



Now through December 20

ART Station Galleries..... Metal Sculpture "Zoo"

The ART Station Galleries in Stone Mountain Village are now the temporary home of over 35 metal sculpture animals created by Ashville, North Carolina artist Dave Taylor. The exhibition is open to the public Tuesdays through Fridays from 10:00 am to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 p.m. through December 20. Admission is by donation. The ART Station Galleries are located in the ART Station Contemporary Art Center in historic Stone Mountain Village located at 5384 Manor Drive. For additional information call 770-469-1105 or visit the ART Station web site at www.artstation.org.

November 4 – December 23

VSA arts of Georgia.....Holiday Art Sale

VSA annual holiday event, featuring an eclectic selection of affordable fine arts and handcrafted creation by local artists. Please join us for Turner First Thursday reception on December 4 at 5 -8 p.m. Free & open to the public. Complimentary light refreshments are provided. Arts for All Gallery is open Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is always FREE. Arts for All Gallery is located in the Healey Building, downtown Atlanta, 57 Forsyth Street, NW Suite R-1. For more information call 404-221-1270 x202

December 5

DeKalb County Office of Arts, Culture & Entertainment.....Presents Holiday Pops

DeKalb CEO Vernon Jones, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners and the DeKalb County Office of Arts, Culture & Entertainment will present the 5th Annual Holiday Pops Concert featuring the Callanwolde Concert Band at 7:00 p.m. Admission is **FREE**. This year's concert features a suite from The Nutcracker by Peter Tchaikovsky, Rhapsody for Hanukkah by Stephen Bulla, Candlelight Carol by John Rutter, and other holiday favorites. In addition, in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of his birth, the Band will perform composer Leroy Anderson's *A Christmas Festival and Sleigh Ride*. Featured as soloist on the program will be soprano Rachel Greene. The park is located at 4770 North Peachtree Road, Dunwoody, GA. Free Admission. For more information visit www.calcb.org

December 5

Several Dancers Core.....Lunchtime in the Studio

Several Dancers Core presents the second installment of "Lunchtime in the Studio" for the 2008-09 Season on **Friday, December 5, 2008 noon to 1 p.m.** in the Several Dancers Core Studios on the Square in downtown Decatur. Free lunch to the first 40 attendees provided by Starbucks, Brick Store Pub and Saba. The December Lunchtime topic is : **Artist as Educator-CORE Performance Company previews "Weaving the World into Flower"** CORE Performance Company will discuss their outreach work performing and giving workshops in the schools, and will show part of their school show "Weaving

the World into Flower," which is based on the full-length work Corazon Abriendo (Heart Opening). For more information, contact Several Dancers Core at 404-373-4154, or visit www.severaldancerscore.org.

December 5

Spruill Gallery.....Holiday Artist Market

Come and join the celebration for our annual Holiday Artist Market featuring unique, hand-crafted gifts by southeastern artists. Opening reception, Thursday, December 04, 6 – 9pm. Market hours are 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Sunday, December 14, 11:00 – 4:00 p.m. is **Family Day**: Bring your kids for some creative art-making, holiday fun! Spruill Gallery is located at 4681 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, GA. For more information visit www.spruillarts.org

December 5

Southwest Arts Center..... "Daughters of Men"

Southwest Arts Center presents a staged reading on the award winning book "Daughters of Men." Written by Rachel Vassel and Directed by Michael Simanga. Following the performance there will be a panel discussion with the author and women from the book, including Judge Leah Ward Sears and Mae Douglas. Other invited guests include Tiffany Cochran and Elizabeth Omilami. Friday

December 5 -21

Galaxy Music Theatre's..... "Handel's Messiah: A Soulful Celebration"

In 1992, producers Norman Miller, Gail Hamilton and Mervyn Warren called upon many great R&B and gospel performers and arrangers to create a new recording of Handel's classic, *Messiah*. These artists included the likes of Quincy Jones, Patty Austin, Stevie Wonder, Al Jarreau, Take 6, The Boys Choir of Harlem and Vanessa Bell Armstrong, just to name a few. The end result was *Handel's Messiah: A Soulful Celebration*, an innovative, upbeat and accessible addition to the popular recorded Christmas repertoire.

Handel's Messiah: A Soulful Celebration takes place at Onstage Atlanta December 5th 2008 thru December 21st 2008, with performances on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. For information and reservations call 404-658-1460 or visit www.galaxymusictheatre.com. For information regarding sponsorship of Handel's Messiah: A Soulful Celebration, please visit www.galaxymusictheatre.com/donorpage.html.

December 6

Junor Gallery.....1st Annual Black & White Social

Junor Gallery presents their 1st Annual Black & White Social, December 6, 7 p.m. – Midnight. Drawing for one original piece of art work. Live entertainment, hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Admission: \$20.00. Junor Gallery is located at 114 E. Ponce de Leon Ave., Decatur, GA 30030. For more information call 404-377-2255

December 6, 7

Rialto Center for the Arts... Gala Holiday Concert: A NIGHT IN OLD VIENNA

The Georgia State University School of Music and the Rialto Center for the Arts present the 11th annual Gala Holiday Concert on Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 7, 2008 at 3 p.m. in the Rialto Center for the Arts. Set during a masked ball in a Viennese palace (à la Johann Strauss' *Die Fledermaus*), this year's concert will feature members of the University Symphony Orchestra, Choral, Opera

Theatre, Jazz, Brass, and Percussion Ensembles as “guest” performers at Prince Orlovsky’s ball. W. Dwight Coleman, director of the School of Music, serves as artistic director, and a surprise mystery guest will appear at each performance. Tickets range from \$22-\$48 (Georgia State students may receive 1/2 price tickets with ID) and are available in person at the Rialto Center Box Office, by calling 404-413-9TIX or online at www.rialtocenter.org. Free parking is provided for this event at the Equitable Building deck on Fairlie Street.

December 6, 7

Bart Webb Studios.....“Avondale Arts District Holiday Show”

The “Avondale Arts District Holiday Show,” host by Little Tree Gallery and Bart Webb Studios, will be held Saturday, Dec 6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, December 7, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 2830-2850 Franklin Street in Avondale Estates. Musical guest Pierce Edens and the mountain music of the Barrell House Mamas will fill the stage at Little Tree Art Studios on Sunday night. For more information and other musical guest call 404-297-9960.

December 7

Several Dancers Core.....Fieldworks

Several Dancers Core in partnership with Emory University Dance Program and The Field presents the Fall Fieldwork Showcase. It is the culmination of the ten-week Fieldwork workshop in which artists show works-in-progress and receive feedback from their peers. After the Showcase, the audience is invited to informally meet with the artists and hear about their processes of “growing the work” as well as discuss the works seen that evening. Works on the showcase are eclectic, as artists participating in the workshop work in any artistic discipline, from music to dance to puppetry to mixed-media. Several Dancers Core offers Fieldwork through CORE Initiatives, grassroots programs for the community that deepen peoples’ education in movement and the arts. Location: The Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts, Dance Studio* 1700 North Decatur Road, Atlanta, Georgia. Day/Time: Sunday, December 7, 2008, 5:00 PM. Cost: Tickets are \$7.00 at the door. For more information, contact Several Dancers Core at 404-373-4154, or visit www.severaldancerscore.org.

December 9

ART Station.....Remounts “A Broadway Christmas Carol” by Kathy Feininger

This Christmas classic has never been funnier! Charles Dickens’ ageless story of Ebenezer Scrooge is mixed with hilarious song parodies of your favorite Broadway tunes. This will be the fourth year that ART Station has produced “A Broadway Christmas Carol,” but new surprises this year make this a don’t-miss holiday treat.

“A Broadway Christmas Carol” stars David Silverman as Scrooge, Geoff “Googie” Uterhardt as the man who isn’t Scrooge, Bethany Irby as the woman who isn’t Scrooge, and Patrick Hutchinson as the man behind the piano-who also isn’t Scrooge. The ART Station production features direction by David Thomas, set & lighting designs by Michael Hidalgo, musical direction by Patrick Hutchison and choreography by Karen Beyer.

Showtimes are Wednesdays – Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 3:00 p.m. December 10 – 21. An additional performance has been added for Tuesday, December 9 @ 4:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$27 for Adults and \$21 Seniors/Students. To purchase

tickets call the Box Office at 770 469 1105 or visit www.artstation.org. All performances are in the ART Station Theatre located at 5384 Manor Drive in Historic Stone Mountain Village. The Village of Stone Mountain is located in the City of Stone Mountain one exit prior to Stone Mountain Park.

Founded in 1986, ART Station is a non-profit contemporary arts center that provides cultural and educational opportunities to the citizens. ART Station is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation and is housed in the restored historic Trolley Car Barn in Stone Mountain Village. For additional information call 770 469 1105 or visit www.artstation.org.

Every Monday

**Eddie's Attic present.....
"Songwriters Open Mic Night"**

Eddie's Attic will open the stage (and mic) to all songwriters looking for an audience. Eddie's Attic is located at 515 North McDonough Street in Decatur. For more information, please call 404.377.4976.

Every First Tuesday

Wordsmiths Books.....Village Writers Group

The Village Writers Group meets at Wordsmiths Books on the first Tuesday of the month. It features local artists as guest speakers. June's speaker is Karen White, discussing her new novel, The Memory of Water. The event will begin at 7:00 p.m. For additional information visit www.wordsmithsbooks.com or call Jill Patrick at 404.441.2716.

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

W Atlanta Perimeter Hotel.....Perimeter, Savu Restaurant and You

Join us for our exclusive 4:59 Lounge. Repeive from the ay in our living room lounge, tempt your taste buds with our tapa style socialite bites or chill with an elixir. No matter what's your flavor, this is the scene to be seen....socialite bites 4 • elixirs 7 • wine 4 • brew 3. Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:59 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the 4:59 Lounge/Living Room. W Atlanta – Perimeter, 111 Perimeter Center West, Atlanta, GA 30346. For more information call 770-396-6800.

Every Third Monday

The ART Station

presents..... "Out to Lunch at ART Station"

Residents and employees in the Stone Mountain area are getting the opportunity to get some culture on their lunch break. On Every third Monday they can attend a performance, lecture or art experience at ART Station from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45p.m. Tickets are \$10 for the presentation and a boxed lunch and \$5 for the presentation only. For more information, please call 770.469.1105 or visit www.artstation.org

Every Wednesday

Push Push Theatre....."The Doug Dank Project"

This new show features personal stories of a featured guest. The show runs from 10 to 11 p.m. at the Push Push Theatre at 121 New Street in Decatur. Ticket prices range from \$5

to \$15. For more information please call 404.377.6332 or visit www.pushpushtheater.com.

Every Third Thursdays
The Gallery at South DeKalb
presents..... "Family Fun Night"

In an effort to restore traditional family values, South DeKalb Mall will host family fun night. This one hour event will feature music, storytelling, arts and crafts, karaoke, face painting, dancing, character appearances or other activities. Fun Night is from 6:00 p.m.-7:00p.m. For more information 404.241.2431 or visit www.GalleryatSouthDeKalb.com

March 14 and following Fridays
The Java Delight
Café..... "Variety Fridays"

Sign up starts at 7:00 p.m. Charge is minimum 1 drink or menu item purchase per person. Java Delight is located in Trinity Office Park at 4153-C Flat Shoals Parkway in Decatur. For additional information please call 404.214.7114

Every Friday
Fernbank Museum
presents.....Martinis and IMAX

The program has begun its 12th season. Come enjoy specialty martinis, appetizers, dinner selections, desert options and a screening of an IMAX film. Tickets are \$11 - \$13. Fernbank Museum is located at 767 Clifton Road, NE in Atlanta. For more information, please call 404.929.6300 or visit www.fernbankmuseum.com.

Every Saturday
The Fernbank Science Center
presents..... "The Sky Tonight"

The center is offering a guided tour through the constellations and planets on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. For more information, please call 678.874.7128.

Every Second Sunday
Wordsmiths
Books.....Working Title Playwrights

Wordsmith's Books hosts Second Sundays with Working Title Playwrights (WTP). On the second Sunday of each month beginning at 2:00 p.m., a contemporary play is selected for reading aloud followed immediately by discussion. There is no charge to participate, and it is open to anyone who wants to read exciting modern plays. For more information call Jill Patrick at 404.441.2716.

Every Sunday
Poetry Atlanta & Java Monkey
presents..... "Poetry Open Mic"

Kodac Harrison, Chair of Poetry Atlanta's Community Board, manages and hosts this event on the covered patio and open courtyard. Performances begin at 8:00 p.m. (sign up at 7:30p.m.). Java Monkey is located at 203 East Ponce de Leon (at Church Street). For more information, please call 404.378.5002

Special Note: Go to www.yourdekalb.com for the very latest photos from the 2008 DeKalb Blues & Jazz Festival.

NOTE:

If you have any questions or if you have family and/or friends you would like to receive the "Weekend Happenings", please forward their email address to Samuel Willis at slwillis@co.dekalb.ga.us, or Cynthia Benefield at cgbenefield@co.dekalb.ga.us, or call 404-371.6365.