

UNC draws renowned performing artists

Students can see world-class performing artists for \$10.

By Deborah Strange
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This season, Carolina Performing Arts will bring in 46 performances spanning many genres to the Memorial Hall stage, such as violinist Joshua Bell, progressive bluegrass band the Punch Brothers and the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

The upcoming season, featuring nine world premieres and two U.S. premiers, will also showcase 15 performances commemorating the 100th anniversary of the "Rite of Spring."

Executive Director for the Arts Emil Kang called the "Rite of

Spring" an anti-ballet and said it is one of the most important pieces in music.

"Every time I hear it, it's like hearing it for the first time," Kang said.

The "Rite of Spring" is a ballet score by Russian-born composer Igor Stravinsky. The work debuted in 1913 at the Théâtre des Champs-Élysées in Paris, France, causing much controversy because of its bizarre music and unusual choreography.

Carolina Performing Arts commissioned 11 new works that interpret "The Rite of Spring" in the forms of music, movement and imagery. The new works are performed and created by artists such as cellist Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble, choreographer Bill Jones and puppeteer Basil Twist.

For the first time, Carolina Performing Arts will wel-

come the N.C. Jazz Repertory Orchestra's "Jazz for the Holidays," and the Dafnis Prieto Sextet, which will perform in conjunction with the Carolina Jazz Festival.

Over the past seasons, Carolina Performing Arts has brought in acclaimed performers such as Iron and Wine, Chick Corea and Lewis Black.

Carolina Performing Arts, a unit of UNC, is supported by ticket sales and donations. The \$10 student ticket price for performances is less expensive than the general public ticket prices.

For the first performance of the season, the Silk Road Ensemble with Yo-Yo Ma, the cheapest general public ticket price is \$59.

Kang said the strength of the upcoming performances and the number of returning performers represents the caliber of Carolina Performing Arts.

"It's a really great validation of the impact of our work," Kang said.

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Coffee shops offer study spots and entertainment

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Students become all too familiar with the crowded coffee shops on Franklin Street, such as Starbucks and Caribou Coffee. These may be convenient to drop by before class, but do not always offer a comfortable place to study or an appealing spot to meet up with friends.

Chapel Hill and Carrboro independent coffee shops, on and surrounding campus, provide unique experiences both coffee-lovers and busy students will appreciate.

Open Eye Cafe

Open Eye Café is a well-known Carrboro hot spot for both studying and entertainment. The storefront windows lure in passersby for live music most Friday and Saturday nights. Students can choose between antique desks, plush couches, and street-view bar seats for comfortable studying.

Carrboro Coffee Company roasts the beans used by Open Eye on premises, guaranteeing a fresh

cup every time. They also serve Italian sodas and a variety of loose teas sure to please non-coffee drinkers.

Bus Routes from Franklin Street: J, CW, F

The Looking Glass

Located in Carrboro, Looking Glass Café offers a distinct variety of food. Stop in for a grilled three-cheese sandwich or grab a sticky bun and a latté and take a swing in the relaxing hammock stationed in their outdoor seating area. Looking Glass offers many coffee drinks, iced teas, and their own unique creations, like the Jabberwocky - an eye-opening blend of espresso, dark chocolate, and drip coffee. The interior houses a small boutique in the back and local artists' work on the walls, often sold to raise money for community charities.

Bus Routes from Franklin Street: CW

Caffe Driade

For serious coffee enthusiasts, Caffé Driade, located at 1215 E. Franklin St., delivers traditional


drinks made with an exceptional product from espresso-producing regions across the globe. The interior boasts design aesthetic unique to Chapel Hill's coffee shops, displaying a bar and metal-worked chairs. The outdoor woody location offers a charming setting for evening socializing under a lighted tree canopy.

Bus Routes from Franklin Street: D, DX, CL

The Daily Grind

Located next to the Student Stores, The Daily Grind presents a selection of espresso and non-espresso drinks far larger than would be expected from a small café. The Magical Mochas, a popular choice among students, merge flavors like caramel and vanilla or berry and white chocolate in frozen form. The pastry case entices with a variety of desserts. Despite little indoor seating, the neighboring umbrella-shaded tables provide the perfect spot for students to take a break before their next class.

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