

Weekends Marked

May/June 2016: Selected Downtown Charleston Options	
<b>See ongoing, permanent, and repertory events after May/June events.</b>	
M a y & J u n e	<p>Featured in May and June: The yearly arts festivals of Spoleto and Piccolo Spoleto begin Thursday of Memorial Day weekend and run through the 2nd weekend of June. <i>The NY Times</i> has called Spoleto the “most comprehensive arts festival in the hemisphere.” People know about SpoletoUSA; they need to know that paralleling it is a larger and less expensive PiccoloSpoleto, which draws from local and regional talent. The schedule for Piccolo is now available, as is online ticketing. Locally, tickets for Piccolo events go on sale on May 2nd. Many events of both festivals are available during the week as well as on weekends. Because the festival begins in May and continues into June, this calendar includes both months.</p> <p>843-579-3100 <a href="http://SpoletoUSA.org">SpoletoUSA.org</a>              843-742-7305 <a href="http://piccolospoleto.org">piccolospoleto.org</a></p>
<h2>May 2016</h2>	
1	<p>“Lend me a Tenor,” 3pm Sundays, otherwise 8pm. This comedy is the winner of 3 Tony Awards and 4 Drama Desk Awards. Footlight Players, 843-722-4487. 20 Queen St. <a href="http://footlightplayers.net">http://footlightplayers.net</a></p>
1	<p>“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. <a href="http://www.charlestonstage.com/shows-and-tickets/34-shear-madness.html">http://www.charlestonstage.com/shows-and-tickets/34-shear-madness.html</a></p>
3	<p>Charleston Library Society Series: “Alcohol: The good, The Bad, The Ugly,” 6pm. Dr. Raymond F. Anton. Is the cup of knowledge about alcohol half empty or half full? Call 843-723-9912. <a href="http://www.charlestonlibrarysociety.org/events-and-programs/">http://www.charlestonlibrarysociety.org/events-and-programs/</a></p>
3	<p>“Runaround Sue,” 7pm Tuesdays, 8pm Thurs.-Sat., 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. <a href="http://www.34west.org/tickets/">http://www.34west.org/tickets/</a></p>
4	<p>“The Sound of Charleston: From Gospel to Gershwin,” 7-8pm. Experience Charleston’s musical history and heritage at 150 Meeting St., 843-270-4903. <a href="http://www.soundofcharleston.com/">http://www.soundofcharleston.com/</a></p>
5	<p>“Constellations,” 7:30, 3pm on Sat., 7th. By Nick Payne, this gorgeous two-hander drama explores love, free will, and friendship through quantum multiverse theory and—well, honey. Pure Theatre, 866.811.4111, 477 King Street. <a href="http://puretheatre.org">http://puretheatre.org</a></p>
5	<p>Musical Comedy “Runaround Sue,” see May 3. “Lend me a Tenor,” see May 1.</p>
5	<p>Charleston Library Society Series: “Past, Present: Living with Heirlooms &amp; Antiques.” 6pm. Susan Sully bills this as “the perfect piece of propaganda for every mother who doesn’t want to see her china and silver go begging.” Sully will speak on her new book on the subject. Call 843-723-9912. <a href="http://www.charlestonlibrarysociety.org/events-and-programs/">http://www.charlestonlibrarysociety.org/events-and-programs/</a></p>
6	<p>“Rock of Ages,” 7:30pm. A rock musical set in Hollywood in the 1980s, when it was all about big chords, big dreams and big hair! Wolfe Street Playhouse. 34 Woolfe St. 843-856-1579. <a href="http://woolfestreetplayhouse.com/shows/">http://woolfestreetplayhouse.com/shows/</a></p>

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6	Brown Bag Lectures: “Practical Theology for Church Diversity,” 12-1:15. Dr. Ken Walden discusses some widespread components of church life along demographic lines, with a particular focus on pragmatic approaches to cross-cultural pastoral ministry and multicultural ministry. Avery Research Center, 843-805-5509, 125 Bull Street. <a href="http://avery.cofc.edu/programs/">http://avery.cofc.edu/programs/</a>
6	Musical Comedy “Runaround Sue,” see May 3. “Lend me a Tenor,” comedy, see May 1. “Constellations,” drama, see May 5.
7	Free live streaming of Met Opera: “Roberto Devereux,” by Domizetti, 1pm. 843-805-6930. Easy parking under the library at 68 Calhoun St., 29401. <a href="http://www.ccpl.org/content.asp?id=144207&amp;action=detail&amp;catID=5367&amp;parentID=5368">http://www.ccpl.org/content.asp?id=144207&amp;action=detail&amp;catID=5367&amp;parentID=5368</a>
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8	Correspondence Art, Opening Reception: An Exhibition of Student Artwork, 2:30pm. On view in the main lobby of the County Library, 68 Calhoun St. Under the direction of the Halsey Gallery, a total of 180 students from 7 area K-12 schools participated. <a href="http://www.charlestonarts.org/events/upcoming/page/3/">http://www.charlestonarts.org/events/upcoming/page/3/</a>
8	Musical Comedy “Runaround Sue,” see May 3. “Lend me a Tenor,” comedy, see May 1.
8	Charleston Chamber Orchestra’s Downtown House Concert, 3pm, location TBA. Program: Mozart Divertimento In E-flat Major, K. 563 & Weber Andante & Hungarian Rondo. Artists: Jenny Weiss, violin; Ben Weiss, viola; and Timothy O’Malley, cello. Must purchase tickets ahead. (843) 763-4941. <a href="http://chambermusiccharleston.com/index.php/th_event/downtown-house-concert-the-dixon-residence/">http://chambermusiccharleston.com/index.php/th_event/downtown-house-concert-the-dixon-residence/</a>
9	Charleston Chamber Orchestra’s Downtown House Concert, 7:30pm. The Dixon Residence, 47 South Battery, see May 8.
10	Musical Comedy “Runaround Sue,” see May 3.
11	“Revolutionary War Siege Lines Walking Tour,” 5:30-7pm. With Museum Director, Carl P. Borick. Charleston Museum, 843.722.2996. <a href="http://www.charlestonmuseum.org">http://www.charlestonmuseum.org</a>
11	“The Sound of Charleston: From Gospel to Gershwin,” see May 4. “Constellations,” drama, see May 5.
12	Charleston Library Society Series: Isley, Greene & Baldwin speak on their new book, “The Preservation of Charleston,” 7pm. Call 843-723-9912. <a href="http://www.charlestonlibrarysociety.org/events-and-programs/">http://www.charlestonlibrarysociety.org/events-and-programs/</a>
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17	“Frankie Valli,” Frankie and his legendary group brought us such classic songs as “Big Girls Don’t Cry,” “Walk Like a Man,” “Rag Doll,” and “Can’t Take My Eyes Off You” and are all the rage all over again. 7:30. Gaillard, 95 Calhoun St. Call 843.724.5212. <a href="http://www.gaillardcenter.com/buy-tickets/">http://www.gaillardcenter.com/buy-tickets/</a>
18	“The Sound of Charleston: From Gospel to Gershwin,” see May 4.
18	Charleston Library Society Series: “Toonin’ In: The culture of Cartoon from Hogarth to <i>The New Yorker</i> ,” speaker at 10am. Exhibit runs May 18-June 13. Call 843-723-9912. <a href="http://www.charlestonlibrarysociety.org/events-and-programs/">http://www.charlestonlibrarysociety.org/events-and-programs/</a>
19	Music at the Library: “The Passionate Harp” with Abigail Kent, 7pm. A world accomplished concert musician. Call 843-723-9912. <a href="http://www.charlestonlibrarysociety.org/events-and-programs/">http://www.charlestonlibrarysociety.org/events-and-programs/</a>
20	“Rock of Ages,” rock musical, see May 6.
21	“Sleeping Beauty and the Magic Spell,” 7pm. Charleston Music Hall, 37 John St., Charleston Ballet, 843.469.2080. <a href="http://charlestonballet.com">http://charlestonballet.com</a>
21	“Rock of Ages,” rock musical, see May 6.
21	Free live streaming of Met Opera: “Elektra,” by Strauss, 1pm. 843-805-6930. Easy parking under the library at 68 Calhoun St., 29401. <a href="http://www.ccpl.org/content.asp?id=144207&amp;action=detail&amp;catID=5367&amp;parentID=5368">http://www.ccpl.org/content.asp?id=144207&amp;action=detail&amp;catID=5367&amp;parentID=5368</a>
21	Lecture: “The Sounds of Charleston in Gershwin’s ‘Porgy and Bess,’” 3pm. Dr. Nic Butler, the Library’s popular historian, explains that while composing his operatic version of DuBose Heyward’s 1925 novel, “Porgy,” George Gershwin made several pilgrimages to Charleston to learn about the musical traditions of the South Carolina lowcountry. Join music historian Dr. Nic Butler for a discussion of the sounds Gershwin absorbed in Charleston and how they influenced the creation of “Porgy and Bess.” Mt. Pleasant Regional Library 1133 Mathis Ferry Rd, 29464. <a href="http://charlestontimemachine.org/calendar/">http://charlestontimemachine.org/calendar/</a>
22	“Rock of Ages,” rock musical, 5pm, see May 6.
24	“The Sound of Charleston: From Gospel to Gershwin,” see May 4.
24	Lecture: “Charleston Bicycles in the Age of Mass Production, 1910-1960,” 6pm. Dr. Nic Butler, the Library’s popular historian, explains that although the rise of the automobile pushed the bicycle to the sidelines in the early 20th century, the two-wheeled cycle industry continued to expand and to find new customers. Learn how cycling in Charleston surged during the Great Depression and how baby-boomers drove the post-war market to new heights in the 1950s. , Main Library, 68 Calhoun St. (Easy parking under library) <a href="http://charlestontimemachine.org/calendar/">http://charlestontimemachine.org/calendar/</a>
25	Charleston Library Society Book Club: “Clementine” by Sonia Purnell, 10am. A long-overdue tribute to the extraordinary woman behind Winston Churchill. Call 843-723-9912. <a href="http://www.charlestonlibrarysociety.org/events-and-programs/">http://www.charlestonlibrarysociety.org/events-and-programs/</a>
26	For events and tickets from May 26 through June 12, go to: <a href="http://SpoletoUSA.org">SpoletoUSA.org</a> and <a href="http://piccolospoleto.org">piccolospoleto.org</a>
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30	Memorial Day Concert, 12pm. Charleston Men’s Chorus, St. Philip’s Church, 142 Church Street. 843.720.8505. <a href="http://charlestonmenschorus.org">http://charlestonmenschorus.org</a>
30	Brandi Carlile, 8:30. Grammy-nominated Americana singer and guitarist and her full band will take the stage. TD Arena, 14 George St., 843.724.1192. <a href="http://brandicarlile.com/tour">http://brandicarlile.com/tour</a>
31	Bull & Goodfoot, 7pm. A hot Irish band. Taylor Music Group. The Circular Church, 150 Meeting St. 843.819.6961. <a href="http://www.taylormusicgroup.net/schedule.html">http://www.taylormusicgroup.net/schedule.html</a>
<h2>June</h2>	
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1	“The Sound of Charleston: From Gospel to Gershwin,” 2pm. Experience Charleston’s musical history and heritage at 150 Meeting St., 843-270-4903. <a href="http://www.soundofcharleston.com/">http://www.soundofcharleston.com/</a> “The Sound of Charleston: From Gospel to Gershwin,” see May 4.
2	“Toonin’ in Guest Speaker: Matt Diffie, 6pm. “Toonin’ In: The Culture of Cartoons from Hogarth to the <i>New Yorker</i> .” Exhibit runs May 18-June 13. Call 843-723-9912. <a href="http://www.charlestonlibrarysociety.org/events-and-programs/">http://www.charlestonlibrarysociety.org/events-and-programs/</a>
3	“The Old Guys,” 8pm Fri. & Sat., 3pm Sunday, 7pm Tues. George Can’t see, Henry can’t hear. A whimsical memoir of life, love, and hip replacements. 34 West Theater, 200 Meeting Street, 843.901.9343. <a href="http://www.34west.org/tickets/">http://www.34west.org/tickets/</a>
3	Taylor Festival Choir Soloists, 7:30pm, Arias & airs from the classical & Celtic traditions. Taylor Music Group. The Circular Church, 150 Meeting St. 843.819.6961. <a href="http://www.taylormusicgroup.net/schedule.html">http://www.taylormusicgroup.net/schedule.html</a>
4	“The Old Guys,” comedy, see June 3. “The Sound of Charleston: From Gospel to Gershwin,” 2pm, see June 1.
4	“Jews and Blacks: Parallels of our Past,” 6pm. Check website for more information. <a href="http://www.charlestonspiritual.com/event/15th-annual-gospel-christmas/">http://www.charlestonspiritual.com/event/15th-annual-gospel-christmas/</a>
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8	“The Sound of Charleston: From Gospel to Gershwin,” 2pm, see June 1.

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9	Join The Charleston Museum for an exclusive tour of the exhibit, "I Got Plenty O'Nuttin: George Gershwin's Charleston," 5:30-6:45. This exhibit, in collaboration with Spoleto Festival USA's presentation of "Porgy and Bess," Charleston Museum, 843.722.2996. <a href="http://www.charlestonmuseum.org">http://www.charlestonmuseum.org</a>
9	"The Old Guys," comedy, see June 3.
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10	Southern Living Live: 50th Anniversary Celebration. Home and garden, food & drink, walking tours, and shopping at various locations downtown. <a href="http://www.southernliving.com/travel/southern-living-charleston-live-2016?utm_source=march24_2016&amp;utm">http://www.southernliving.com/travel/southern-living-charleston-live-2016?utm_source=march24_2016&amp;utm</a>
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18	"Out of Many, One," 7pm. Memorial Performance honoring Mother Emanuel AME 9. Gaillard, 95 Calhoun St. Call 843.724.5212. <a href="http://www.gaillardcenter.com/buy-tickets/">http://www.gaillardcenter.com/buy-tickets/</a>
<b>Permanent Exhibits, Ongoing, and Repertory Performances</b>	
	Naturalist Tours: These free tours are much in demand and signup begins 30 days ahead. Spring 2016 dates. <a href="http://www.dnr.sc.gov/marine/NERR/seminarseries.html">http://www.dnr.sc.gov/marine/NERR/seminarseries.html</a>
	Children's Museum. Tues.–Sat., 9-5; Sun., 12-5. Exhibits, activities. 25 Ann St, 29403. 843-853-8962. <a href="http://explorecml.org/cml/">http://explorecml.org/cml/</a>
	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. <a href="http://www.CityGalleryatWaterfrontPark.com">www.CityGalleryatWaterfrontPark.com</a>
	For the downtown bar and restaurant scene and more, see <a href="http://www.holycitysinner.com/">http://www.holycitysinner.com/</a>
	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. <a href="http://charlestonharbortours.com">http://charlestonharbortours.com</a>
	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. <a href="http://charlestonsail.com/">http://charlestonsail.com/</a>
	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) <a href="http://www.charlestonmysteries.com">www.charlestonmysteries.com</a>

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	Museum Mile. Charleston's concentration of museums & historic houses. Multiple options. <a href="http://www.charlestonmuseummile.org">http://www.charlestonmuseummile.org</a>
	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. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/2ndSundayonKingSt">https://www.facebook.com/2ndSundayonKingSt</a>
	First Fridays, 5-8pm. Art Walk on Broad St, hosted by restaurants, shops, boutiques, and 15 galleries. <a href="http://www.charlestongalleryrow.com/Home_Page.html">http://www.charlestongalleryrow.com/Home_Page.html</a>
	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. <a href="http://www.thecharlestoncitymarket.com/events-calendar.cfm#">http://www.thecharlestoncitymarket.com/events-calendar.cfm#</a>
	Excellent, short exhibits: Halsey Gallery, 161 Calhoun St. <a href="http://halsey.cofc.edu/events">http://halsey.cofc.edu/events</a>
	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. <a href="http://www.charlestonfarmersmarket.com/about/">http://www.charlestonfarmersmarket.com/about/</a>

Parking Garages info: <http://www.charleston-sc.gov/index.aspx?NID=1025>

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