

## Dancing for the King

### Family Worship Center dancers to perform in Columbia

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Dancers from Kings Mountain's Family Worship Center, Church of God, will perform seven dance routines among other dance companies this weekend at the Koger Center for the Arts in Columbia, SC. "The Coronation of the King" a 22-song symphonic oratorio, depicting the glory of God from Genesis to Revelations, will be held on Saturday at 7 pm and again on Sunday at 2 pm. General admission is open to ages 12 and up and all seats cost \$22. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.capitoltickets.com](http://www.capitoltickets.com), at the Carolina Coliseum Box Office, at Sounds Familiar record stores, or charged by phone at 803-251-2222.

Molara Kellstrom, the minister of music at the Family Worship Center, started the ladies' dance team, Virtuous, in October 2005. In January of this year she fell and nearly broke one of her ankles and sustained a hairline fracture on the other. Confined to a wheel chair and then crutches for a long time, this left the dance team out of commission.

"We had been back together practicing for maybe, at the most, a month and they (Sion's Rose Ministries) called me," she said. Elaine Caruso, founder of Sion's Rose Ministries in Charlotte and composer of "The Coronation of the King" asked for help in bringing her symphony to life with movement.

Kellstrom knew that Caruso was led to her by God. "I don't really know how they even heard about us. The Lord just made it happen," she said. "I was pretty sure that they told me the choreography was already done. So I was like 'O.K. well sure,' if somebody else has already got it then I can do it. I'm good with that. When she came and met with us for the first time, she said 'Ooh, blessed one of Addonai, I know he's going to give you all of this choreography just the way' and I was like 'Oh no.'"

Kellstrom found herself with a heavy heart. How was she going to come up with Davidic dance moves when she and most of her church was used to Praise and Worship dancing? So they prayed. They prayed for God to work through them, show them the way and

that through them they may glorify His name. He heard and He answered their prayers by sending helpers, a little creativity, and choreographic gifts their way. "Another lady at the church who did Davidic dance had just purchased a bunch of Davidic dance tapes about three weeks before, that she wanted me to look at to see if we could find something in there that we could work into our routines," she said, noting that it is amazing how God works. Susan Morris and Brad Bell of Dance Reflections and Marney Wooldridge have helped with some of the choreography.

"The Lord has just brought all of the choreography to it," she said. "We're really excited about everything God is doing. It is such an awesome and weighty work. We are just blown away by the fact that here we are and all of the dancers that we are dancing with are professional Davidic dancers. But they have been so pleased with the choreography and what we've been able to do, which has been entirely the Lord."

Members from Virtuous, the men's dance team VIRUS (Valiantly Illustrating Righteousness Unto Salvation), and the girl's dance team Selah will be performing. The performers are: Molara Kellstrom, Sheri Mitchell, Melody Murray, Katrina Callahan, Belinda Tarbush, Geri Henderson, Michelle Crawford, Michelle Hoffman, Joni Smith, Donna Rayfield, Clarita Pursuer, Terry Hoffman, Jim Smith, Brittany Schulte, Tiffany Roberts, Jessica Smith, Micah Waters, Shannon Henderson, Krisleigh Thompson, Joey Rayfield and Sophia Kellstrom.

"We've all done our own choreography," Kellstrom said. "It was really miraculous that the Lord gave us this opportunity." They, along with the entire production of this event, are hoping that a lot of people in the Jewish faith will come to the program and come to their Messiah through the message it relates. "The entire symphony is based on the Hebraic alphabet and Elaine Caruso does teaching on her show called 'Jewish Jewels.' The Lord just began to show her a revelation of how even in the letters of the Hebraic alphabet, that every single letter and what it represents shows Christ in a certain way."

The dancers from Family Worship Center have been practicing three times a week, two hours every night, for the past 8-9 weeks now. Kellstrom admitted that at first the Virtuous ladies started off as just members of the church that danced together, but now they are a family. She is so proud of every one who has given so much of their time and put their hearts into preparation for this upcoming performance.

"I never thought of myself as being a dancer," Kellstrom said. "I'm just a worshiper and last year the Lord gave me back the spirit of dance." She asked God to take her gift of dance away as a teenager and He did. Although she may not have always been a dancer, she has always used her gifts in music to worship her Heavenly Father. Molara was a school teacher for several years. She was contacted by friend, Lindell Cooley, during the Brownsville Assembly of God revival in Pensacola, Fla. to help with an album. "And the next thing you know, the Lord had called me into the (Music) ministry and we did that for seven years (touring on the road)," she said. Kellstrom gave up touring after her first child was born, but continues to write and sing her own music. Since she does not play an instrument, she turns to her mother and gifted pianist, Margaret Woodard, to compose the accompaniment. She is trying to finish a Praise and Worship album now.

Caruso was born and raised a Baptist. She asked God to convince her mother to buy her a piano and lessons and then if given the opportunity she would use her gift in music for Him. Around the age of 12, He opened those doors for her and she became a master of her craft. God called her to be a pianist at a Synagogue and she reluctantly said yes. The church sent her on a trip to Israel and while she stood praying at the waiting wall, God gave her a symphony.

"The Coronation of the King" symphony has 17 acts and lasts about three hours long. It will debut for the first time in Columbia. For more information about the performance, contact the Family Worship Center at 704-739-7206 or call the Koger Center at 803-777-7500. The Koger Center is located at 1051 Greene Street, Columbia, SC 29201, directly across from the Capitol Building.

## NOELL

From 1A marketing video and have built a strong relationship with city officials over the years," he added. He also produced marketing and fund raising videos for Hospice, the Life Enrichment Center, Special Olympics and Cleveland Vocational Center, among others.

Cleveland County has been his second home, said Noell, who as a youngster visited his grandparents in Shelby. His late grandfather, Hugh Noell Sr., was the first commissioner from Western North Carolina on the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Ellis' father, the late Ellis Noell, Jr., was a B17 pilot during World War II and while training in Greenwood, MS met his wife and raised his family there and also in Denver, Chicago and New York.

Ellis signed up for delay entry in the US Marine Corps and was sworn in but unfortunately a motorcycle/truck accident in Alabama kept him in a body cast for six months and his career plans changed. Enrolling at Belmont Abbey, he became intrigued with photography and film editing and applied for a job at WTVI Channel 42 and was hired as assistant film director. He produced educational films for Walter J. Klein Co. of Charlotte where he was senior staff director for eight years and then joined

NBC 6 in Charlotte as a director and producer of commercials.

Major events in Kings Mountain attract huge crowds. Noell also pushes travel and tourism as a tool for Kings Mountain to grow in economic development and the three area parks as the gateway to more people coming to Kings Mountain.

Noell is active on the board of Travel & Tourism, Life Enrichment Center, Kings Mountain Historical Foundation, past president of the KM Business & Professional Association, and active in the Rotary Club. He plans to add his expertise in planning for an Indian Motorcycle museum downtown and update the Kings Mountain website, [www.cityofkingsmountain.com](http://www.cityofkingsmountain.com).

Noell laughed that he gave up two hobbies, motorcycle riding and an exotic Lotus sports car, for a wife and two children. Ellis and Cathy Noell have been married 22 years and have two children: Meagan, a junior biology major at UNC Greensboro who wants to work for the FBI, and Hugh IV (Bubba) a sophomore at UNC Wilmington who wants to be a film director. Mrs. Noell is a food columnist for the Shelby Star and the family lives in Kings Mountain and is active in the Church of Redeemer in Shelby.

Noell says "I wave the flag for Kings Mountain and I'm proud of it."

## DEATH

KAMAYAH MCCOLLOUGH

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Infant Kamayah Andrea La'Sha McCollough, 901 Sharon Dr. Apt. 10, died Sat., August 26 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Shelby.

She was the daughter of Keyerra Lasha Roberts and Devon Andre McCollough.

The funeral will be Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at Adams Chapel AME Zion Church, Kings Mountain.

The family will receive friends at the church Thursday from 2-2:30 p.m.

## Hospitals' trustees discuss goals

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Cleveland County Health System Community Trustee Council met in the community room at Kings Mountain Hospital Monday afternoon to discuss where Cleveland Regional Medical Center and KMH stand today, goals for a better tomorrow, and the benefits of Teen Safe Driving.

Dr. Mike Ribadeneyra from CRMCM requested the council, via telecommunication, make or allow for a change in one of the by-laws. This change would provide physicians, who have a patient in the hospital, access to their medical records in outlying areas and better access to the physician por-

tal. President John Young said that the portal gives physicians remarkable access now, but nothing compared to what is coming. The council approved the request by a unanimous vote.

Dr. David Johnson from KMH discussed the need for recruiting a cardiologist to KMH. The number of cardiology patients has increased in Gastonia and the Kings Mountain areas. While the hospital is "actively pursuing" a cardiologist for KMH, internists have helped to fill in the gaps. "Most of the staff in the primary care setting are actually internists," Johnson said. "We are all trained in cardiology and cardiology services and a lot of these services, especially stress testing, were actually

done by the internists already."

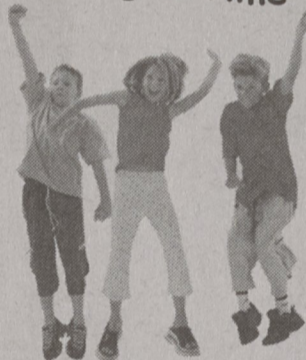
"Each year the Cleveland Healthcare Foundation enables folks to give to the cause of prevention initiatives, especially as it relates to kids," said Doty Leatherwood from the Foundation Committee. Projects like Safe Kids and Kid Tips help raise safety awareness among hundreds of children throughout the county. "The Foundation is very proud this year to be raising funds, to not only help support those programs, but another program that I wanted to share with you called Safe Teens," she said. Their fund raising event will be a Beach Night held at the Cleveland Country Club, which they have fittingly

renamed 'Paradise Cove.'

Judy Hawkins presented the council with information about the SAFE Teens program and what they are doing in classes throughout the community. "My passion is injury prevention and keeping people well and out of the hospital," she said. The new program, SAFE Teens was formed in Wake County to crack down on the amount of motor vehicle fatalities that are taking the lives of teens in North Carolina. It is a Safe Driving Education Curriculum. Cleveland is one of seven counties in NC that have adopted this curriculum.

Hawkins said that motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for people in the United States.

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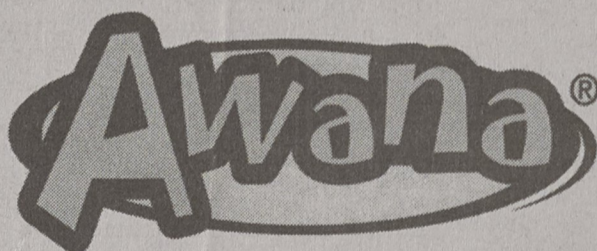
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