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Mike Birbiglia



Paul Thomas

The N.C. Comedy Arts Festival

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen have declared February "For the Love of Carrboro" month, but if it were up to Dirty South Improv, February would be "For the Laugh of Carrboro."

The 12th annual N.C. Comedy Arts Festival will take over the town on Feb. 1, and will dish out comedy in three styles at six venues until Feb. 19.

Each week brings a new style of comedy, starting

with stand-up from Wednesday, Feb. 1 through Saturday, Feb. 4. Mike Birbiglia, a regular contributor on *This American Life* whose book-turned-movie *Sleepwalk With Me* is featured at Sundance this year, will perform at the Carolina Theater in Durham during stand-up week.

Feb. 8-11 brings masters of sketch comedy to town, with heavy-hitters from the Second City Touring Company from Chicago performing at the Carolina Theater in Durham. Paul Thomas will also return to the festival

for a third year with brand new characters at DSI Comedy Theater.

The final week of the festival, Feb. 14-19, is improved, with performances by groups from Boston, New York City and beyond. Emo Phillips will also be back this year to perform at The ArtsCenter Main Stage.

Tickets range from \$12-\$38, depending on the act, or \$10-\$14 for students. For more information and a full lineup of each week's performances, visit nccomedy-arts.com

