

UNC alumna Tift Merritt (second from right) performs an eclectic set of tunes at Memorial Hall on Friday night, accompanied by her bassist Jay Brown (far left), guitarist Brad Rice and drummer Zeke Hutchins. DTH/LOGAN PRICE

Alumna returns in style

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Tift Merritt walked onto the Memorial Hall stage Friday and immediately fell off it. Probably not the homecoming she envisioned.

But the show-opening incident was not indicative of how the rest of the night would go.

Merritt, a UNC alumna, played her concoction of country, rock and soul to the sold-out crowd's delight.

Headliner Nanci Griffith completed the performance, wandering through heart-felt folk and Americana.

After her fall, Merritt picked herself up and delivered a redeeming (and rocking) performance.

Rolling through a set that included cuts from both her albums *Tambourine* and *Bramble Rose*, Merritt never slowed her pace except to perform an acoustic solo from her forthcoming album and to relate memories from her days at UNC.

Songs like James Carr's soulful "Your Love Made a U-Turn" highlighted Merritt's musical diversity and showed her band's mastery of the instruments. Guitarist Brad Rice more than adequately substituted for the horn section on the

track from *Tambourine*.

Merritt garnered a standing ovation before Griffith took the stage to offer her condolences for Merritt's pre-show mishap.

"It's happened to all of us one time or another," Griffith said.

And while she didn't rock as hard as Merritt, her music was no less potent, exploring themes reminiscent of America's heartland.

The songstress from Austin is perhaps best known for her performance of Julie Gold's "From a Distance," a song most notably recorded by Bette Midler.

Her musical associations range widely. She has performed Austin City Limits on many occasions and shared the stage with the likes of Emmylou Harris, Mary Chapin Carpenter and the Indigo Girls.

Griffith has made a name for herself with her skilled finger picking, constantly changing guitar tunings and great songwriting.

The only song Griffith ever penned on piano, "Late Night Grande Hotel," highlighted her set, showing Merritt that songs don't have to be loud to rock. The harmonies were amazing.

While most of her performance

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was fairly quiet and subdued, she surprised the crowd with her dancing and scatting on "Beautiful," a homage to her stepfather and his big-band legacy.

Griffith's songwriting skill came to the fore on "Gulf Coast Highway," a sultry duet with pianist James Hooker about Highway 90.

The down-home themes of that song and others are precisely what American Roots music is all about — exactly what the Carolina Performing Arts Series was going for with this special selection.

At the night's end, Merritt joined Griffith for an encore performance of the Rolling Stones' "No Expectations."

It seemed appropriate, as both went above and beyond what anyone could have expected.

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POLICE LOG

■ A Chapel Hill man violated his probation from a cocaine possession charge, Chapel Hill police reports state.

Kenneth Antwaine Perry was arrested at 2:53 a.m. Sunday on Franklin Street at Church Chapel.

Perry was confined on \$1,000 bond and transported to the Orange County Jail, reports state.

His trial date is set for Nov. 11 at the district criminal court in Hillsborough, according to police reports.

■ A Chapel Hill man was arrested for breaking and entering, felony larceny, communicating threats and damage to property, Chapel Hill police reports state.

Walter Lee Gregory Jr. had a knife in his possession when he was arrested in the parking lot of Dobbins Hill Apartments at 10:28 a.m. Saturday, according to police reports.

Gregory broke into an estranged girlfriend's apartment, threatening her and damaging her property, reports state.

Gregory's bond was set at \$5,000,

and he was transported to the Orange County Jail, according to reports. He is scheduled to appear in the Hillsborough court of first appearance Monday.

■ A Franklin Street restaurant reported one of its windows broken Friday, according to reports from the Chapel Hill police.

Time Out, 133 W. Franklin St., reported its window broken at 2 a.m. by an unknown man, reports state.

■ A Chapel Hill woman reported her gym bag stolen from Culbreth Middle School on Saturday, Chapel Hill police reports state.

The woman had checked her bag in with an attendant during her gym period, according to reports.

The bag and its contents are valued at \$270, according to reports.

■ A 1986 Volvo station wagon parked at 750 N. Columbia St. was broken into through a rear window at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Chapel Hill police reports state.

An unknown assailant stole

\$22 worth of items after breaking through the rear window and entering the car, according to reports.

■ A Chapel Hill man was attacked by an unknown assailant at 11:50 p.m. Friday night at 100 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill police reports state.

The assailant threw a glass bottle at the victim and attempted to beat the victim with a long stick, reports state.

■ A University student was arrested early Friday morning on charges of assaulting another man at 143 E. Franklin St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Pedro Jose Mantilla, 19, was arrested at 1:20 a.m. on charges of being drunk and disruptive and resisting arrest after running away from police as they attempted to stop him for assaulting another man, reports state.

Mantilla was released on a secured \$250 bond and will appear in district criminal court in Hillsborough on Nov. 14.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ The Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership will meet at 7:30 a.m. today in the Bill Cherry Board Room in the Bank of America building in downtown Chapel Hill. Board members will hear an update on the downtown wireless Internet initiative.

■ Carolina Cancer Focus will be in the Pit from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. all week to celebrate Cancer Awareness Week. The group also will sponsor a volunteer fair from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today in the Great Hall of the Student Union.

■ Gimena Sanchez-Garzoli, an attorney, activist and the U.S. representative for Peace Brigades International, will speak as part of the Human Rights Brown Bag Lunch series at noon today in the Hitchcock Multipurpose Room of the Sonja Haynes Stone Center. The event is co-sponsored by the University Center for International Studies. To reserve a free lunch, call 962-9001.

■ Wayne Christiansen, professor of physics and astronomy, will track the 18-yearlong history of his involvement with the Southern Astrophysical Research telescope

at noon today at the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 962-1236.

■ Lab! Theatre will present Michael Frayn's "Noises Off," three acts of physical comedy and love triangles, at 4 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. today in Playmakers Theatre. The production is directed by Matt Farabee.

■ The Young Democrats will hold a voter registration drive from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. today. Registration tables will be set up all around campus. If you're interested in helping, go to the YD table in the Pit or e-mail tinti@email.unc.edu to sign up for a shift.

■ The Chapel Hill Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. tonight at Town Hall. Council members will be discussing amending the Comprehensive Plan for a payment-in-lieu calculation in the Affordable Housing Strategy, among other issues.

■ Patrick Guerriero, president of the Log Cabin Republicans, will speak on the future of sexual poli-

tics in America at 7 p.m. today in Carroll 111.

■ The Orange County Democratic Party is hosting a public issue forum from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. today at the Chapel Hill High School auditorium, titled "How Do We Get Out of Iraq?" Rep. David Price, D-N.C., and former CIA analyst Ray McGovern will be among those present for the discussion. The event is co-sponsored by the UNC Young Democrats.

■ Today is Columbus Day. All University offices will be open.

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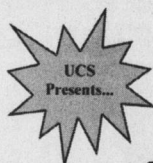
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Deutsche Bank- 10/11/2005, 7:15 PM-8:15 PM, 209 Manning Hall
Jesuit Volunteer Corps-10/11/2005, 7:15 PM-8:15 PM, 116 Murphey Hall
BB&T Capital Markets-10/11/2005, 6:00 PM-7:00 PM, 239B Hanes Hall
GE Advanced Materials-10/12/2005, 6:00 PM-7:00 PM, 268 Venable Hall
Blackbaud- 10/12/2005, 6:30 PM-7:30 PM, 328 Phillips Hall

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