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Summer Fun in Raleigh

Yes it's sunny, hot and a typical humid day in Raleigh, but it still feels good to get outside and enjoy the lush green surroundings we're fortunate enough to have in our state. There's plenty to do this summer in and around Raleigh so we've compiled a varied list of great outdoor activities and schedules. Turn off the TV, get off the sofa, and enjoy!

- OUTDOOR MUSIC ::** Raleigh Wide Open, Bud Light Downtown Live (Moore Square), Live Music at the North Carolina Museum of Art, Sunday in the Park Series (Fletcher Park), Walnut Creek Amphitheater, Koka Booth Amphitheatre
- OUTDOOR MOVIES ::** Moore Square Movies in the Park, NC Museum of Art Movies on the Lawn, Koka Booth Amphitheater Movies by Moonlight
- JULY 4TH CELEBRATIONS ::** NC State Fairgrounds, Old Fashioned Fourth of July (State Capital)

By Downtowner Staff

OUTDOOR MUSIC

Raleigh Wide Open
 Fayetteville Street, Raleigh
Saturday July 21st, 6pm - 10pm
www.godowntownraleigh.com/rwo



Mayor Meeker and Town Council members at last year's (first) Raleigh Wide Open

The City of Raleigh is planning a big party on Saturday July 21st and if it's anything like last year, there will be over 70,000 people who will join in the fun.

The second annual Raleigh Wide Open event that celebrated the grand re-opening of Fayetteville Street in



downtown to automobile traffic was a big success last year. In addition to music, sports, displays, bands, a parade and food, the crowd was treated to a grand finale fireworks display.

For this year's celebration, many of the same features will be part of the festivities and the city has confirmed that another fireworks show will be held at the RWO celebration this year. The parade will start at around 6pm downtown. For you 80's music fans out there, the city has confirmed that it has lined up rocker Eddie Money to sing at the event. Money is known for such hits as "Two Tickets to Paradise," "Baby Hold On," "Shakin," and "Take Me Home Tonight."

The event will be held on again on a Saturday and will cover four blocks of downtown Fayetteville Street, but will also carry over into other streets in the area.

Bud Light Downtown Live

Moore Square Park
 Corner of Blount & Martin Streets
 Raleigh
www.BudLightDowntownLive.com



Downtown Live is a FREE outdoor concert series held in downtown Raleigh's Moore Square Park at the corner of Blount & Martin Street. This concert series, now in it's 3rd season, features some of the world's top recording artists and draws over 70,000 music fans from all over the eastern seaboard.

Bud Light Downtown Live is a joint partnership between the City of Raleigh Convention Center and the Raleigh-based Deep South Entertainment (Dave Rose and Andy Martin).

The event begins at 2pm with various opening bands. Headliners start around 9pm.

June 30 - Firehouse

Firehouse detonated the late 80's and early 90's with a pop-metal explosion. Hard rock on fire in the Bud

Light Downtown house sounds like a good concert. Also Playing: Nine Days, Sold, Sam Fisher, Stone Fox, Mickey Mills & Steel

July 14 - The Romantics

Retro never sounded so good. With their slinging power pop skills and high energy attacks this would be a show you'd have to catch. Also Playing: Will Hoge, Royal American, The Bleeding Hearts, SNMNMNM, Mickey Mills & Steel

July 28 - Night Ranger

Like no other band formed in the '80s, Night Ranger has both epitomized and transcended the sound and style of that decade. Jack Blades, Jeff Watson, Kelly Keagy and Brad Gillis still bring the rock. Also Playing: The Backsliders, Five Star Iris, Kepteclectic, Big Fat Gap, Mickey Mills & Steel

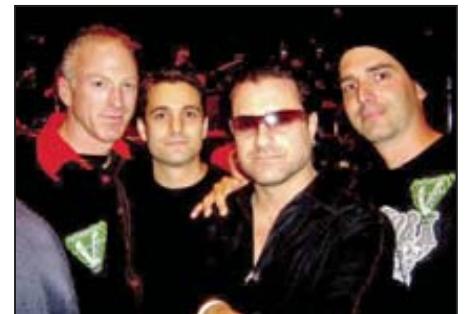
August 11 - Soul Asylum

Theatrical, rousing, and raucous, Soul Asylum is the little engine that could. No chance for a runaway train here... well, maybe. Also Playing: Yo Mamas Big Fat Booty Band, Terry Anderson & the Olympic Ass-Kickin Team, Brite Boy, J-Roddy Walston and the Business, Mickey Mills & Steel

August 25 - Warrant

Wanna get rowdy? Boisterous and brash, Warrant is a sure bet for beer-sloshing fun. Also Playing: Parmalee, Parklife, The Fifth, Boxbomb, Mickey Mills & Steel

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Tony Russo, the Bono look and sound-alike of Unforgettable Fire "UF" with his band, from the Downtown Live June 16th show

NORTH CAROLINA Museum of Art

NC Museum of Art Summer Concerts

2110 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, NC 27607-6494
Phone: (919) 839-6262
Box Office: (919) 715-5923
www.ncartmuseum.org/events/summerconcert.shtml

Concert times and costs vary, so be sure to visit the link above for more information. Music is held in the Joseph M. Bryan, Jr., Outdoor Theater in the Museum Park.

June 30 - Southern Culture on the Skids
A local institution with a national following, SCOTS has been serving up great party music, along with fried chicken and banana pudding, for nearly 25 years.

July 14 - Los Lobos
Longtime fans of the NCMA concert series know that Los Lobos, the celebrated band from East Los Angeles, is a special favorite. The reason is simple: they are brilliant musicians and songwriters who never coast on their considerable laurels.

July 28 - Doc Watson
At age 84, Doc Watson, the beloved master from



A member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Toussaint has been producing, writing, and arranging hit records for a host of prominent New Orleans artists

Deep Gap, has lost none of his powers. No one can pick a guitar like Doc or sing with such authority and depth.

August 4 - Tres Chicas
Hometown favorites Tres Chicas combine the singing and songwriting prowess of Lynn Blakey, Caitlin Cary, and Tonya Lamm to create a knockout musical experience based on their longtime friendship.

August 11 - Allen Toussaint
In the annals of New Orleans music, Allen Toussaint ranks with Louis Armstrong and Fats Domino as one of the gods. Don't miss this rare opportunity to see the master at work.

August 18 - Robin & Linda Williams
Along with Their Fine Group, which features former Red Clay Rambler Jim Watson, the Williamses perform a timeless blend of bluegrass, folk, old-time, and original country music.

Summer in the Park Series

Fred Fletcher Park
802 Clay Street, Raleigh, NC 27605
(Just off Glenwood Avenue)
<http://tinyurl.com/yogwu3>

The City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce the 2007 Sunday in the Park Concert Series. This free concert series is held at Fletcher Park in Raleigh. Concert goers are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and picnic baskets to enjoy an evening in the park. Concerts begin at 6:00pm.

- June 24** - The Tune Swingers Orchestra
- July 1** - * No Concert On This Date *
- July 8** - Kiley Holder's "Remembering the King" Tribute to Elvis
- July 15** - Sandbox- Kids and Family Fun Band Holder
- July 22** - Ari Pekka
- July 29** - Bill Stonehouse
- August 5** - The Blue Notes
- August 12** - Midlife Crisis Band
- August 19** - Same Old Strangers
- August 26** - The Filmore Valley Boys

Concerts may be cancelled due to inclement weather and are not rescheduled. For More Information Contact Thea Fotiu, Arts Program Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 919-831-6854.



First Friday Gallery Walk
Bands play in front of Big Ed's City Market

Restaurant from 7:30 until 10:30pm
220 Wolfe Street
Raleigh, NC 27601
<http://tinyurl.com/33OFJA>

- July 6** - David Dyer & Crooked Smile
- Aug 3** - Staircase
- Sept 7** - Terry Anderson & The OAK Team
- Oct 5** - TBD

First Friday is one of Raleigh's most popular evening escapes. On the first Friday of each month stroll the streets of historic City Market and celebrate great art, music, and shopping. Retail stores, restaurants and art galleries open their doors for extended hours and the galleries all over the area have receptions for opening works by various artists.

Enjoy the gallery walk and take advantage of the First Friday Specials provided by participating restaurants.

Look for the First Friday Flags to easily locate participating merchants. A detailed map/guide will be available at each location. Pick up your very own copy for FREE for easy event navigation.

Around 30 Participating galleries (including Artspace, Designbox, Raleigh City Museum, Visual Art Exchange). Participating Restaurants and Bars: <http://tinyurl.com/33OFJA>. Most First Friday Specials are only available between 6 - 9pm and may be limited to one per table/purchase order.

Walnut Creek Amphitheater

(formerly Alltel Pavilion)
3801 Rock Quarry Road
Raleigh, NC 27610
919.831.6400
www.alltel pavilion.com



Walnut Creek has brought some of the nation's top bands to the Raleigh area

- June 20** - Rush
- June 23** - Toby Keith with special guests Miranda Lambert & Flynnville Train
- June 24** - New Edition with special guest K-Ci & JoJo
- July 15** - Goo Goo Dolls with special guest Lifehouse
- July 20** - Brad Paisley with special guests Taylor Swift, Jack Ingram and Kellie Pickler

- July 22** - A.R. with Augustana
- July 31** - John Mayer with special guests Ben Folds
- August 3** - Kenny Chesney with special guests Sugarland and Pat Green
- August 4** - Kenny Chesney with special guests Sugarland and Pat Green
- August 11** - The Allman Brothers Band with special guests Drive-By Truckers and JJ Grey & Mofro
- August 13** - Projekt Revolution Tour with Linkin Park, My Chemical Romance, Taking Back Sunday, HIM, Placebo, Julien-K, Mindless Self Indulgence, Saosin, The Bled and Styles of Beyond
- August 19** - Rascal Flatts with special guest Jason Aldean
- August 21** - Def Leppard with special guests Styx and Foreigner
- August 22** - Aly & AJ, Corbin Bleu, Drake Bell and Bianca Ryan
- August 23** - The Beach Boys and Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons
- August 18** - Dave Matthews Band with special guest Robert Earl Keen

Items that are allowed:

- Blankets
- Food in a clear plastic bag
- Lawn Chairs (Must be 9 inches or lower to the ground)
- Sealed Bottled Water
- Snacks & Baby Food
- Small cameras (always check day of show info)

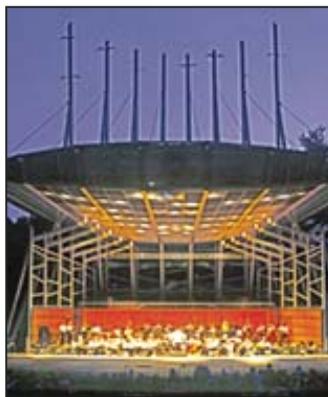
Items that are not allowed:

- Glass bottles/cans
- Coolers/Picnic Baskets
- Alcohol/Illegal Drugs
- Fireworks
- Video Recording Equipment
- Sharp or dangerous items
- Stickers
- Professional cameras

Koka Booth Amphitheatre

8003 Regency Parkway
Cary, NC 27518
Box Office 919-462-2052
www.boothamphitheatre.com

Located among 14 acres of stately hardwoods and pines and beautifully situated next to Symphony Lake. With the capacity for 7,000 people, patrons can enjoy a seat on the spacious lawn



In addition to live music and symphony events, the Koka Booth Amphitheatre also hosts a variety of day festivals, such as the Great Grapes Wine & Music Festival and the Carolina Arts Festival

or specially designed crescent deck. The Amphitheatre's performance season runs April through October and features an eclectic mix of entertainers which includes live music concerts and festivals, the North Carolina Symphony Summerfest Series and Movies by Moonlight movie nights.

Let the Koka Booth Amphitheatre pack your next picnic. Their new Virtual Cafe, supported by VMEALS, offers a variety of food items from appetizers to deserts for Amphitheater events. Your order will be waiting for you when you arrive on-site at the Amphitheater.

Check website for event pricing and times.

Saturday, June 30
British Musical Mania & Tribute To Andrew Lloyd Webber, The North Carolina Symphony

Saturday, July 7
Wynonna w/ The North Carolina Symphony

Saturday, July 14
Carnival Of The Animals Family The North Carolina Symphony

Saturday, July 21
Vivaldi's "Winter" & Christmas In July
The North Carolina Symphony

Sunday, July 29
An Evening with Chicago

Friday, August 10
Clay Aiken
Performing with the Raleigh Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, August 11
Earth, Wind & Fire

Friday, August 17
John Prine
w/ special guest Patty Griffin

Sunday, August 19
Jimmy V Week
Ride for Research & Cary Cycling Celebration

Friday, August 24
Carolina Music Festival
Michael McDonald w/ War

Saturday, August 25
Carolina Music Festival
Anthony David, Mike Phillips, Con Funk Shun, Tyrese, Erykah Badu

Sunday, August 26
Carolina Music Festival
Marcus Johnson, Michael Manson, Joe Sample, Randy Crawford, Michael Franks, Boney James and more!

Friday, August 31
G. Love & Special Sauce and Slightly Stoopid
w/ Ozomatli, DJ Scott Melker
will be spinning between sets

Thursday, September 13
North Carolina Symphony presents Elvis Costello

OUTDOOR MOVIES

Moore Square Movies in the Park
Corner of Blount & Martin Streets
Raleigh

The curtain rises on Saturday Movies in Moore Square every other weekend through Sept. 1 at 8:30 pm (around dusk). Admission is free. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and coolers. No alcohol, please.

- June 23** - Charlotte's Web
- July 7** - Moulin Rouge
- July 21** - Dreamgirls
- August 4** - A Series Of Unfortunate Events
- August 18** - James Bond film
- Sept. 1** - TBA.

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\$3 General admission, unless otherwise noted Free to NCMA members and children 6 and under. Members must show current membership card and photo ID at the Box Office. All movies begin at 9 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Movie tickets must be purchased in person or by calling the Museum Box Office at (919) 715-5923.

The Box Office opens two hours prior to all outdoor performances and movies. No refunds or exchanges, unless event is canceled due to adverse weather conditions.

- June 29** - Stranger Than Fiction
- June 30** - Talladega Nights
- July 6** - Iraq in Fragments
- July 7** - Letters from Iwo Jima
- July 13** - Volver
- July 20** - The Departed
- July 21** - Happy Feet
- July 27** - Night at the Museum
- August 3** - Dreamgirls
- August 4** - Shut up and Sing
- August 10** - The Queen
- August 17** - The Player
- August 18** - A Prairie Home Companion
- August 24** - Dr. No
- August 25** - Casino Royale



Koka Booth Amphitheater Movies by Moonlight

8003 Regency Parkway
Cary, NC 27518
Box Office 919-462-2052
www.boothamphitheatre.com

On Thursday nights from June to August movie buffs are invited to attend this family-friendly event that provides the perfect opportunity and atmosphere to sit back, relax, and enjoy the stars of the big screen under the stars at one of the region's most popular venues.

For \$3 (kids under 12 are free) patrons can bring a blanket or chair as the spacious lawn at Booth Amphitheater is transformed into an outdoor movie theatre. Patrons may bring in picnics on these special family nights.

Movie tickets are available at the Box Office only and may be purchased (cash only) after 6pm on the night of the movie. Movies By Moonlight events are weather dependent, therefore, if bad weather is present or is called for, please call 462-2025 or 462-2052 prior to showtime to check on the status.

Movies generally start at dusk, (approximately 8pm) however, start times are dependent upon the season. In other words, the later the sunset, the later the movie will start. Gates open at 7pm.

- July 5** - The Birds
- July 12** - Curious George: Show Me The Monkey
- July 19** - Click
- July 26** - Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby
- August 2** - Dreamgirls
- August 9** - Antz
- August 16** - Casino Royale



4TH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS

City of Raleigh, Parks and Recreation 4th of July Celebration

North Carolina State Fairgrounds
1025 Blue Ridge Boulevard, Raleigh

The City of Raleigh, Parks and Recreation Department invites you to the Fourth of July Celebration on Wednesday, July 4, at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds. This fun-filled family event will include interactive games, inflatables, live entertainment, music, fireworks and more.

Gates open at 2:30 and activities begin at 3:00. Public parking is available at various gates at the fairgrounds. Admission and activities are free of charge.

The 2007 4th of July Schedule is as follows:

- Jim Graham Building
- 3:00-5:00pm Gino Karaoke Show
- 5:00-6:00pm Magic In Motion Illusion Show
- 6:00-8:00pm Gino Karaoke Show
- 3:00-8:00pm Inflatables Rides and Carnival Games

Roving Entertainment on the Midway

- 3:00-5:00pm Juggler Paul Miller

5:00-7:00pm Stilt Walker/Uncle Sam

Expo Center Schedule

- 3:00- 8:00pm NC Fisheries Mobile Aquarium
- 3:00- 8:00pm Raleigh Parks and Recreation Dept. Booth Displays. Activities and displays in Nature, Athletics, Arts, Adventure, and more

Other Activities

- Food vendors
- NC Commissioner of Ag. Watermelon give-away
- Raleigh Jaycees Turkey Shoot

Mainstage Schedule

- 5:00 - 5:45pm Triangle Taiko: Japanese Drumming Group
- 7:00pm - Set 1: The Drifters
- 8:00pm - Set 2: The Drifters
- 9:00pm - Color Guard Presentation and Singing of National Anthem
- 9:15pm - Fireworks Show

In the event of inclement weather, all indoor activities will remain as scheduled and all outdoor activities will be cancelled. The fireworks display will be rescheduled for Thursday, July 5 at 9:00 p.m. For more information contact 831-6854.

A July 4 Patriotic Celebration - NC State Capital

One East Edenton Street Raleigh

Enjoy a family-oriented Independence Day celebration with a patriotic concert and picnic. Wander over to the Capitol's "Old Fashioned 4th" area and see how people in North Carolina celebrated the 4th long ago. Musical performances, food and historic demonstrators round out this patriotic day of fun. Capitol grounds, 11am - 3pm. Free.

Summerfest Independence Day Concert & Fireworks - Koka Booth Amphitheater

8003 Regency Parkway, Cary, NC 27518
Box Office 919-462-2052
www.boothamphitheatre.com

Free event that is always a huge hit with the entire family. This celebration comes complete with patriotic music and fireworks.

- 3:00pm - Gates open
- 3:00 - 7:00pm - Family Fun Zone located in VIP parking lot (look for the giant Aquafina Bottle)
- 4:00pm - Indy Model Boat Regatta
- 5:30pm - Ice cream eating contest
- 5:45pm - Cary Town Band
- 7:30pm - Flag Processional by Boy Scouts
- 7:30pm - North Carolina Symphony concert
- 9:00pm - Fireworks

Support our troops station presented by the USO, write a note, donate for troop care packages and or bring a photo of a service member for our "Honor" board!

■ Welcome to the Raleigh Downtowner

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UPCOMING ISSUES

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ON THE COVER:

Bud Light Downtown Live is already off to a great start this summer. Turnout was high for the first event with the rest of the season looking equally successful.

For our next issue, we're looking for your ideas for energy and water conservation, recycling, and other ways of being environmentally friendly. You can email us your suggestions to ideas@raleighdowntowner.com.

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THIS MONTH'S READER REWARDS

- Four \$25 gift certificates to **Primp Salonbar** near Glenwood Avenue. Go ahead, cheat on your stylist!
www.primpsalonbar.com
- Three \$25 gift certificates to the **Blue Martini**, located in the Powerhouse District. Lots of daily specials, great music, and never a cover charge.
www.bluemartiniraleigh.com
- Two \$25 gift certificates to the **Amra's**, located in the heart of Glenwood South. Live music, spirits, stogies.
www.amrasraleigh.com



• Two \$25 gift certificates to the **The Underground Restaurant & Bar**, located on West Morgan Street, beside City Limits Saloon. Great food, drinks and music.
www.comeunderground.com

• Four \$10 tickets to the *Temples and Tombs* exhibit at the **North Carolina Museum of Art**.
www.ncartmuseum.org

Congratulations to last issue's readers who won all of these great Reader Rewards below.

- Two Dress Circle tickets to the opening night of Broadway Series South's production of *Sweet Charity* starring Molly Ringwald
- Four \$25 gift certificates to Primp Salonbar
- Three \$25 gift certificates to the Blue Martini
- Two \$25 gift certificates to the Amra's
- Two \$25 gift certificates to the Underground Restaurant
- Four \$10 tickets to the *Temples and Tombs* exhibit at the North Carolina Museum of Art

We want to thank all our readers and advertisers for making the Downtowner a huge success. Reader Rewards are our way of saying thanks. **Be sure and sign up now!**

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A Closer Look at the Farmers Market(s)



but also allows you to speak to the person who grew the food you will be taking home.

A Sampling of What You'll Find:

- **The Captain John S. Pope Farm** in Cedar Grove offers fresh Dorper lamb meat. All their Dorper lambs are free-range, grass and well water fed, antibiotic free, with no added hormones.

- **Le Farm Bakery** provides over 10 different varieties of bread that are made fresh every morning. They also have white chocolate mini-baguettes, granola infused with local honey and cookies that have been featured on TV chef Rachel Ray's daytime television show.

- **Coon Rock Farm** brings a wide variety of fresh vegetables to market, including haricots verts (French green beans), that are rarely grown in this area.

- **Chapel Hill Creamery** features farmstead cow's milk cheeses including their special "pheta" cheese.

- **Lumpy's Ice Cream** offers a sweet tooth delight if you are looking for a dessert, or you can try a seasonal strawberry pie from Scratch Baking Company.

- Tasty fresh sandwiches from **Whole Foods Market**.



Melons and more from Coon Rock Farms

While you shop around and enjoy the local food, you can also enjoy music provided by local musicians who perform each week. In July and August watch for local chef demos, as they show off their stuff and provide great tips for cooking using local ingredients.

For more information on Moore Square Farmer's Market please visit their website at: www.godowntownraleigh.com/FarmersMarket



Homemade strawberry pie from Scratch Baking Company

Take some time out of your day on a Wednesday this summer and swing by the Moore Square Farmer's Market and enjoy the colorful, fresh locally grown produce and delightful foods that are available. The market is nestled under the oak trees in Moore Square and between 10:30 am and 2 pm is bursting with the sights and smells of fresh breads, meats, vegetables, cheeses, ice cream and everything in between. It offers a little something for everyone's taste.

The Moore Square Farmer's Market has taken great lengths to ensure it features only local farmers with fresh seasonal produce. The emphasis on having local farmers ensures that you are not only supporting local farmers,

Don't forget the other Farmers Market!

If you're not able to make it down to the Moore Square Farmers Market on Wednesdays, trot on out to the State Farmers Market just over two miles from downtown off Lake Wheeler Road. You'll find an abundance of local and state-grown produce (and some from out-of-state). They're open seven days a week, so it might be a little easier to fit into your work schedule.

flowers and bedding plants in addition to a variety of other gardening accessories. You'll also find specialty shops like BJ's Candy Garden and Ford's Fancy Fruits for those with a sweet tooth.

At the onsite Farmers Market Restaurant, there's a daily changing menu with plenty of Southern "fix-ins" like fried chicken, pork tenderloin, vegetables of all kinds of course including collard greens and mashed potatoes, and homemade desserts.

While you're eating, check out the hand-painted wall murals of the North Carolina coast, Piedmont and mountains. On your way in, you'll notice the logo in the doorway which personifies the majority of what you'll find at the State Farmers Market: "Goodness Grows in North Carolina."



State Farmer's Market
1201 Agriculture St
Raleigh, NC 27603
Phone: 919.733.7417
Monday-Saturday 5am-6pm
Sunday 8am-6pm

The State-run market is the shoppers dream of all things fresh. While all the items for sale aren't strictly local produce, there is surely a wide variety to choose from. Fresh fruits and vegetables are shipped in daily from nearby farms and neighboring states. Two buildings are filled with

If you have time, try to visit both the State and Moore Square Farmers Markets, and you'll be guaranteed to find just about anything you're looking for...

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Hot Summer Nights at the Kennedy



Boulevard) will wear the director's hat for *Romance, Romance*, the company's third production of the season. Campbell, her husband and a Tony Award nominated actor (Sunset Boulevard, *Contact*) will take on the role of Artistic Producer for the theatre company. Campbell was last seen on the Raleigh stage in 2006 in *Oleanna*, a show that received high accolades from both the community and the News and Observer for being one of the "Year's Best Theatre" in the Triangle in 2006. Executive Producer K. D. Kennedy, Jr. said about this good fortune, "We are all excited about Lauren and Alan being with us for much of our 2007 season. They will continue to share with all our directors, actors, and back stage personnel additional lessons that they have learned on the Big Apple stage!"

Okay, so it's not an outside event to go with our "Summer Fun" theme, but we had to include Hot Summer Nights at the Kennedy just for its name. That and the wonderfully superb talent that's involved with this year's shows. Not only has the company prepared a great line-up of productions, directors, cast and crew for the 2007 season, there will also be some very familiar names behind the reins.

Broadway's power-duo Lauren Kennedy and Alan Campbell will take on some big responsibilities this season. If the names sound familiar, they should. Broadway star Kennedy (*Spamalot*, *Les Miserables*, *Sunset*

The Hot Summer Nights at the Kennedy 2007 Season opened on June 6th and runs through September producing six shows, each with a ten-day performance run. Thanks to the theatre's 2007 season sponsors, patrons will also enjoy complimentary desserts



and beverages during intermission.

The 2007 lineup

Blithe Spirit (June 6-17) directed by John McIlwee

Dinner with Friends (June 20-July 1) directed by Jerry Davis

Romance, Romance (July 5-15) directed by Lauren Kennedy

Wait Until Dark (July 25-Aug. 5) directed by John McIlwee

Five Women Wearing the Same Dress (Aug. 8-19) directed by Kristen Coury

Ain't Misbehavin' (Aug. 22-Sept. 2) directed by Matthew-Jason Willis

serve the citizens of Raleigh, Wake County and Eastern Carolina by "keeping the lights on" and producing professional theatrical performances in the Kennedy Theatre at the Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts during the summer months. Hot Summer Nights goal is to produce great shows that are varied in type, attitude and scope and employ actor, stage crew and staff of all ages, races and creeds from North Carolina and Broadway. Hot Summer Nights will use our resources to nourish, celebrate and employ many theatrical groups, colleges, charities and citizens and support and assist the City of Raleigh with entertainment needs.

Raleigh native, and Broadway star Lauren Kennedy showcases her directorial debut with *Romance Romance* in July

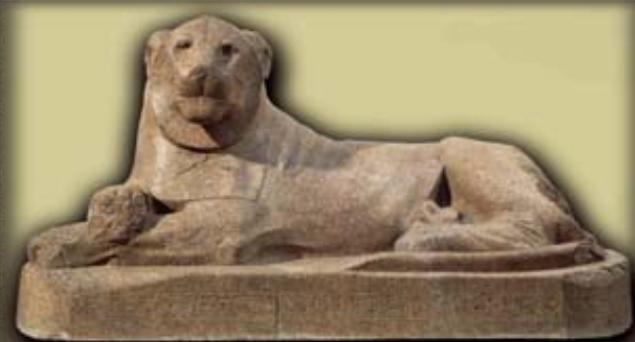
All performances run Wednesday-Saturday at 8pm. Sunday matinees are at 3pm. *Romance, Romance* will have a performance on Tuesday, July 10th instead of Wednesday, July 4th. Tickets are now on sale now through Ticketmaster by calling 919-834-4000 or online at ticketmaster.com or by visiting the Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts Box Office. Save \$15 and order season tickets for only \$150 each. Individual tickets are just \$27.50. For additional information, please visit the Theatre's website: www.hotsummernightsatthekennedy.org

About Hot Summer Nights at the Kennedy

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Our Historic Neighborhoods

Blount Street

By Lauren Byrd, Raleigh City Museum

Driving down Blount Street today, the casual observer can still catch glimpses of the former glory of the once regal street. Elaborate architecture on a handful of towering mansions bear witness to the fact that in the late 1800s and through the early 1900s Blount Street was the place to live for people of the upper class. Here is a quick primer on some of the street's more prominent dwellings:

In 1870, the majestic Heck-Andrews house was one of the first Raleigh homes built after the Civil War and it helped to give Blount Street a reputation for being home to elite families. Several years ago, it underwent exterior restoration and continues to impress capital city visitors to this day.



The Hawkins-Hartness house

Just across the street is the mostly brick Hawkins-Hartness house. This house has an interesting story associated with its construction. Dr. Alexander B. Hawkins owned a home on the lot where the house now stands. Dissatisfied with the trimmings on his old house, Dr. Hawkins asked his brother William to remodel the house while he and his wife vacationed in Florida. When they returned they discovered that William had instead moved their old house to a new location and built an entirely new home in its place. Mrs. Hawkins was surprised but not at all pleased. She eventually compromised, agreeing to stay in the house as long as a porch was added immediately to make the house less "severe".

With houses such as these, it is no wonder that in 1891 Blount street was selected as the location for the new Executive Mansion. North Carolina's Governors had been without a home since the end of the Civil War. Residing there during his occupation of Raleigh, General Sherman had "tainted" the old Governor's Palace at the south end of Fayetteville Street. Subsequent NC governors refused to reside there. The first governor to live in the Raleigh landmark was Governor Daniel G. Fowle and the Mansion continues in its original purpose to this day.

After the addition of the Executive Mansion, Blount Street's reputation as the premier Raleigh residence was locked and many other fine houses were built along the north side of that street. When many families began

moving to the suburbs in the 1950s, Blount Street declined. Many of the beautiful homes were transformed into government offices. Now the area is scheduled to undergo revitalization. Many of the towering historic homes will be returned to private ownership and Blount Street may again become the centerpiece of downtown living.

More information on the architectural history of downtown Raleigh can be found by visiting the Raleigh City Museum. The Raleigh City Museum is committed to preserving all aspects of Raleigh History. The museum is located in the Briggs building at 220 Fayetteville Street and is open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00am until 4:00pm and Saturday from 1:00pm until 4:00pm. We are also open on the first Friday of each month from 6:30-9:00pm. For more information, call 832-3775 or log onto www.raleighcitymuseum.org. All images courtesy Raleigh City Museum



The Heck-Andrews house



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By Fred Benton, City Style Editor

When Heath Holloman and Jean Paul Fontaine formed their partnership, the city of

Raleigh benefited first with Bistro 607 in Glenwood South where Heath mans the kitchen then with EVOO at which Greek native Jean Paul Fontaine weaves his Mediterranean magic. The partnership is there but the two restaurants are different in atmosphere and menu except in the fact that good eats rules both. How savvy of them to hone in on their individual strengths to bring about incredibly successful ventures.

This month Downtowner owner, Crash Gregg, Tito Hernandez of North Carolina Theatre, Larry Larson of Larry's Beans and myself lunched at EVOO, which is an acronym for extra virgin olive oil, industry slang popularized by the perky Rachel Ray of Food TV fame. As to the location of EVOO for born and bred Raleighites all I have to write is that it's in the same location that once housed Johnson's Pharmacy, the place where we all went for our prescription drugs, thanks to Troy Johnson, and munched 25 cent hot dogs which were fantastic. In truth back then if the ladies weren't lunching at "the club" they were getting drips of chili and slaw on their silk scarves at Johnson's. Since the Pharmacy went out of business the space has seen a heap of restaurants come and go, beginning with a chili parlor that I knew was doomed from the start and ending with heavens

knows what. Was the space doomed, food writers wondered? Well, EVOO will surely break the curse. It has just the right amount of panache to do the job. EVOO is located at the corner of Oberlin and Fairview roads. I've noticed that some write-ups state it's in Five Points but it isn't; it's about a mile or so from Five Points. If there's a down side to EVOO it's parking. Jean Paul tried to explain to me via telephone where there were parking lots that can be used, but I'm still clueless. One does the best one can to get a parking space on the street.

EVOO has a culinary slant toward the Mediterranean but it's also here that I enjoyed the best Turkey Club sandwich (\$8) I've had in Raleigh since I was a kid and mom made them with leftover Thanksgiving bird. Order a club sandwich at most places and you get pressed turkey (ugh!). But at EVOO Jean Paul roasts the turkey and you can easily tell its quality as you bite down on a sandwich loaded with sliced turkey. I ate one for lunch on the day of this writing and here I am at 8pm dying for another one! The sand-



EVOO Chef Jean Paul and son Roman

wich was served with homemade thick cut fries, which were too good to be ignored.

Our table also loved the calamari (\$8), thin-coated, crispy-fried and tender as a baby's tears. The calamari was served with an awesome spicy roasted garlic aioli. Larry and Crash both commented it was some of the best they'd ever tasted. A big compliment!

Another of our lunch's high points was the mountainous-portioned Greek Salad (\$7) with plenty of kalamata olives and feta cheese plus heaps of other garden goodies.

Less to my personal fancy was the Lamb Sausage Pizza (\$11) which comes with mushrooms, tomato sauce and cheese. To me it was a tad too salty but all the guys at the table were glad to take home the leftover slices,

soooo this is definitely one man's opinion. Saltiness also reigned over my appraisal of the Fettuccine Bolognese (\$7) but redemption was at hand with the homemade peach cobbler made with the first fresh peaches of the season. I normally detest peach cobbler but the fresh peaches combined with a light touch at sweetening and a creamy peach ice cream topping made this dessert a winner.

According to Jean Paul practically everything is made in-house; he's strict on freshness and quality so he wouldn't have it any other way. Frankly we were surprised he wasn't in the back churning the butter!

Make your lunch hour count: dine at EVOO! Very recommended! Can't wait to try this place for dinner.

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Fashion Meets Function

By Kelly Hubbard



While it may be easy to sit on the couch with the air conditioner blasting this summer, it is much more invigorating to take advantage of the many outdoor activities that Raleigh has to offer. Don't think you can get physical and look good at the same time? Think again.

The Great Outdoor Provision Co. offers clothing and gear for anyone from hardcore climbers to joy-ride cyclists. Greg Anderson works at the Raleigh GOPC location in Cameron Village; the employees are well-versed in the latest fabric technologies and hottest gadgets. The brilliance of this merchandise is that the same jacket that shows off your fashion sense can protect your body from the sun's rays or chill of the night.

You shouldn't be surprised to find most of the clothing throughout the store is made out of different blends of synthetic materials. "Although cotton fabrics are often preferred for 'in-town' use, in



Exofficio BuzzOff men's shirts with permanent bug repellent built right into the material.

the back country it is better to wear synthetic materials," Anderson explained. "Cotton has a poor insulating value when wet whereas polyester or nylon-based materials dry more quickly."

One of the travel lines that GOPC carries is Exofficio which features insect-repellent apparel called BuzzOff. There is no need to bathe yourself in Eau de Bug Spray when you are wearing this

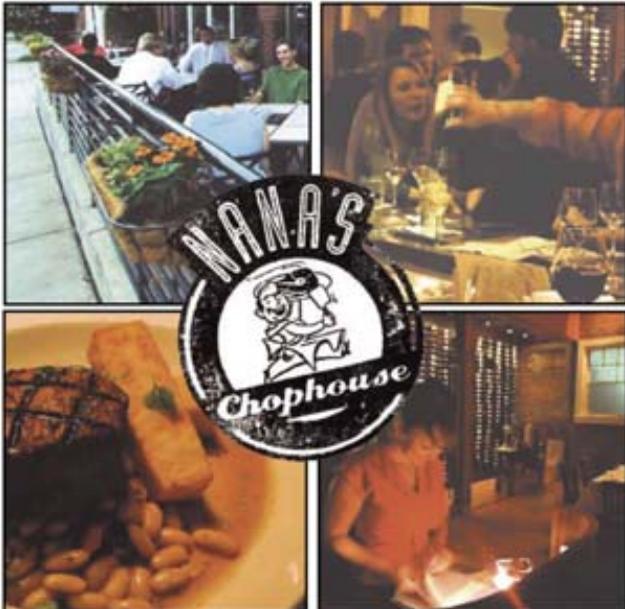
garb. There is permanent bug repellent built into the material and it is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency, making it safe for all ages to wear. The men's BuzzOff tees and button-down shirts have a classic look and though they feel like cotton to the touch they are actually made of a polyester-rayon blend, with a hint of spandex for shape.

Exofficio also features Dryflylite Fabric that is "so light you might forget you're wearing it." The next time you ladies are having fun in the sun, test its quick-dry, sun-guard features with a button-up, cap sleeve blouse. Select a coral or ocean blue top to pair with a khaki pair of Patagonia's UV-protected Sol Patrol Pants. It's the perfect attire for staying cool and protected on a sizzling summer day.



Quick drying Exofficio Dryflylite blouse

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Not only are there endless amounts of trails for hiking and biking in Raleigh, but there are lakes nearby for water activities as well. Though safety always comes first, often times it is challenging to look stunning in a bulky life vest. Astral has designed the Grunion, a life vest made of kapok which has natural buoyancy and can conform to any body type. The vest comes in safety orange with reflective piping and hand-warmer pockets.

Don't forget to add some style to your summer step with the latest pair of sandals. The ever-popular Crocs have



Blue and orange Crocs flip flops

expanded to include a line of Crocs flip flops in various colors. Anderson highly recommends OluKai brand flops as one of the most comfortable. OluKai features the Makau as its logo; the traditional, Polynesian "bone hook" symbol worn for safe passage over water, strength and good luck. A pair might be comforting when embarking on your next paddling adventure.

An outing outfit cannot be complete without the proper bag. If you are going to be hitting the trails after work or camping under the stars for the weekend, you will want to be sure to pack all that you need. GOPC offers several bags for on-the-go women to go from the office to the park to downtown.



Grunion life vest by Astral; Patagonia Skanorak jacket

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great opportunity to "try before you buy," you can test out the equipment in a relaxed environment before making a final purchase.



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Toni from Salon 21 with J.R. & Michelle





Frank, Sara and Shannon from Amra's



Dan, Corrie and Page at Nelsons Restaurant



Jean Pierre & Breshnaa at Sullivan's



Lloyd, Chris and Eddie from Lucky B's taking a night off at at Blue Martini

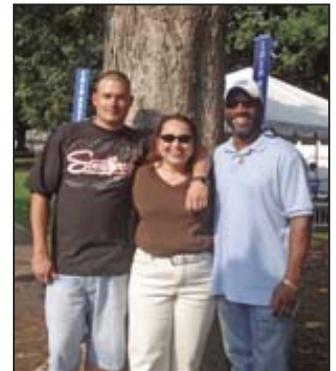


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Dave Rose and Andy Martin of Deep South with "Bono", Erica & Kelly



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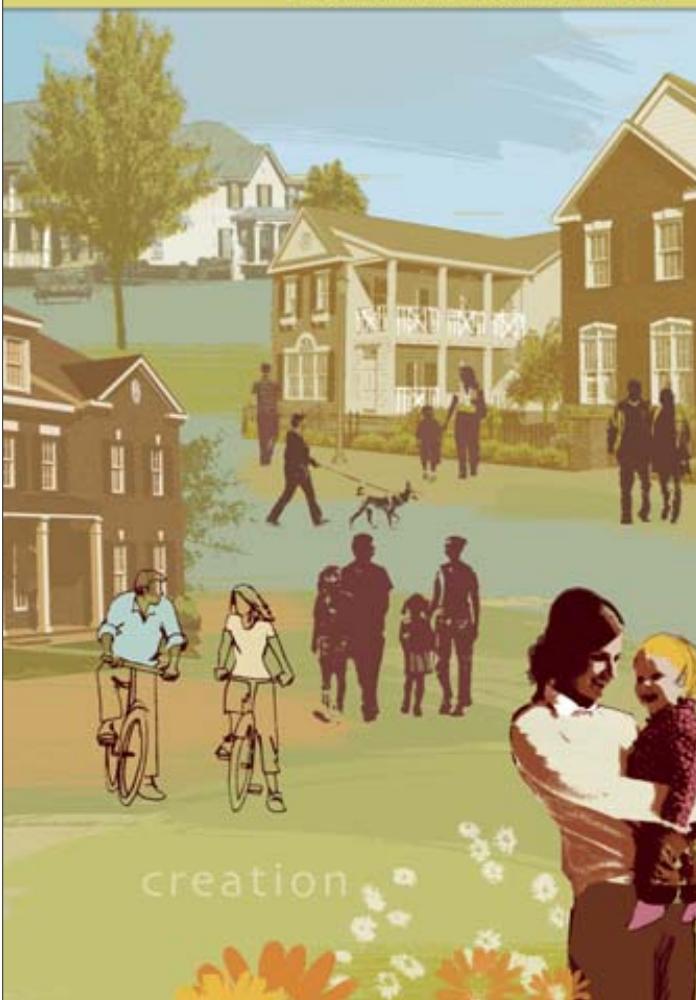
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By Fred Benton, City Style Editor

I enjoyed my recent conversation with Scott Grimm, executive chef of Nelsons, located at 521 Daniels Street in Cameron Village. Scott, despite the elegance of Nelsons, is a down-to-earth young man eager to make a name for himself as a chef. When he was a teenager he moved from Cary to Wilmington just to get away from his usual environment. He explains, "I was a troubled child" with a sly sort of grin that informs you he's telling the truth. He hooked up with Dockside, a popular eatery, particularly for boaters who motor or sail up to its docks to down what's often called the best soft shell crab sandwiches on the NC coast. It was at Dockside that Scott caught the food service bug. He washed dishes and bussed tables but all the while kept his eye on the cooks there and decided their job was fun and "cool." By the time he left Dockside at age 19 he knew he wanted to become a chef. At Vinnie's in Wilmington he was put in charge of hot appetizers then quickly got promoted to the grill and sauté station. From Vinnie's it was on to Harvest Moon, an upscale eatery also in Wilmington where he was honed on



Scott Grimm, executive chef at Nelsons in Cameron Village

more upscale food styles. But Scott really came into his own when he journeyed to Charleston to attend Johnson and Wales, the famed culinary school, then went on to work at the ultra-prestigious Peninsula Grill, also in Charleston. At Peninsula, he started out as a lowly prep cook then catapulted to taking charge of the grill and sauté station, one of the two most important stations in the Peninsula

kitchen. This was quite a feat since he likened working under executive chef Robert Carter of Peninsula as something analogous to tough "military" regimens, which brought about a kitchen where cutthroat competitiveness was the order of the day. Scott chose not to play the games, which makes his ascendancy even more admirable.

Scott sees Nelsons as his first chance to really shine as a chef but he's quick to give accolades to his culinary support system, which includes sous chef J.R. Hicks, as well as Cisco, Julian and Rosi. It's one thing to interview a chef, quite another to test his or her mettle (i.e. palate-plowing through the menu!). I was pleased to enter the portals of Nelsons again after many months absence. The chef I interviewed there initially, Ed Brantley, left; I heard no more about or from Nelsons, so the place went off my radar. That is until Downtowner publisher Crash Gregg, had dinner there and called me praising the Braised Short Ribs and taking me to task for allowing a brilliant new chef sneak into Raleigh without my knowing it. So it was to Nelsons I quickly made my way with my appetite with me!

I was not disappointed. Many local eateries offer She Crab Soup, which really ends up being guy crab in a thin white sauce. The She Crab Soup (\$7) at Nelsons is so authentic (made with blue crab roe) that it arrived at table all but wearing rhinestone earrings and carrying a pocketbook. Loved the She

Crab Soup here! Less to my taste was the French Onion Soup (\$6), which because of the caramelized sweet Georgia onions was too sweet in my opinion although my dinner companion enjoyed every drop.

There's a tie in my mind for the Best category of appetizers we tasted: Braised Short Ribs served with white bean ragout and red wine jus (\$10) and Kobe Beef Sliders (\$11) which is two miniature kobe beef burgers topped with cheese. The Beef Sliders is the most popular app here. You can upscale this to entree portion, which is three burgers and signature homemade fries (\$15).

In my book there's not a tie for best entree. The winner is Scott's favorite as well and indeed he proclaimed this to be "the best:" Shrimp & Grits (\$15). Now, this Low Country specialty has come a long way since my mom prepared this for a typical company dish back in the 60s. At the time, most folks around here wrinkled their noses at the thought. But thanks to the late Bill Neal and Crooks By The Corner in Chapel Hill Shrimp & Grits is as prevalent on menus as tiramisu. But I have to say; Scott's rendition is a cut above the rest (the rest meaning a dish which usually resembles nachos on grits, so overloaded with fixings). Scott's rendition is simpler and decidedly touched by Cajun cookery. It's a sauce that begins as a Cajun roux then is built up with cream, seasonings and Worcestershire sauce. The shrimp are added, the whole poured out onto soft-cooked stone-ground grits—and the magic for your palate is unmistakable.

On behalf of the Downtowner I welcome Scott to Raleigh as a culinary asset. With him at the kitchen helm I doubt Nelsons will fade from my radar ever again! Also new to Nelsons is general manager Ben Bloodworth who I was pleased to meet as well. His courtesy and attentiveness made my evening at Nelsons all the better. And my compliments to our waitperson David Stark, a budding food writer.

Nelsons
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 Reservations recommended



Mr. Downtown: Greg Hatem

By R. L. Gregg, From www.raleighchronicle.com

It's hard to find any single person who has had more of an impact on the revitalization of downtown Raleigh in recent years than Greg Hatem, the founder of Empire Properties. With a new upscale hotel on the horizon, a whole street under development, several restaurants and a bar under his belt, in addition to the many other projects underway, the leader of Empire Properties has been hard at work. But unlike other downtown developers, Hatem has focused not on tearing down old buildings and constructing shiny new offices meant to impress, but instead has been steadily refurbishing brick and mortar buildings with character that have been central to Raleigh's past.

His Empire Properties company has a long list of projects. Some new buildings are in the works, but most of them are refurbishments of older structures and they all have been increasingly adding to the downtown energy level.

Arguably, after years of downtown blight, Hatem's opening of restaurants and highly visible urban renewal projects have been instrumental in helping make downtown proper an entertainment district once again, spurring other developments in an area that used to "roll up the sidewalks" at 5pm.

Hargett Street Is The Key

Although Hatem has several new buildings planned including a 15 story hotel that will be built in the next few years (as discussed later in this story), his main focus has been on Hargett Street which intersects the newly reopened Fayetteville Street downtown.

"Hargett is the target," joked Hatem. "That's our motto at Empire Properties."

All joking aside, with at least nine different buildings within one block, Hargett Street has truly been a focus of Hatem's unique style of development. "We're building a critical mass," said Hatem about Hargett Street. "I believe



Greg Hatem, the founder of Empire Properties has been hard at work downtown with a new upscale hotel on the horizon, a whole street under development, several restaurants and bar under his belt.

Hargett is the best place in town."

Although relatively small at only 2,000 square feet, the Raleigh Times Bar, where the building was entirely refurbished before Hatem started the unique bar, is one of the jewels in Empire Properties' crown.

The bar is named after the old Raleigh Times daily newspaper that used to be located in the building before the paper was bought out by the News & Observer and then closed in the 1980's. The Raleigh Times bar even features old newspapers on the wall from the last century as well as artifacts found during the renovations.

Reaching Out Beyond The Building

As part of Hatem's philosophy, the bar is not a walled off unit separate from the city but becomes part of the street with plenty of outdoor seating on the sidewalks and also large plate glass windows where passersby can easily see into the bar.

With his other restaurants, which include the Duck & Dumpling, Nana's Chophouse, and the Morning Times, Hatem has consistently kept that philosophy of reaching out beyond the confines of the building.

stir and a buzz in the process.

"It spills all this activity out onto the sidewalk," says Hatem of outdoor seating, who added that creating "energy" downtown is an important aspect of what they do.

At the Raleigh Times, visitors are connected to the past just by visiting the building. With old Raleigh newspapers on the wall, exposed brickwork from the building's original walls and even historical artifacts found in the building on display, Hatem makes a bridge between the past and present.

Before Hatem restored it, most people — including this reporter — didn't even know that the building had even housed the Raleigh Times newspaper.

"We're preserving character and charm," said Hatem. "No matter what other buildings are built, we have a connection to our past which is where our character comes from."

At the Times, he tried to leave much of the building like it is, even covering some older brickwork with plexiglass to showcase the original walls while at the same time protecting them.

"At the Times, we left it like it is," said



Hatem's office, a refurbished seven-story building at the corner of Fayetteville and Hargett Streets



The Raleigh Times Bar is housed in the old Raleigh Times newspaper office, and is surrounded by memorabilia and photos of the newspaper.



The popular Morning Times Bar, bringing people downtown for coffee and conversation again

Hatem. "It's almost like being in a museum and you can't duplicate that."

The bar even hosted a reunion of sorts for the Raleigh Times newspaper with around 70 former staffers coming from as far away as New York to visit. Some of their donations of Raleigh Times memorabilia can be seen on the wall of the bar, making the building truly a memorial to a valued Raleigh newspaper that chronicled the town as it grew.

24/7 Downtown

To keep the energy level going beyond the regular workday, Hatem wanted to create a 24/7 activity in the Hargett Street area.

Next to the Times Bar, Hatem has opened up The Morning Times, a coffee shop and quiet sanctuary in the middle of the hustle and bustle of downtown.

Housed in another building that he has refurbished, the Morning Times is open at 6:30am and since the Times Bar closes at 2:30am, Hatem is pretty close to his vision of 24 hours a day activity on Hargett Street.

Although the Morning Times and the Raleigh Times buildings are among two of the smallest buildings he has renovated, Hatem does not underestimate their impact on the downtown community.

"The scale is very human," said Hatem. "It's not intimidating when you walk in."

New Projects Downtown

Across the corner from the Times Bar, Hatem is refurbishing several buildings at the corner of Wilmington Street and Hargett and some are already under lease.

In keeping with his principle of bringing a vibrant energy to his properties, Hatem said that he was pleased to sign leases with the Mediterranean-style restaurant Riviera, which also has outdoor seating as well as the NC State College of Design offices.

"[We like to have] energetic, creative people downtown," he said.

Empire is also renovating the old Heilig Meyers Furniture Building on the corner where the top two floors are leased out to Cherokee Partners and the bottom floor is going to become another restaurant.

Just down the street, Hatem is also refurbishing the old Highland Furniture Building and a three-story Odd Fellows Building (a different structure than the newer 10 story Odd Fellows Building down the street).

The Highland and Odd Fellows Buildings will have another restaurant and a bar in the basement and in keeping with restoring Raleigh's history, Hatem has signed up the Capital Barber Shop as a tenant. The barbershop was in the building before its renovation since 1927.

"We're working on all of them at the same time," said Hatem, who added that they hope to finish up the block sometime this fall.

One block over near the intersection of Fayetteville Street and Hargett Street, Hatem is also restoring the old three-story Dollar Store building that dates back to the 1890's.

Office Buildings On Hargett

While Hatem sees the value in smaller buildings, he has not shied away from larger historic buildings, which are currently being leased for office space.

Empire is currently leasing out space on Hargett Street in its ten story Commerce Building or as it was originally called, the Odd Fellows Building. The massive structure dates back to 1923.

Empire's offices are located in the seven story Masonic Temple Building across the street which is also owned by Empire. That building dates back to 1907 and houses Raleigh's Urban Design Center.

Brand New Building

Two of Hatem's most ambitious projects will be located in downtown Raleigh and unlike most of Empire's other projects, they will involve the construction of entirely new buildings.

The so-called "L Building" will be located at the intersection of McDowell and Davie Streets in Raleigh and will feature 100,000 square feet of office space and 15,000 square feet of retail space when completed.

Hatem says he will open another Morning Times coffee shop on the corner as part of the retail space.

Construction on that property will begin in August and everything will be finished in December of 2009, says Hatem.

New Lafayette Hotel

The Raleigh City Council approved the plans for what will be Empire Properties tallest building when completed.

The 15-story Lafayette Hotel is planned for the front half acre of property facing the Progress Energy Center for the Arts in downtown Raleigh. In addition to 125 rooms in the boutique hotel, the building will have 80 condominium units and a "signature" restaurant on the first floor.

Although Hatem says they are still in the design

phase, he says that the hotel is designed to appeal to the high end of the market, focusing on luxury and "most of all customer service."

To that end, Hatem has hired Craig Spitzer, the former general manager of the The Library Hotel in New York. Hatem says he is lucky to have been able to hire Spitzer, who has created a reputation for knowing all of his guests extremely well at the Library and catering to their needs.

"We're trying to create an experience," said Hatem. "The first time people walk in, it's an experience, the second time you walk in, you'll feel like you're staying at a friend's house."

Unlike other chain hotels, Hatem hopes to give the hotel a unique hometown flavor.

"People who are living here in Raleigh can define it," said Hatem. "It will be a great venue to visit all around Raleigh."



The Duck & Dumpling, one of the first restaurants downtown area to put outdoor seating on the sidewalk

More Than Just A Business

Hatem's success has come despite of – or perhaps because of – his desire to put history and community heritage at the top of Empire's priorities.

He has helped some tenants get into downtown space when they otherwise may not have been able to afford it. For example, although Hatem himself did not tell the Chronicle about this, the Chronicle learned that he has allowed the Capitol City Barber shop to return to its old space after renovations for the same rent as before. It was important to Hatem for the barber to be able to return to the same space it had occupied since the early 1900's.

In addition, Hatem has been allowing Raleigh artists to display their artwork in renovated buildings for free, rotating them in on a monthly basis.

Many see the Roanoke Rapids native as a good steward of Raleigh. Instead of knocking down buildings, as some developers have done downtown, he is instead trying to save them.

"Where Empire Properties sees its place is in the revitalization of Raleigh," said Hatem. "We're preserving the character of Raleigh."

For more about Greg Hatem, watch the Raleigh Chronicle video tour with Greg here: <http://www.raleighchannel.com/RTPTVempire.wmv>

Buckhead Saloon Opens Downtown

Rocky Mountain bar takes over part of the old Jillian's space



Outdoor seating area at Buckhead Saloon's grand opening

The Colorado-based Buckhead Saloon officially opened its doors to a packed crowd on Saturday, June 23rd, with pre-opening VIP parties on Thursday and Friday, which were also crowded with people wanting to see the newest bar in Raleigh. Occupying part of the old Jillian's building downtown — owned by Greg Hatem and Empire Properties — Raleigh's Buckhead Saloon is the newest in the Rocky Mountain bars, with sister

Saloons in Vail, Colorado, Charlotte, and five other locations. Departing from the typical nightclub style of entertainment, Buckhead Saloon employs a mix of DJ-driven recorded music and live music performed by a special type of entertainer who differ from standard bar bands. Their shows are not only focused on good music, but also on crowd interaction, weaving sing-a-longs, and improvised lyrics into each performance.

The backdrop of the Buckhead Saloons is the casual Rocky Mountain lodge decor. Exposed timber beams, hunting trophies, comfortable seating areas, and the rest of the surroundings lend

an authentic lodge look and feel.

"With the exciting things that are happening in Raleigh, we felt that the area presented a golden opportunity for us," said Chuck Beldon, general manager for Buckhead Saloon. "We're thrilled about becoming a part of the business community. We're hoping to add to the mix and contribute as much as we can to the area. In addition to having a vital pres-

ence on West Morgan Street, we look forward to getting involved with the community at large." At their opening festivities, several parties were held to benefit various local charities, including the Red Cross.

Buckhead Saloon is located at 411 West Morgan Street, 829.7254, and their website for more information is www.BuckheadRaleigh.com.



Buckhead Saloon mascot, Bucky

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July 5-15

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A sinister con man and two ex-convicts meet their match in this masterfully constructed thriller that moves from one moment of suspense to another. For ticket info, 831.6011.

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MULTIPLE DAY EVENTS

April - October



Moore Square Farmer's Market
Downtown Raleigh

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Sun. July 1- Open Blues Jam	Sat. July 14- \$5.00 Bullfighters
Mon. July 2- Russ Thompson	Sun. July 15- Open Blues Jam
Tue. July 3- Open Mic Night	Mon. July 16- Russ Thompson
Wed. July 4- Voodoo Flute	Tue. July 17- Open Mic Night
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15 April - 8 July



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www.ncstatecapitol.org

7 July ~ Saturday

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21 July - Saturday

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RD Interview with Dameon Nagel

Dancer, teacher and assistant ballet master with Carolina Ballet

By Fred Benton, City Style Editor

Dameon Nagel first caught my attention when he played the father in Carolina Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker" this past December. In the first scene of family and friends gathered on Christmas Eve, Dameon, as the father, seemed so attentive of the children that he reminded me of my own father on similar Christmas Eves when I was an excited child. However when I met Dameon in person he's far from the "fatherly" type, being more young and energetic. I suddenly felt 92! His history with ballet began at age four as a fluke; it seems his older brother was hyper-energetic and Dameon's mother thought that the energy required to dance would be just the thing to diffuse the "hyper." Dameon caught the ballet bug from his brother who seemed to really enjoy it. After basic lessons Dameon went on to attend the National Ballet School of Canada from age 11 to 19. Currently he's also the assistant ballet master for the Carolina Ballet and couldn't be happier with his career.

Getting Personal....

Dietary regime: Unconcerned but generally careful

Exercise: I go to the gym when I can, particularly during the off-season when we're laid off.

What really makes you angry? Stupid people!

Guilty Pleasure (Food): fast food

Guilty Pleasure (Activity): like to do nothing, spend the day reading or watching TV, being a real couch potato

TV diva you'd like to hit over the head with a hammer: Oprah!

"American Idol" Love it, hate it or don't care: Don't care

Person you'd most like to dance the night away with: My girlfriend, Randi

Typically at night? PJs, undies or commando: Undies

Favorite wine: Pino Noir

Favorite cocktail: Long Island Iced Tea

Favorite Raleigh restaurant:

Porter's

Favorite clothing store: Urban Outfitter or Saks

Place for coffee: Any Starbucks

Favorite place for romance: The beach

DAMEON'S BIO

Dameon Nagel was born in Canada and received his training at The National Ballet School in Toronto. Mr. Nagel is trained in ballet, character, national and flamenco dance. He has performed in various ballets in Canada, including James Kudelka's The Nutcracker and in Paradisum, and John Neumeier's Yondering. He also danced with Cleveland San Jose Ballet in their performances of Theme and Variations and Carmina Burana.

Mr. Nagel is a founding member of Carolina Ballet where he is a soloist. He performed the role of Paris in the premiere of Robert Weiss' Romeo & Juliet. Throughout the past nine seasons, Nagel has danced in the majority of Carolina Ballet's repertory. He has delighted audience members with his portrayal of Herr Drosselmeyer in the annual Nutcracker productions. Along with his role as a soloist with the company, Mr. Nagel also is the assistant Ballet Master and rehearses the company for many of its productions. During the fall 2007, Mr. Nagel will travel to Philadelphia to stage Carolina Ballet's Messiah for Pennsylvania Ballet.



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Downtown Bike Race a Huge Success



By Kevin Coggins

The 3rd Annual Raleigh Downtown Criterium Bicycle Race was held Memorial Day weekend on an all-new route along historic Fayetteville Street. This very exciting, fast and colorful event drew an estimated crowd of about 15,000 spectators downtown to see the nation's top male and female professionals race for over \$15,000 in prizes. The race is part of the National Race Series that leads up to the US Professional Championships.



The women's race occurred first and was won in a tremendous field sprint by Laura Van Gilder from team Cheerwine. No one could escape the field and everyone settled down to see the fastest sprinter in the field, Van Gilder, who did not disappoint.

The men's race had attacks early and often and finally saw a breakaway by six riders after about 20 miles that eventually lapped the field. Once the break had a working margin, Raleigh's own David "Oldman" LeDuc led a furious chase for 20 or 30 laps before finally running out of gas and leaving the race to be won by Frank Travieso of the AEG-Toshiba team. LeDuc, a multiple US Masters Champion and over-50 World Champion, said the local support from the crowd really helped him stay active in the chase. (Why is this guy not in the NC Sports Hall of Fame?!) LeDuc commented, "Believe me, if this race had been in any place other than Raleigh, I wouldn't have lined up." It is truly amazing that a 50+ year old can still hang with the energetic young guns.

The race also provided a boost to local merchants that were located along the

route. Race Director, Kim Kobes says "the new route now allows local merchants to better take advantage of the event and the groundwork is now laid for a huge event in the future." Those comments were backed up by Tim Jannik from Crème who said "it was a great event and we were much busier than usual. Anything the city can do to bring more people downtown is good." Over at the Raleigh Times, David McComas said, "we had a great time with the event and we saw a lot of faces we have not seen before." Kevin Taylor of Yancy's commented they're typically "not that busy, but the patio was packed." Finally Dave Soprano of the Big Easy said it "definitely helped us out. Events like this are a big boost to business."

Some traffic logistics need to be worked out for better traffic flow in the future. Some businesses complained that ingress and egress into downtown was substantially disrupted and their business was off as a result. Race organizers are aware of these issues and are working with officials to diminish these concerns for future editions. This race looks to be an up and

coming event for years to come.

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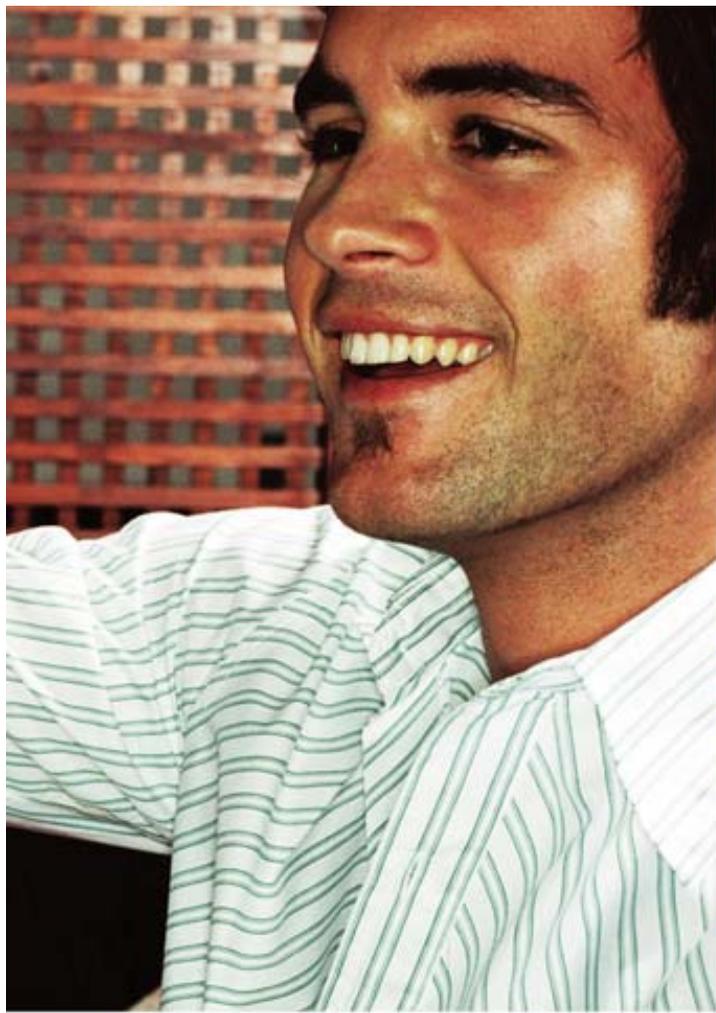
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