



## ON BROADWAY

» Still shaking up Broadway, Kenny Leon's latest is *Holler If Ya Hear Me*, a musical inspired by the lyrics of the legendary Tupac Shakur, with Saul Williams co-starring in the ensemble cast. Previews start June 2 at the Palace Theatre, with the show officially opening June 19 and set for an open run. Following the vote of confidence from the Tonys, *After Midnight* welcomes legends Patti LaBelle June 10 to 29, Gladys Knight July 8 to August 3 and Natalie Cole, August 5 to 31. [hollerifyahearme.com](http://hollerifyahearme.com); [aftermidnightbroadway.com](http://aftermidnightbroadway.com)

## HISTORY'S LENS

» Commemorate the 50th anniversary of the summer that helped change a nation with *Faces of Freedom Summer: The Photographs of Herbert Randall*, the powerful 102-image exhibit featuring images captured in Hattiesburg, Miss., on display at the Levine Museum of the New South until August 17. [museumofthenewsouth.org](http://museumofthenewsouth.org)



## IN FREQUENCY

» Throwback hip-hop rules at The Fillmore as EPMD, Rakim, Geto Boys, Treach and Rob Base grab the mic for the Golden Era Hip Hop Tour June 21 and Bone Thugs-n-Harmony check in July 20. At the PNC Music Pavilion (formerly the Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre), New Edition gets in step July 5 and Lionel Richie and CeeLo Green bring the hits July 17. Justin Timberlake breezes into the Time Warner Cable Arena July 12 with his 20/20 Experience. [fillmorecharlottenc.com](http://fillmorecharlottenc.com); [facebook.com/vwacharlotte](http://facebook.com/vwacharlotte); [timewarnercablearena.com](http://timewarnercablearena.com)

## PAST & PRESENT

» Founded by Senegalese native Pape Ndiaye, Juneteenth Festival of the Carolinas, taking place in Independence Park from June 12 to June 15, is one of the area's most-anticipated events. Pulsating riddims, colorful costumes and tasty island cuisine fill Carnival Village June 28 for Charlotte Carnival 2014 Festival and Parade, as the Virgin Islands take center stage. [juneteenthofthecarolinas.com](http://juneteenthofthecarolinas.com); [charlottecaribbeanfestival.com](http://charlottecaribbeanfestival.com)

# Chicago

## 40 AND MORE

» Forty is the key number as the DuSable Museum opens the exhibition *Funky Turns 40: Black Character Revolution Animation Art from Classic Cartoons of '70s* commemorating the 40th anniversaries of 1970's Saturday morning cartoons featuring positive black characters June 27 and then hosts its 40th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival featuring scores of fine artists and craft masters July 12 and 13. [dusablemuseum.org](http://dusablemuseum.org)

## SONIC OVERFLOW

» Ramsey Lewis, Darius Rucker, Maxwell and Earth, Wind & Fire steam up Ravinia Pavilion June 24, June 28, July 2 and July 3. Janelle Monáe, Gary Clark Jr., Aloe Blacc and The Wailers add flavor to the Taste of Chicago in Grant Park, July 9 to 13. Kendrick Lamar, "All Eyes On" stunner SZA and Pusha T swag out the Pitchfork Music Festival at Union Park July 18 to 20. Beyoncé and Jay Z go On the Run at Soldier Field July 24. Eminem, Nas, Outkast and Jhené Aiko make the Lollapalooza roll call in Grant Park August 1 to 3. Salt-N-Pepa get it on with DJ Spinderella August 2 at Joe's Bar. [ravinia.org](http://ravinia.org); [tasteofchicago.us](http://tasteofchicago.us); [pitchforkmusicfestival.com](http://pitchforkmusicfestival.com); [soldierfield.net](http://soldierfield.net); [lollapalooza.com](http://lollapalooza.com); [joesbar.com](http://joesbar.com)

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# New York

## STILL BLAZING

» Forever badass Kara Walker is helping the soon-to-be partially demolished Domino Sugar Factory go out with a bang with her first large-scale public project, *A Subtlety or the Marvelous Sugar Baby* (the short title), an awesome, stark-naked, 65-foot long sphinx, crafted completely out of sugar honoring the many unsung workers who fueled the "sweet" empire. Sadly, it's only on display until July 6. [creativetime.org](http://creativetime.org)

## MELODY MAKERS

» New Edition and Joe please the ladies at the Barclays Center June 29. Alice Smith brings her stellar "Fool for You" vocals to the Bowery Ballroom June 30. Jamaica's Tessanne Chin shows off her powerful vocals on *The Voice* Tour July 7 at the Beacon Theatre. Trek out to MetLife Stadium in New Jersey July 11 to catch Beyoncé and Jay Z On the Run. Carl Thomas puts on a much quieter show at BB King Blues that same night. Bruno Mars electrifies Madison Square Garden July 14 and 15. [barclayscenter.com](http://barclayscenter.com); [boweryballroom.com](http://boweryballroom.com); [beacontheatre.com](http://beacontheatre.com); [metlifestadium.com](http://metlifestadium.com); [bbkingblues.com](http://bbkingblues.com); [thegarden.com](http://thegarden.com)

## THE BIG PICTURE

» After many years of frolicking in South Beach, the American Black Film Festival returns to its birthplace June 19 to 22 with Morris Chestnut as its 2014 Celebrity Ambassador. In celebration, it has premieres of *Think Like a Man Too* from producer Will Packer, an ABFF success story, and Spike Lee's *Da Sweet Blood of Jesus* on deck. [abff.com](http://abff.com)

# Charlotte

## REVIVE & REBOOT

» Catch the classic Broadway musical and 2012 Tony Award-winning revival *The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess* with a 23-piece orchestra at the Belk Theater July 15 to 20. Over at Ovens Auditorium, Debbie Allen shakes things up by refashioning the Brothers Grimm tale *The Twelve Dancing Princesses*, into *Brothers of the Knight*, which she directs and choreographs, July 17 to 20. [blumenthalarts.org](http://blumenthalarts.org); [ovensauditorium.com](http://ovensauditorium.com)

## DIRTY LAUNDRY

» Continuing its "one playwright each season" charge, the Eclipse Theatre Company presents Lynn Nottage's *Intimate Apparel*, about Esther who lives in a NYC women's boarding house in 1905 and sews "intimate apparel" for clients ranging from wealthy white patrons to prostitutes, from July 17 to August 24 at the Athenaeum Theatre. [eclipse theatre.com](http://eclipse theatre.com)



## CATCH THE SPIRIT

» Uplift your soul with the free McDonald's Inspiration Celebration Gospel Tour at Bronzeville's Ellis Park June 28 hosted by Mary Mary's Erica Campbell featuring comedian Jonathan Slocumb, Kurt Carr, the Mississippi Mass Choir and others. For a spiritual experience of another order, Jocelyn Brown moves house lovers at the 24th Annual Chosen Few Old School Reunion Picnic in Jackson Park July 5. [mcdonalds.com/365black](http://mcdonalds.com/365black); [chosenfewdjs.com](http://chosenfewdjs.com)