

Carrboro offers much in the arts arena

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Despite serving as home to one of the top public institutions in the nation, sometimes Chapel Hill isn't enough.

Those new to the area might overlook the fact that Carrboro

— a town with a vibrant entertainment scene — exists mere minutes away, just down Franklin Street.

With attractions that range from comedy to music, Carrboro is a town that has found a unique niche alongside the University.

The ArtsCenter

Founded in 1975 by a group of local artists, The Carrboro ArtsCenter serves as a space geared towards engaging the community through a variety of media.

The center focuses on presenting a number of different shows — primarily music and theatre acts — throughout each month.

Aside from its performances, the venue offers classes to patrons of all ages to help them hone their skills in areas like painting, photography and dance.

Whether they are young students looking to pick up a new skill or veterans trying to master their trade, The ArtsCenter is geared towards developing a sense of culture within both Carrboro and Chapel Hill residents.

Cat's Cradle

Next to The ArtsCenter lies Cat's Cradle, a popular music spot.

With shows throughout the week, the local space has drawn artists from throughout the nation like cellist Ben Sollee and duo Matt and Kim, to name a couple.

Usually featuring more rock-



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Skip Matheny of the Nashville band Roman Candle plays guitar at a show at the Carrboro venue Cat's Cradle.

heavy acts, Cat's Cradle offers patrons a different show on any given night.

DSI Comedy Theater

Located behind Carr Mill Mall, the small theater was founded by University alumnus Zach Ward almost six years ago.

Despite Ward's recent depar-

ture to work in Boston, the theater is active in its community engagement, offering both comedy classes and shows.

With a tradition rooted in community engagement through comedy, the locale has put Carrboro amongst the top areas in the nation for comedy.

Hosting events such as Carolina's Funniest Comic and its

weekly, free Friday night improv show, DSI aims to provide comedy seekers a way to enjoy comedy locally.

Also, the theater serves as a learning center for those interested in performing comedy of their own.

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