

The Advocate

National Advocacy Center

St. Patrick's Day Festival

Saturday, March 13, 2010, Five Points of Columbia hosts its annual St. Patrick's Day Festival. Be ready to live the luck of the Irish at this celebration that welcomes over 40,000 people to the eclectic Five Points business district in Columbia, SC every year.

Continually growing and improving, the 2010 festival will include a 5K Run and one mile walk, fun-filled parade, expanded family entertainment, enhanced food and craft offerings, a special shag area honoring our state dance, a kid-approved Children's Carnival as well as four stages of live music hosting over 20 musical acts.

Tickets are \$11 in advance and \$15 at the gate. Advance

tickets may be purchased online at www.FivePointsColumbia.com.

Special Activity Schedule:

8:30 AM: Get to the Green 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk

10:00 AM: First Citizen's St. Pat's Parade

10:00 Am-6:00 PM: Wachovia Children's Carnival (Free at MLK Park)

Noon-6:00 PM: Musical Entertainment (Four Stages-see website for complete line-up)

1:00PM-6:00 PM: Shaggin' on Santee (DJs and Live Music)



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Brew Pub Walk

Learn about history and sites of Columbia through the University of South Carolina's campus, and other surrounding historical sites while meandering toward your goal... the beer bats and great eats at the Hunter-Gatherer, Columbia's only Brew Pub. The

Hunter-Gatherer is housed in an early 20th century motor car company.

Tours on Tuesday at 5:30 PM and cost \$10 per person. Pre-registration is required at the National Advocacy Center (NAC). Guests should sign up

by 2 PM in the library. There is a minimum of four people required.





Pirates, Privateers and Buccaneers

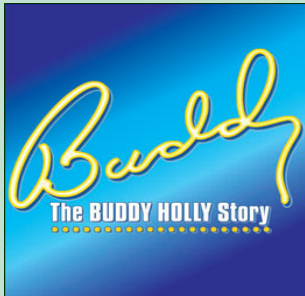
The South Carolina State Museum opens a new exhibit March 20, 2010, *Pirates, Privateers and Buccaneers*. Featuring actual artifacts as well as reproductions to illustrate the lives and times of buccaneers during the heyday of piracy (approximately 1600-1718), the exhibit will thrill those who have always been fascinated by these desperadoes of the bounding main.

The exhibit will display a pirate ship's bell, rigging

hook, cannon balls, pewter plates, buckles, ballast stones, cannon aprons, and small vials of gold dust. A concretion tank will feature mineralized artifacts as they would have appeared when found on the ocean's floor. See money plundered by pirates, including silver "pieces of eight," gold doubloons, and Spanish reals (pronounced ray-ahls). Reproduction cannons from pirate ships will give guests the feel of being on the deck

of a pirate ship.

The South Carolina State Museum is located at 301 Gervais Street. General admission is \$7 with an additional fee of \$5 for *Pirates, Privateers and Buccaneers*.



Town Theatre Presents...

Exactly 51 years ago, February 3, 1959, the man who changed the face of popular music tragically died in a plane crash at the age of 22. The young man with the glasses sings his way through two hours of some of the best rock and roll songs ever written, including "Peggy Sue", "That'll Be The Day", and "Maybe Baby" as *Buddy, the Buddy Holly Story* is pre-

sented. This toe-tapping extravaganza will have you up and dancing in the aisles!

Town Theatre presents *Buddy, the Buddy Holly Story* March 17-21, 2010. Shows are Wednesday-Saturday at 8:00 PM, and Sundays at 3:00 PM. Town Theatre is located at 1012 Sumter Street just four blocks from the National Advocacy

Center (NAC).

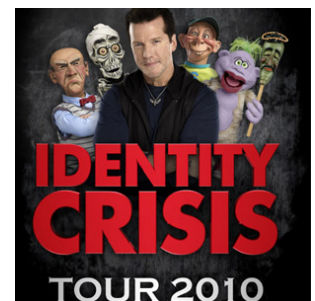
Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased by calling 803-799-2510. For more information please visit www.towntheatre.com.

Jeff Dunham

Jeff Dunham brings his undeniable talent and unstoppable laughs to Colonial Life Arena for one show only! Dunham has taken the art of ventriloquism to new heights and has transformed it into a cutting-edge comedy experience that has gained worldwide appeal.

Jeff Dunham performs

March 26, 2010 at the Colonial Life Arena located at 801 Lincoln Street, at 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$45.50 and can be purchased by calling 803-576-9200 or online at www.thecolonialcenter.com.



Trustus Theatre Presents...

This innovative musical by Tony-winning composer, Jason Robert Brown, is certain to entertain with a show that's full of heart, humor and hurt. At the beginning we meet Cathy, an actress, as she sings about the end of her relationship with her husband, Jamie. When we meet Jaime, an up-and-coming writer, he sings about his infatuation for the girl he's just met, Cathy. The show progresses as Cathy movies backward in time, and Jamie

moves forward chronicling their five-year relationship. They finally meet on stage during their wedding. *The Last Five Years* is a contemporary song-cycle musical that ingeniously records a relationship, from meeting to break-up...or from break-up to meeting, depending on how you look at it. Heartfelt and moving, this show is certain to become a contemporary classic.

Trustus Theatre presents *The*

Last Five Years March 26-April 17, 2010. Shows are Thursdays through Sundays only (Please note there will not be a show on Sunday March 28th and Sunday April 4th). Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased by calling 803-254-9732 or at the box office located at 520 Lady Street. For more information please visit www.trustus.org.



Carolina Cup

The Carolina Cup race-meeting is a time honored South Carolina tradition that has achieved premier social event status. The annual 'rite of spring' draws over 65,000 fans from throughout the southeast, to enjoy the thrilling sport of steeplechase horse racing amid a flurry of spring fashions and elaborate tailgate parties. From the Corporate Terrace to College

Park, old friends meet and new friends are made during the seven races held in the afternoon.

The Carolina Cup is held at Springdale Race Course, 200 Knights Hill Road, Camden, South Carolina. On Saturday, March 27, 2010, gates will open at 9:00 AM. The First race is set for 1:30 PM and each subsequent race will run

35 minutes apart.

General Admission Tickets are \$30 prior to March 12, 2010 at 5 PM and \$45 after 5 PM March 12, 2010. Tickets may be purchased by calling (803) 432-6513 or (800) 780-8117.

For directions and more information please visit www.carolina-cup.org.

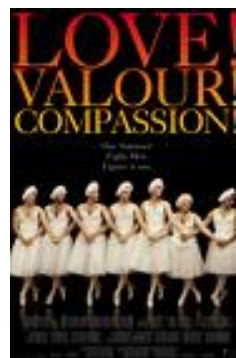


Workshop Theatre Presents...

At a beautiful farmhouse in upstate New York, eight men hash out their passions, resentments and fears over the course of three summer weekends. Infidelity, flirtations, soul-searching, AIDS, truth-telling, and skinny dipping mix monumental questions about life and death with a wacky dress rehearsal for *Swan Lake* performed in drag!

Workshop Theatre presents *Love! Valour! Compassion!* March 19-April 3, 2010. Tickets are \$18 and may be purchased by calling 803-799-6551 or online at www.workshoptheatre.com.

Workshop Theatre is located at 1136 Bull Street only a few short blocks from the NAC.



USC Baseball March Home Game Schedule

vs. Presbyterian	3/2/10	7PM
vs. Clemson	3/7/10	2 PM
vs. Valparaiso	3/9/10	7 PM
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vs. Brown	3/12/10	7 PM
vs. Brown	3/13/10	4 PM
vs. Brown	3/14/10	1:30 PM
vs. Davidson	3/17/10	7 PM
vs. Tennessee	3/19/10	7 PM

NAC Recipe

30 Minute Shepherd's Pie

2 pounds potatoes, such as russet, peeled and cubed

2 tablespoons sour cream or softened cream cheese

1 large egg yolk

1/2 cup cream, for a lighter version substitute vegetable or chicken broth

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, 1 turn of the pan

1 3/4 pounds ground beef or ground lamb

1 carrot, peeled and chopped

1 onion, chopped

2 tablespoons butter

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1 cup beef stock or broth

2 teaspoons Worcestershire, eyeball it

1/2 cup frozen peas, a couple of handfuls

1 teaspoon sweet paprika

2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley leaves

Boil potatoes in salted water until tender, about 12 minutes. Drain potatoes and pour them into a bowl. Combine sour cream, egg yolk, and cream. Add the cream mixture into potatoes and mash until potatoes are almost smooth.

While potatoes boil, preheat a large skillet over medium high heat. Add oil to hot pan with beef or lamb. Season meat with salt and pepper. Brown and crumble meat for 3 or 4 minutes. If you are using lamb

and the pan is fatty, spoon away some of the drippings. Add chopped carrot and onion to the meat. Cook veggies with meat 5 minutes, stirring frequently. In a second small skillet over medium heat cook butter and flour together 2 minutes. Whisk in broth and Worcestershire sauce. Thicken gravy 1 minute. Add gravy to meat and vegetables. Stir in peas.

Preheat broiler to high. Fill a small rectangular casserole with meat and vegetable mixture. Spoon potatoes over meat evenly. Top potatoes with paprika and broil 6 to 8 inches from the heat until potatoes are evenly browned. Top casserole dish with chopped parsley and serve.

