

The Advocate

PLEASE NOTE:

An average cab fare from the Columbia Airport to the National Advocacy Center is \$21-\$24.

February 2009

Columbia's Longest Days

On February 7, 2009, The Greater Columbia Civil War Alliance will sponsor a day-long event to commemorate General Sherman's March to Columbia, SC and the burning of the city.

The start of the day begins with a free event, the Reenactment of the Firing on the State House (8:45 AM). This reenactment will take place on the West Columbia side of the Congaree River at the Gervais Street Bridge. Union reenactors will be present with four cannons to replicate Sherman's troops firing cannons on Columbia and the State House (damage still marked by stars on the State House building) on February 16, 1865.

Events continue with three different narrated bus tours.

The first (9:30 AM), Congaree Creek tour, is a three-hour tour that retraces the steps of Sherman's troops as they approached Columbia from February 15-17, 1865.

The second (2:30 PM), Sherman's Left Wing bus tour, traces the route of the

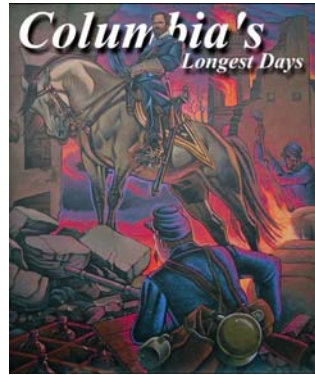
Left Wing of Sherman's troops through central Lexington County in February of 1865. The third tour is through Historic Columbia visiting Civil War era buildings, landmarks, and sites in downtown Columbia. Tickets are \$20 for bus tours and need to be purchased in ad-

vance by calling 803-217-0071.

There will also be a Civil War Expo that is free to the public held from 9 AM-4PM at the South Carolina State Museum, located at 301 Gervais Street. A Grand Ball will be held in the same location

from 8 PM-11 PM complete with period attire. Tickets for the ball are \$35 per couple or \$20 per individual. Ticket order forms can be obtained by calling 803-217-

0071. For more information please visit www.columbiaslongestdays.com or www.shermansmarch.com.



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Riverdance

Riverdance is the thunderous celebration of Irish music, song, and dance that has tapped its way onto the world stage thrilling millions of people around the globe! "A family evening unlike anything else!" exclaims The London Times. "A Phenomenon of Historic Proportions!"

raves The Washington Post. Discover why nothing in the world compares to The Original International Phenomenon! Whether it's your first time or your fifth, you will not want to miss these farewell performances of *Riverdance*.

The Koger Center for the Arts, located at 1015 Greene Street, presents *Riverdance* February 10-12, 2009 at 7:30 PM.

Tickets are \$46-\$56 and may be purchased by calling 803-251-2222 or by visiting www.capitoltickets.com.

Trustus Presents...

Amanda Wingfield is a faded, tragic remnant of Southern gentility who lives in poverty in a dingy St. Louis apartment with her son, Tom, and her daughter, Laura. Amanda strives to give meaning and direction to her life and the lives of her children, though her methods are ineffective and irritating. Tom is driven nearly to distraction by his mother's nagging and seeks escape in alcohol and the unrealistic world of the movies. Laura also lives in her own illusions. She is crippled, and this defect, intensified by her mother's anxiety

to see her married, has driven her more into herself. The crux of the action comes when Tom invites a young man of his acquaintance to take dinner with the family. Jim, the caller, is a nice ordinary fellow who is at once pounced upon by Amanda as a possible husband for Laura. In spite of her crude and obvious efforts to entrap the young man, he and Laura manage to get along very nicely, and momentarily Laura is lifted out of herself into a new world. But this crashes when, toward the end, Jim explains that he is already en-

gaged. The world of illusion that Amanda and Laura have striven to create in order to make life bearable collapses about them. Tom, too, at the end of his tether, at last leaves home. Performed with an African American cast.

Trustus presents, *The Glass Menagerie* from February 6-28, 2009. Trustus is located at 520 Lady Street in the Vista. Tickets are \$17.50-\$20.00 and may be purchased by calling 803-254-9732. Please visit www.trustus.org for more information.



Low Country Blues Bash

In its 19th year as the best blues festival in the Southeast, Charleston once again brings its Low Country Blues Bash back February 6-16, 2009.

An 11-day event with over 44 acts of traditional and contemporary blues performing at 19 different venues (clubs, restaurants, public libraries, churches, etc.) throughout the city.

Hear everything in blues music—electric, acoustic, solos, bands, legends, and new talent. Shows range from free admission to \$25. Many shows are open to all-ages.

For more information please call 843-762-9125 or visit www.bluesbash.com for a full brochure and schedule.



Daddy Mack performing at 2008 Low Country Blues Bash

3rd Annual Blues Is Alright Tour

The 3rd Annual Blues Is Alright Tour will be a fantastic celebration that delivers the dynamics of high-energy music and entertainment with love, happiness, and nostalgia—all in the name of the Blues. World-class blues entertainers, Marvin Sease, Theodis Ealey, Mel Waiters, Roy C. Latimore, Clarence Carter, and Sir Charles Jones will all share the Colonial Life Arena Stage together!

The Colonial Center is located at 801 Lincoln Street. The Blues Is Alright Tour will be February 6, 2009, at 8:00 PM. Tickets range from \$41.50-\$47.50 and may be purchased by calling 803-576-9200 or by visiting www.thecolonialcenter.com.

3rd Annual Blues Is Alright Tour



Featuring Mel Waiters, Roy C. Latimore, and others

Mardi Gras in Columbia?

Starting in February, Morty's Moosehead Café (Third floor lounge at the National Advocacy Center)(NAC) will host a theme night every month that will coincide with one of the weekly Wednesday receptions.

The Wednesday night receptions are always a great way to mingle with other students and enjoy free, light hors d'oeuvres. The reception is open to everyone attending the NAC courses.

This month's theme night will be Mardi Gras! On February 18, 2009, the lounge will be

converted to a miniature New Orleans, complete with beads, masks, jazz, and of course drink specials.

The NAC encourages people to participate in the theme nights by bringing their own apparel, decorations, or swag. Upcoming theme nights will be announced in all future Advocates, so come prepared for a good time!



Powers of Nature



Powers of Nature, the South Carolina State Museum's new blockbuster exhibit, explores the science behind natural disasters. More than 50 hands-on stations demonstrate how and why natural disasters like hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and thunderstorms occur. Spin a model of the Earth to cause wind changes, juggle the Earth's crustal plates

on a global puzzle, create a thunderstorm by seeding clouds, climb inside a storm shelter to experience the animated sounds of a tornado outside, and much more.

The South Carolina State Museum's *Powers of Nature* exhibit opened January 31, 2009 and will run through September 7, 2009. Admission is \$3 in addition to the \$5 Museum admis-

sion.

The Museum is located at 301 Gervais Street in the Vista. Operating hours are: 10 AM-5 PM Tuesday-Saturday, and Mondays from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and 1 PM-5 PM Sunday. For more information please call 803-898-4921 or visit www.museum.state.sc.us/.

Cellar on Greene

Cellar on Greene is located at 2001-D Greene Street in Five Points just a few steps away from Mr. Friendly's. Cellar on Greene is a wine shop that believes customers must taste before they buy so they like to refer to themselves as a "tasting room." The shop hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 10 AM-5 PM.

Then of course it is time for the bar hours which are Tues-

day-Saturday 5 PM-until. During bar hours, Tuesday-Thursday, there will be nightly tastings and \$15 trio food/wine pairings. Friday and Saturday will continue with weekly menu items and of course tastings of your choice.

For more information please call 803-343-3303.



February Schedule

CAROLINA

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

GAMECOCKS

2/5 @ Kentucky

2/8 Mississippi

2/12 @ Arkansas

2/15 Alabama

2/22 @ Florida

2/26 @ Mississippi State

February Schedule

SOUTH CAROLINA

MEN'S BASKETBALL

2/3 @ Florida

2/7 Georgia

2/14 @Alabama

2/18 @Mississippi State

2/21 Arkansas

2/25 Kentucky

NAC Recipe

BLT Soup

Crisp crumbled bacon

1/4 cup sour cream

1 cup heavy cream

1/4 cup mayonnaise

1 cup diced fresh tomatoes

1/8 teaspoon grated fresh nutmeg

1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper

3 1/2 cup fresh or canned chicken broth, heated to a simmer

1/2 cup instant-blend flour

3 cup iceberg lettuce, julienne

2 tablespoons butter

1/2 cup diced green onions

5 slices bacon, diced small

Directions:

In a 3-quart pot, cook the bacon over medium heat until lightly browned. Add the onions and cook, stirring until wilted. Add the butter and stir until melted. Add the lettuce and sauté for 2 minutes. Sprinkle the flour into the pot, then stir it in until well blended. Remove the pot from the heat and add the hot chicken broth, tomatoes, nutmeg, and pepper. Heat the soup to boiling, stirring constantly, then reduce the heat and simmer gently for 5 minutes. Add the cream and mix well. Mix together the mayonnaise and sour cream.

Serve each portion of soup with a dollop of the mayonnaise mixture topped with crumbled bacon.

Yield: 8 servings

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes



Recipe: Paula Deen