## RIGHT MUCH TO DO

ave for the occasional theater performance, a visit from the Bolshoi, several nights of exceptional music and one five-day world-class indie rock showcase, it was just another sleepy summer here in the Piedmont.

All that's drawn to a close (it really was pretty sleepy in early August), and now, well, it's hard to keep up.

Theater season is revving back to life, the nights of exceptional music include Sunday through Thursday as well as the weekends and the cultural offerings are coming fast and furious, including, as we note on pages 12 and 13, a rather large and sure to be well-attended literary festival.

Along with that, the nightlife is picking up (and not just because the days are getting shorter), with the weather starting to cooperate and cool nights drawing more out to openings and patios alike.

We open this issue of MILL with our annual select list of local restaurants. It's important to note that we're not trying to be comprehensive. That's nearly impossible, given the turnover and the burst of gustatory entrepreneurship. Instead, we're trying to pass along a bit of what we know, with the hope of creating more of a living document. To that end, we invite your participation. The guide will go live on our website at carrborocitizen.com/mill/dining-guide/ . Feel free to send in your suggestions, your favorite meals, and help us build the list and its usefulness.



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## CHANGES AHEAD FOR THE ARTS

fter a couple of months in search of a replacement for executive director Jon Wilner. who announced his retirement in July, The ArtsCenter found what Wilner himself described recently as "a real find."

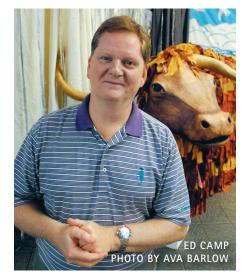
On Aug. 24, Ed Camp stepped out of his year-long role as general manager of University Mall and into his new role at the helm of the Carrboro-based performance, studio and education center.

Camp, a Madison native and Carolina graduate, said he is delighted at the move and looking forward to playing a leading role in helping The ArtsCenter prepare for the future.

"It's wonderful to be a part of an organization that is an important part of the arts community." The arts and the community of artists and supporters, he said, are an integral part of the area.

Since landing in Carrboro, Camp says he's had a full schedule, starting with oneon-one meetings with "the team" to get a vision of their future needs and hear concerns about their respective areas.

"Right now, we're gathering information



to help us put together a comprehensive development plan," Camp said.

Part of that is consideration of an expanded board of directors and possible additional advisory boards. The center is also working on a refinancing plan for its property.

And although Camp is a fairly new returnee to the area, one of his local connections has already paid off — The ArtsCenter has started offering classes at a new spot at University Mall.

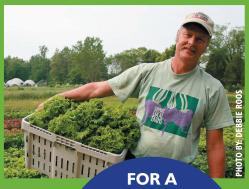


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