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	April 2016: Selected Downtown Charleston Options
	See Permanent Exhibits, Ongoing, and Repertory Performances After April Events
A p r i	Featured in March and April: Beginning on March 3 and ending April 24th: Annual Festival of Houses and Gardens. Set amid the historic ambience of the city's Old & Historic District, this series of award-winning tours showcases Charleston's distinctive architecture, history, gardens and culture. https://www.historiccharleston.org/Events/Annual-Festival-of-Houses-and-Gardens.aspx
1	Dance Concert by CofC Students, 7:30pm. Chapel Theatre, 172 Calhoun St. (843) 953-6306. http://theatre.cofc.edu/productions/NowPlaying.php
1	CSO Masterworks: Poulenc, "Gloria," 7:30. Gaillard, 95 Calhoun St. Call 843.724.5212. http://www.gaillardcenter.com/buy-tickets/
2	Dance Concert, 2pm, see April 1.
3	Dance Concert, 2 & 7:30pm, see April 1. CSO Masterworks: Poulenc "Gloria," see April 1.
5	"Runaround Sue," 7pm Tuesdays, 8pm ThursSat., 3pm Sunday. A new musical-comedy featuring timeless Doo Wop tunes. Sally's da doo run for mayor but will Ed let the good times roll? 34 West Theater, 200 Meeting Street, 843.901.9343. http://www.34west.org/tickets/
5	"The Centerfold Challenge - Rebranding Playboy," 12:30pm. The next task of Cleary Simpson, Senior Vice President of <i>MediaLink</i> , will be to rebrand <i>Playboy</i> Magazine. Call 843-723-9912. http://www.charlestonlibrarysociety.org/events-and-programs/
6	"The Sound of Charleston: From Gospel to Gershwin," 7-8pm. Experience Charleston's musical history and heritage at 150 Meeting St., 843-270-4903. http://www.soundofcharleston.com/
6	"Mary Poppins," 7:30pm; 3 on Sundays. Based on the beloved Disney film with Julie Andrews, this dazzling new Broadway version, nominated for 7 Tony Awards, features the magic of the movie plus additional clever scenes from P.L. Travers's beloved children's books.135 Church St. 843.577.7183. http://www.charlestonstage.com/shows-and-tickets/34-shear-madness.html
6	"Alton Brown Live: Eat Your Science," 7:30. Brown has a knack for mixing together a perfect base of science, music and food into two hours of pure entertainment. Gaillard, 95 Calhoun St. Call 843.724.5212. http://www.gaillardcenter.com/buy-tickets/
6	"Africana Perspectives on Early Hebrew Poems," reception, 6pm, lecture 7. Reverend Canon Hugh R. Page, Jr., DMin, PhD, University of Notre Dame. Avery Research Center, 843-805-5509, 125 Bull Street. http://avery.cofc.edu/programs/
7	Chatham County Line, 8pm. Over the course of six studio albums and performances around the world, this group has pursued their singular style, yet connected with audiences from all walks. Wolfe Street Playhouse. 34 Woolfe St. 843-856-1579. http://woolfestreetplayhouse.com/shows/
7	Musical Comedy "Runaround Sue," see April 5.
8	Musical Comedy "Runaround Sue," see April 5. "Mary Poppins," see April 6.

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8	Ballet: "American Tapestry," 7:30pm. Two world premiere ballets and an original score take the stage. Inspired by American folk music and lush landscapes. Sottile. 44 George St. 29401. 843-864-4809. http://chambermusiccharleston.com/index.php/2015-2016-by-date/
9	Musical Comedy "Runaround Sue," see April 5. "Mary Poppins," see April 6. Ballet: "American Tapestry," 7:30pm, see April 8.
9	Charlotte Ballet Presents: "Little Mermaid," 2pm & 7pm. Gaillard, 95 Calhoun St. Call 843.724.5212. http://www.gaillardcenter.com/buy-tickets/
10	Charlotte Ballet Presents: "little Mermaid," 2pm, see April 9. Musical Comedy "Runaround Sue," see April 5. "Mary Poppins," see April 6.
10	Music at the Library Society: Chamber Music Charleston, 3pm. Call 843-723-9912. http://www.charlestonlibrarysociety.org/events-and-programs/
11	2nd Monday Series: CofC Voice Faculty Concert, 7:30, 843.953.6575. Simons Ctr, 54 St Philip St. http://music.cofc.edu/concerts
12	Musical Comedy "Runaround Sue," see April 5.
13	"The Sound of Charleston: From Gospel to Gershwin," 7pm, see April 6.
13	Lecture: "The British Occupation of Charleston, 1780-1782," 6pm. Dr. Nic Butler, the Library's ever popular historian, explains that during the American Revolutionary War British forces occupied Charleston for more than 2.5 years. While a few loyalist merchants prospered under military rule, most of the civilians and prisoners of war in town endured harsh conditions and injustice. Main Library, 68 Calhoun St. (Easy parking under library) http://charlestontimemachine.org/calendar/
14	"Opening the Closed Society," 5pm. Dr. Susan Glisson, lectures about Mississippi's recent efforts to create a culture of truth-telling, equity, and reconciliation. Avery Research Center. 843-805-5509, 125 Bull Street. http://avery.cofc.edu/programs/
14	Musical Comedy "Runaround Sue," see April 5. "Mary Poppins," see April 6.
15	Musical Comedy "Runaround Sue," see April 5. "Mary Poppins," see April 6.
16	Musical Comedy "Runaround Sue," see April 5. "Mary Poppins," see April 6.
16	Free live streaming of Met Opera: "Manon Lescant," by Puccini, 1pm. 843-805-6930. http://www.ccpl.org/content.asp?id=144207&action=detail&catID=5367&parentID=5368
17	"Mary Poppins," see April 6.
19	David Sedaris, 7:30. With sardonic wit & incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America's pre-eminent humor writers. Gaillard, 95 Calhoun St. Call 843.724.5212. http://www.gaillardcenter.com/buy-tickets/
19	Musical Comedy "Runaround Sue," see April 5.
21	Musical Comedy "Runaround Sue," see April 5. "Mary Poppins," see April 6.
21	Music at the Library Society: Renaissance Ensemble, 3pm. Call 843-723-9912. http://www.charlestonlibrarysociety.org/events-and-programs/

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21	Ed Bell: "Raising the Bar: A New Vision for Charleston School of Law," 12:30. Call 843-723-9912. http://www.charlestonlibrarysociety.org/events-and-programs/
22	CSO Masterworks: Tchaikovsky and Brahms, 7:30. Gaillard, 95 Calhoun St. Call 843.724.5212. http://www.gaillardcenter.com/buy-tickets/
22	Musical Comedy "Runaround Sue," see April 5. "Mary Poppins," see April 6.
22	"Lend me a Tenor," 8pm. This comedy is the winner of 3 Tony Awards and 4 Drama Desk Awards. Footlight Players, 843-722-4487. 20 Queen St. http://footlightplayers.net
23	Classical Kids Concert: "Circle Unbroken," 1:00pm. Learn about the instruments and musicians of a String Quartet while singing along to favorite songs and hearing the beautiful story, "Circle Unbroken!" Charleston Museum, 360 Meeting St. (843) 763-4941. http://chambermusiccharleston.com/index.php/2015-2016-by-date/
23	CSO Masterworks: Tchaikovsky and Brahms, 7:30, see April 22. Comedy: "Lend me a Tenor," 8pm, see April 22. Musical Comedy "Runaround Sue," see April 5.
23	"Mary Poppins," see April 6.
24	A Night With Janis Joplin, starring Mary Bridget Davies. 7:30. Gaillard, 95 Calhoun St. Call 843.724.5212. http://www.gaillardcenter.com/buy-tickets/
24	Comedy: "Lend me a Tenor," 2pm, see April 22. Musical Comedy "Runaround Sue," see April 5. "Mary Poppins," see April 6.
26	Musical Comedy "Runaround Sue," see April 5.
28	Lecture: "SC's Path to Seccession," 6pm. Dr. Nic Butler, the Library's ever popular historian, explains that while the decision to secede from the US in December 1860 was a radical move, it was also the culmination of nearly fifty years of divisive political friction. Main Library, 68 Calhoun St. (Easy parking under library) http://charlestontimemachine.org/calendar/
28	Musical Comedy "Runaround Sue," see April 5. "Mary Poppins," see April 6.
29	Comedy: "Lend me a Tenor," 8pm, see April 22. Musical Comedy "Runaround Sue," see April 5. "Mary Poppins," see April 6.
30	Comedy: "Lend me a Tenor," 8pm, see April 22. Musical Comedy "Runaround Sue," see April 5. "Mary Poppins," see April 6.
30	Free live streaming of Met Opera: "Madam Butterfly," by Puccini, 1pm. 843-805-6930. http://www.ccpl.org/content.asp?id=144207&action=detail&catID=5367&parentID=5368
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	Naturalist Tours: These free tours are much in demand and signup begins 30 days ahead. Spring 2016 dates. http://www.dnr.sc.gov/marine/NERR/seminarseries.html
	Children's Museum. Tues.—Sat., 9-5; Sun., 12-5. Exhibits, activities. 25 Ann St, 29403. 843-853-8962. http://explorecml.org/cml/

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	City Art Gallery: Tues.—Fri.: 10-6; Sat.&Sun., 12-5. Short exhibits by lowcountry-associated artists. Overlooks Charleston Harbor. 34 Prioleau St. 843-958-6484. www.CityGalleryatWaterfrontPark.com
	For the downtown bar and restaurant scene and more, see http://www.holycitysinner.com/
	Charleston Daily Harbor Tours: 11:30, 1:30, 3:30. 888-224-5037. A USCG licensed captain narrates history, sights, and facts about the Charleston Harbor as you pass locations critical to United States history. http://charlestonharbortours.com
	Private and customized sailing trips with Charleston Sail: history narration, photo opps, opportunities to help sail. Licensed captains. 843-557-4766 or 843-345-7790. http://charlestonsail.com/
	Black Fedora Comedy Mystery Theatre. Shows at 7, 7:30, 8, or 8:30, most nights. Rotation of 4 plays. 164 Church St. (843-937-6453) www.charlestonmysteries.com
	Museum Mile. Charleston's concentration of museums & historic houses. Multiple options. http://www.charlestonmuseummile.org
	2nd Sunday on King. Cars are re-routed so the street may become a lively pedestrian fair with outdoor dining, live music and special deals offered by the merchants (843) 303-1113. https://www.facebook.com/2ndSundayonKingSt
	First Fridays, 5-8pm. Art Walk on Broad St, hosted by restaurants, shops, boutiques, and 15 galleries. http://www.charlestongalleryrow.com/Home_Page.html
	Weekends, March-Dec. Charleston City Market presents: Evenings in the Market, 73-A N Market St., 6:45-10:30. Enjoy food from local vendors & sounds of local musicians while shopping local. http://www.thecharlestoncitymarket.com/events-calendar.cfm#
	Excellent, short exhibits: Halsey Gallery, 161 Calhoun St. http://halsey.cofc.edu/events
	Saturdays, 8-2, Charleston Farmers Market, April 4-Nov. 25. Marion Square. Showcases local artists, food vendors, and designers. Folks choose to eat breakfast or brunch here, then take home local foods for the following week. http://www.charlestonfarmersmarket.com/about/