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Rosewood Crawfish Festival

The Rosewood Merchant Association, in partnership with Solid Entertainment and Liquid Assets, is gearing up to bring some of the infamous Creole cuisine to the Midlands on Saturday May 2, 2009 at the 4th annual Rosewood Crawfish Festival!

From 11AM to 8 PM, lovers of all things Creole and Cajun are invited to adorn Rosewood Drive and take part in one of the city's favorite celebrations, featuring 5,000 pounds of fresh Louisiana grown crawfish.

If crawfish aren't your thing, a large assortment of other options will be available for your dining pleasure along with live music on two stages and fun for the whole family, featuring a street vaulting

competition and the Community Event Expo area.

From N'awlins native **Better Than Ezra** to Columbia's own **Tootie and the Jones**, **The Reason Your Listening**, and **Pixie's** tribute band **So Hush Hush**, this year's festival line-up is sure to please a wide array of musical palates.

For an authentic taste of Louisiana culture, look no further than St. Matthew's band **Mudfish** and **The Plowboy's**, whose tunes bring the Crescent City's bayous all the way to Columbia.

Tickets to the Rosewood Crawfish Festival are \$10 at the gate with advance tickets available at www.etix.com. Children 12 and under enjoy free admission to the festival. Parking for the festival is

located at the RV parking lot adjacent to the State Fair Grounds on the corner of Rosewood Drive and Assembly Street. Buses will run in 15 minute intervals to and from the festival gates. There will be a small charge to park in this secure lot.



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Rhythm & Blooms

Music and flowers after hours-you wont experience a night like this anywhere else in Columbia! Guests can enjoy live entertainment, local artists and wine sampling in the Botanical Garden every Thursday night in May. Cash bar and tapas will be available for purchase at the

event.

Cost: \$7

Location: Riverbanks Zoo and Garden, 500 Wildlife Pkwy, Columbia

803-779-8717

For more information visit www.riverbanks.org.



Botanical Gardens

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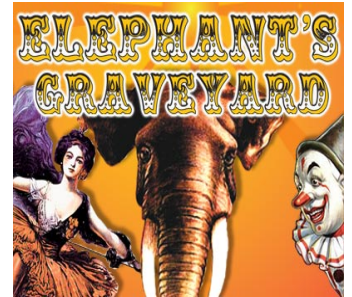
Trustus Theatre Presents...

The circus comes to Trustus Theatre as George Brant's new and exciting play, *Elephant's Graveyard*, brings the Big Top to the main stage. When a struggling circus comes to a small town in Tennessee, things are shaping up to be a normal stop for the show. The train arrives, the animals and performers settle in, and the tent is constructed. Finally the ever popular parade ensues, but Mary, the circus' prize elephant, panics and causes catastrophe.

Events careen towards a climax you won't believe as the townspeople seek revenge on Mary. Set in September of 1916, the play combines historical fact and legend, exposing the deep-seated American craving for spectacle, violence and revenge.

Trustus Theatre is located at 520 Lady Street in the Vista. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling 803-254-9732. For more information please visit

www.trustus.org.



Robert Courtright Exhibit



Example of Robert Courtright's work

South Carolina native Robert Courtright, collage artist and painter, has exhibited his work in galleries and museums around the world. The South Carolina State Museum is currently exhibiting, *Robert Courtright: Collages, Collage Constructions and Masks, 1953-2008*.

One of the largest and most comprehensive exhibitions of

his work ever mounted, the exhibit features over 100 works, from early collages and masks to new collage constructions made specifically for this exhibition.

The South Carolina State Museum is located at 301 Gervais Street in the Vista. General admission is \$7.

Hours are Tuesday-Saturday

10 AM-5 PM, Sundays 1 PM – 5 PM. For additional information please visit www.southcarolinastatemuseum.org.

Town Theatre Presents...



Set against the color of New York City's high lights and low life, this "perfect musical comedy" is an entertaining fable of love, a marriage and temperance. One of the funniest and most melodious shows, this clever script centers on the largest permanent floating dice game in New York. Based on a story by

master story teller, Damon Runyon, he claimed he "did not create the characters" rather, they existed on the Broadway pavement. With this hit show, Town Theatre will give you their marker that audiences will love them "a bushel and a peck."

Town Theatre presents *Guys*

and Dolls May 8-30, 2009. Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased by calling 803-799-2510.

Town Theatre is located at 1012 Sumter Street and is only four blocks from the National Advocacy Center. For more information please visit www.towntheatre.com.

Blues Over Beaufort

May 16-17, 2009 Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort will host nearly 150,000 of its closest friends and neighbors at the 2009 Blues Over Beaufort Air Show. There is no cost to the general public to attend the show. Parking and bleacher seating will also be provided free of charge.

The show will showcase Naval aviation at its best with a demonstrations by the United States Naval Flight Demon-

stration Team, the Blue Angels!

Additional aerobatic performers will include such world class performers as Patty Wagstaff, three-time US Aerobatic Champion and European Championship and World Grand Prix of Aerobatics winner Jurgis Kairys.

Gates will open at 9 AM.

For more information please visit www.beaufortairshow.com.



Blue Angels

“THERE’S JUST ONE PROBLEM: THEIR SCREENWRITER HAS NEVER READ MARGARET MITCHELL’S NOVEL”

Workshop Theatre Presents...

In 1939 Hollywood, production of the new MGM epic *Gone with the Wind*, has been on hold for three weeks. With director George Cukor ousted and the umpteenth draft of the script unworkable, legendary producer David O. Selznick pulls director Victor Fleming away from *The Wizard of Oz*, and offers \$15,000 to screenwriter Ben

Hecht for a complete rewrite of the script. There’s just one problem: their screenwriter has never read Margaret Mitchell’s novel. A comedy of epic proportions!

Town Theatre presents *Moonlight & Magnolias* May 15-30, 2009. Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased online at www.workshoptheatre.com or

by calling 803-799-6551.

Workshop Theatre is located at 1136 Bull Street and is just three short blocks from the National Advocacy Center.

Gordon Lightfoot

Gordon Lightfoot performs Sunday May 10, 2009 at the Koger Center for the Arts. Show time is 7:00 PM. Tickets range from \$32-\$52 and can be purchased by calling 803-251-2222 or online at www.capitoltickets.com.

The Koger Center is located at 1051 Greene Street,

about six blocks from the NAC.

For more information please visit www.koger.sc.edu.



Gordon Lightfoot

Vista After 5

The Vista after 5 concert series resumed its 12th year of free concerts in the Vista on Thursday, April 9, 2009 featuring the music and entertainment of the East Coast Party Band! These concerts are held behind Jillian's Entertainment Complex at 800 Gervais Street, and will run each Thursday afternoon from 5:30-9:00 PM through June 11th. Each Thursday afternoon concert will feature one of the southeast's best variety dance bands for the audience's dancing and entertainment pleasure.

As always, these shows offer completely free admission and, by special arrangement, will also offer free parking in the Jillian's concert area.

NAC Recipe

Succotash with Grilled Scallops and Parsley Drizzle

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 ears corn, or 2 1/2 cups frozen corn kernels, thawed
- 1 (10-ounce) package frozen lima beans, thawed
- 1 medium zucchini (about 1/2 pound) quartered lengthwise and sliced
- 1 pint grape tomatoes, halved
- 1 1/4 pounds large sea scallops (about 16)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar

The Vista After 5 series was created in 1997 by a group of dedicated volunteers and has contributed many thousands of dollars to local charitable organizations. The charitable benefactor chosen for the 2009 season is the Carolina Children's Home, another extremely worthwhile cause! Donations at these events are encouraged and greatly appreciated.

The National Advocacy Center provides free shuttles to the Vista Monday-Thursday starting at 5:30 PM and runs every 1/2 hour with the last shuttle leaving at 10:37 PM.



The Fantastic Shakers



Abbey Road Live

1/4 cup chopped fresh basil leaves

If using ears of corn, cut the kernels off and set aside. Discard the cobs. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the onions and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 2 minutes. Add the garlic and cook for 1 minute more. Stir in the corn, lima beans, zucchini, and tomatoes and cook, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are tender, about 7 minutes. Spray a large nonstick skillet or grill pan with cooking spray, and preheat it over medium-high heat. In the meantime, prepare the scallops. Pat them dry and season them with 1/4 teaspoon of salt and 1/4 tea-

spoon of pepper. Add the scallops and cook until the inside is opaque, 5 to 6 minutes, turning once. Stir the vinegar and basil into the succotash, season with additional salt and pepper, to taste, and serve topped with grilled scallops. Garnish with Parsley Drizzle.

Parsley Drizzle

1 cup lightly packed flat-leaf parsley leaves
 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
 2 tablespoons water, as needed to slacken
 Combine all ingredients in a blender and puree.
 Yield: 1/2 cup



Gervais Street Bridge in the Vista



Recipe courtesy Ellie Krieger