



Arts and Entertainment Calendar



The sounds of the holidays bring back some wonderful memories of caroling, listening to old, scratched Christmas records your parents insist on hoarding, and elementary-school holiday concerts where everyone sang "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" with all the extra words. Fortunately, concerts for the rest of the month won't be this cheesy.

Monday, Dec. 9

MUSIC

TAZ HALLOWEEN'S CARNIVAL OF NIGHTMARES at The Cave. Call 968-9308 for details.

SOUL DESIRE at Pyewacket Restaurant. Call 929-0297 for details.

Tuesday, Dec. 10

MUSIC

DAVID SPENCER at The Cave. Call 968-9308 for details.

NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY HOLIDAY POPS CONCERT at Page Auditorium in Durham. Call (919) 684-4444 for details.

Wednesday, Dec. 11

MUSIC

TIM STAMBAUGH at The Cave. Call 968-9308 for details.

SCOTT SAWYER TRIO at Pyewacket restaurant. Call 929-0297 for details.

BLUES TRAVELER at 8 p.m. at Duke University's Page Auditorium. Tickets \$15. For information

call 684-4444. This frat-boy favorite who say they "want to be the first band in space" combine blues, jazz, metal and rock to form a unique sound. This tour pushes their latest LP *Travelers and Thieves*. The Aquarium Rescue Unit and Durham's Spaceman Spliff will open for Traveler. Tickets are also available at Schoolkids Records.

Thursday, Dec. 12

ARTS

THE LION IN WINTER PRESENTED BY EUREKA THEATER at the ArtsCenter. Runs through Dec. 15. Tickets at \$7 for students, \$9 for general public. Call 929-ARTS for details. In time for the holiday season, Eureka Theater presents James Goldman's fierce comedy pitting the forces of family love against royal avarice in a play subtly hilarious as it is insightful. Christmas 1183 sees Henry Plantagenet (Henry II) scheming for a successor to his throne — sparring with the cunning intelligence and skewering wit of his wife, Eleanor of Aquitaine and their progeny, Richard Lionheart, Geoffrey and John. As if the ingenious treachery amongst his family could not provide a full challenge to his wary and farseeing "plotmanship," Henry is compelled to maneuver to retain his love and mistress, the beautiful Alais and defeat her brother, Philip Capet, King of France, in a wrestle for territorial domain. Original score by Rosalind MacEnulty.

Friday, Dec. 13

MUSIC

SOUTHERN CULTURE ON THE SKIDS at 10 p.m. at Cat's Cradle. For information call 967-9053. If you have never seen this band before, git your hiney to the Cradle Friday (screw exams). Southern Culture on the Skids, besides playing their own quirky brand of freakish rockabilly, has undoubtedly the best live show in the area. Highlights include audience participation in sing-a-longs, beating on various and sundry metal objects with drumsticks, beating on the drummer's head with drumsticks, and sensuously eating drumsticks (the other kind) onstage. Come on and git it!

Saturday, Dec. 14

MUSIC

SEX POLICE at 10 p.m. at Cat's Cradle. For information call 967-9053. Screw exams again! The Sex Police, composed of two ex-Pressureboys, a Chicken Wire Gang member, and four Buckys (including the soundman), will deliver their eccentric style of odd horn-based funk to our beloved Cradle once again. The only band in Chapel Hill with a bona-fide siren and red-and-white striped stockings.

SOLSTICE EXTRAVAGANZA at Chapel Hill High School at 8 p.m., a concert featuring vocal and instrumental music, dance and theater celebrating Christmas and Hanukkah traditions. Proceeds go to Orange and Durham County Habitat for Humanity. Tickets are \$8 in

advance and \$10 at the door.

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Saturday, Dec. 21

MUSIC

AWARENESS ART ENSEMBLE at Cat's Cradle. For information call 967-9053.

Friday, Dec. 27

MUSIC

SUPERCHUNK at 10 p.m. at Cat's Cradle. For information call 967-9053. The band that creates more possibilities from so little than do most balding men with their hair parting techniques, Superchunk, is once again giving a timely post-holiday recital of material from their latest album *No Pocky For Kitty* at the lush Cat's Cradle. Powerchord gods around our Puritan nation, we can still see them thrive in their natural habitat, the proverbial small club. Superchunk always seems to be full of energy and entertainment and would be hard pressed to deliver a listless show, barring tranquilization by malevolent rival local bands jealous of the mountains of positive press these people get. At any rate, you might do well to see one of the country's best bands on the 27th while concomitantly discovering the real reason corduroy is in for '92.

Sunday, Dec. 31

MUSIC

ALEX CHILTON at Cat's Cradle. Advance tickets \$8 at Schoolkids Records and Poindexter Records. For information call 967-

Other stuff to do

• Nothing beats the sight of a sparkling tree, trimmed in lots of creative ornaments, to remind us of homemade crafts that give the overly-commercialized holidays that personal touch. The Somerhill Gallery in Eastgate Shopping Center displays some of this cheer in their 14th annual **Christmas for Collectors Holiday Exhibition**. Artist ornament trees will feature one-of-a-kind Christmas ornaments created especially for this exhibition by several of Somerhill's artists, sparkling in glass, wood, porcelain, feathers and fabric. It is open during normal gallery hours until Jan. 4.

• **The N.C. Crafts Gallery** will present their December display of "Crafts for Christmas" now until the end of the month. Comprised of ornaments, quilts and tapestries, the gallery will be open for extra holiday hours on Friday and Saturday nights.

• A spotlight on Victorian Christmases can also be seen at the **Ackland Art Museum**, where a display of architect Gordon Rutherford's miniature Victorian houses can be seen through Jan. 5. A highlighted work is a three-story house painted five shades of green which includes a tower, a gazebo, ornate scroll work, porches, exterior walls that swing outward to reveal richly furnished rooms and almost 14,000 handmade, individually applied shingles.

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