. Twelve theatre companies from around the U.S. and armed forces around the world compete for national recognition and opportunities to perform internationally. For information, go to [www.aactfest07.com](http://www.aactfest07.com).

**Wilco** with special guest **Low**, 8 p.m., Ovens Auditorium. Tickets \$33. Tickets available through Cricket Arena box office or Ticketmaster via (704) 522-6500 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**22 "Thoroughly Modern Millie"**, through June 30, Dale Halton Theatre, Central Piedmont Community College. Musical takes place in 1922 New York City with a score of new songs and dance numbers. For tickets, go to <http://sellingticket.com/cpcc>.

**23 Dave Hollister benefit concert** for Gethsemane Village in Rock Hill, S.C. Also appearing will be N-Phase and Weapons of Righteousness. For information, go to [www.gethsemanechurch.net/DaveHollister](http://www.gethsemanechurch.net/DaveHollister).

**Calvin Edwards, Renata Wingo and The Exciting Harris Brothers**, Performing Arts Center, Kings Mountain. Tickets are \$12; children 12-under free. Proceeds go to YMCA programs for children.

**24 Outformation**, 10 p.m., Visualite Theatre. Tickets are \$8.

**30 Paula Deen**, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., Ovens Auditorium. Tickets are \$46-\$66 and available at Ticketmaster or Ovens Auditorium box office.

## July

**1 "Loathe a Parade"**, 7:30 p.m., Lava Java Coffeehouse, 5724-G W.T. Harris Blvd. Murder mystery/dinner show. Reservations at [www.carolinatix.org/events/detail.asp?id=552](http://www.carolinatix.org/events/detail.asp?id=552).

**27 Frank Callendo**, 8 p.m., Ovens Auditorium. Tickets \$34.50 and available through Ticketmaster at (704) 522-6500 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**29 Beyonce** with special guest **Robin Thicke**, Charlotte Bobcats Arena. Tickets on sale at the arena box office, [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com), Ticketmaster outlets or charge by phone by calling (704) 522-6500.

## GAWK

### Classic British Car Show



MINT MUSEUM OF ART

Classic British automobiles like this Austin Healey will be on display June 3 at the Classic British Car Show at the Mint Museum of Art, 2730 Randolph Road. The show starts at 9:30 a.m. and is free. Over 200 cars are expected, including Bentley, Rolls Royce, Lotus, Jaguar and Triumph. To register your car, go to [www.carolinashealeys.com](http://www.carolinashealeys.com) or call Meg McBwain at (704) 491-2053

## ROWING

### Dragon Boat Festival



PHOTO/TIMOTHY PAROLINI

The annual Charlotte Dragon Boat Festival June 9 at Ramsey Creek Park in Cornelius is part of the eighth annual Asian Festival, a celebration of Asian culture and communities in the Carolinas.

## LISTENING

### Big Medicine

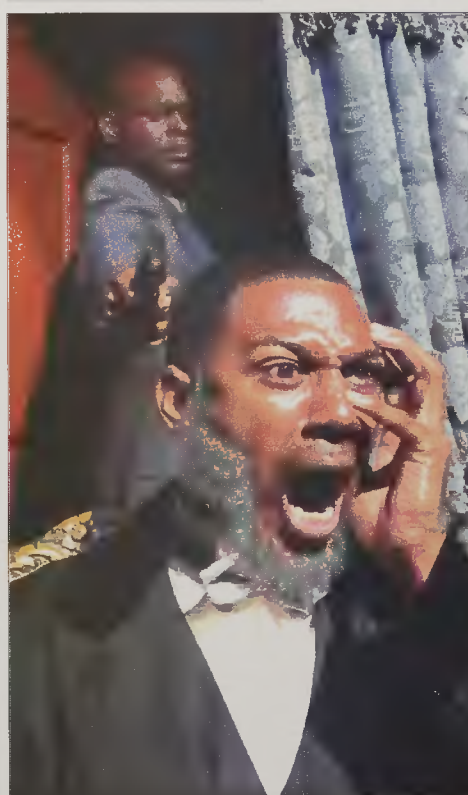


CENTRAL PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Big Medicine plays string band music of the rural South June 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Bryant Recital Hall, Sloan-Morgan Building at Central Piedmont Community College. The concert is free.

## WITNESS

### Top Dog/Underdog



PHOTO/MICHAEL SIMMONS

Booth (James Lee Walker II) caps his brother Lincoln (Jonathan Adams) in "Top Dog Underdog" May 31-June 16 at Carolina Actors Studio Theatre, 1118 Clement Ave. Tickets are \$22 for adults; \$20 for students and seniors. Reservations can be made at [www.nccast.com](http://www.nccast.com) or by calling (704) 455-8542.

## Notes etc.

**Buds in Promise Scholarship Ball**, June 2, 6 p.m.; Oasis Shriners Temple, 604 Daniel Burnham Way, Beta Eta Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority will hold inaugural ball with scholarships going to college. Tickets \$35 each, \$60 per couple.

**Black Economics Breakfast for Entrepreneurs**, June 7, 8 a.m., Prime Sirloin Restaurant, 3302 Queen City Drive. Roundtable discussion on business issues. For information, call Constance Johnson at (704) 614-0348.

**Charlotte Dragon Boat Festival**, June 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Ramsey Creek Park in Cornelius. The race is part of the eighth annual Asian Festival, which celebrates Asian culture and communities in the Carolinas. To enter a team, call John Chen at (704) 588-4288 or Lina Waty at (704) 427-8803.

**North Carolina Committee of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund** will hold its annual fundraising banquet on June 9. The reception begins at 6 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel, 5700 Westpark Drive, with the program at 6:45 p.m. General tickets are \$75 each and sponsorships are available. Honorees include: Charlotte Coalition for Social Justice; Charlotte-Mecklenburg school board member George Dunlap, retired judge Shirley Fulton, William Timothy James Murphy. For information, call Franklin McCain at (704) 598-7737.

**100 Black Men of Greater Charlotte Man of the Year Gala** June 15, 7 p.m. at the Blake Hotel. Entertainment by R&B legends the Whispers. Gala begins with a silent auction followed by the celebrator at 7:30. For information or tickets, go to [www.100blackmenofcharlotte.org](http://www.100blackmenofcharlotte.org) or call (704) 375-7300.

**Fannie Flono** discusses and signs copies of her book, "Thriving in the Shadows," June 16, 2 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 11055 Carolina Place Parkway.

**West Charlotte High School alumni** triennial reunion, June 28-July 1, Omni Charlotte hotel, 132 East Trade St. Registration \$185, including three-year membership; alumni couples \$320; non-alumni guests \$160. For information, call Marie Butler at (704) 588-5162.



Nancy Prator's "Jubilee" will be one of the paintings on display at Green Rice Gallery, 451 East 36th St. from June 1-30.

## Exhibits

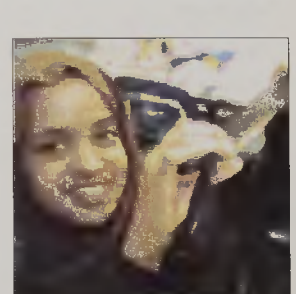
"Won't Take Nothin' For My Journey Now," solo show of works by **Charles Ogarro**, June 13-29, Charlotte Art League, 1517 Camden Road. For information, call Joan Vitale at (704) 962-3112 or (704) 287-2787.

**Elena Madden and James Couper**, June 1-July 27, Center of the Earth Gallery, 3204 North Davidson St. Madden's color abstract paintings capture the fleeting pattern of light and moving water that suggests nature's rhythms. Couper is nationally acclaimed for landscapes of Florida and the South.

"My Family, Our Stories," through July 13 at The Light Factory. Exhibition of student work created by English as a Second Language students at East Mecklenburg, Waddell, Myers Park, North Mecklenburg and South Mecklenburg high schools. The students offer a glimpse into their lives as recent immigrants to the U.S.

Works by New York artist and former Charlotte resident **Nancy Prator** on display June 1-30 at Green Rice Gallery, 451 East 36th St. Works include paintings in watercolor that depict insects, animals and architecture.

"Families of Abraham," through July 31, Levine Museum of the New South, 200 East Seventh St. A photographic narrative exhibit that explores the life and faith of Jewish, Christian and Muslim families in Charlotte.



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