

Explore Orange County, NC

Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough

Weekly Calendar of Events

January 20 – January 26, 2020

An annotated list of interesting events happening in **Orange County** over the next week, prepared by Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau.

MONDAY Jan 20

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATION 2020

9 AM

Downtown Chapel Hill / East & West Franklin St Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP - Rally with speaker Tai Huynh, 9am at Peace and Justice Plaza; March to First Baptist Church-Chapel Hill for Coffee and Conversations, 10am. Move to Community Interfaith Service, Keynote Speaker: Gene Nichol at 11am; First Baptist Church, 106 N. Roberson St., Chapel Hill. In case of inclement weather, rally will be held at FBC. www.chapelhillcarrboronaacp.com/

FREE WALKING TOURS CHAPEL HILL

1:30 PM - 3 PM

Morehead Planetarium & Science Center / 250 East Franklin St Chapel Hill

This free walking tour starts at the sundial in front of the Morehead Planetarium, the place where the astronauts from the Gemini, Mercury and Apollo Missions trained. From there we travel down Franklin Street, learning the history of this town that grew up around the oldest public university in America.

Most tours daily at 1:30pm, check for times and sign up on the website.

www.freewalkingtourschapelhill.com/

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARK RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

3 PM

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park / 1120 Hillsborough Rd Carrboro

The town of Carrboro would like to invite you to join us for the ribbon cutting ceremony of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park! Join us as town officials cut the ribbon on this much anticipated park. The ceremony will take place at 3pm at the park site (1120 Hillsborough Road). Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, we encourage you all to check out the park and honor the spirit of Dr. King by partaking in community fellowship. Refreshments will be provided. Note: In case of bad weather the groundbreaking ceremony will be moved to Century Hall at The Century Center. townofcarrboro.org/

TUESDAY Jan 21

GUEST ARTIST RECITAL: KEITH KOONS, CLARINET

7:30 PM

Hill Hall / 145 E. Cameron Street Chapel Hill (919) 962-1039

Guest artists Keith Koons, clarinet, and pianist Steve Chicurel-Stein with UNC Music clarinet professor Don Oehler performing music for clarinet and piano. music.unc.edu/

HE WAS A POEM, HE WAS A SONG

6 PM TO 7:30 PM

The Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History, 150 South Road, UNC Campus
Join the Stone Center in this celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through music and song. This annual program features vocal, dance and spoken word groups from the campus and community. Parking is available after 5 p.m. in the Bell Tower Deck directly behind the Stone Center.
<https://diversity.unc.edu/programs/mlk/>

MUSIC AT CAT'S CRADLE

8:30 PM

Cat's Cradle / 300 East Main Street Carrboro (919) 967-9053

Admission: \$18 in advance, \$20 day of show. Too Many Zooz, Birocratic www.catscradle.com

WEDNESDAY Jan 22

MLK, JR. LECTURE AND AWARDS CEREMONY

7 PM

Memorial Hall / 114 East Cameron Ave Chapel Hill (919) 843-3333

Admission: Free but tickets required

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, author, radio host and Georgetown University sociology professor, will deliver the keynote and the Unsung Hero(es) award(s) and MLK Scholarship Awards will be presented. Dr. Dyson's pioneering scholarship has had a profound effect on American ideas, from his first book, 1993's Reflecting Black: African American Cultural Criticism, which helped establish the field of black American cultural studies, to his most recent, Can You Hear Me Now? The Inspiration, Wisdom, and Insight of Michael Eric Dyson. diversity.unc.edu/

EVERYBODY

7:30 PM

PlayMakers Repertory Company / 120 Country Club Rd Chapel Hill (919) 962-7529

Admission: Start at \$15

You can't take just anything with you - Hounded by Death, the character of Everybody desperately seeks out everyone and everything they know in hope of finding something meaningful to take to the grave. These 90 minutes of theatrical whimsy revitalize the fifteenth-century morality play Everyman to take us on an audacious and unexpected journey through life's greatest mystery and beyond. Five brave actors will be assigned their roles by lottery each night—that's 120 possible combinations—as they fight for the opportunity to cheat Death. playmakersrep.org/

THURSDAY Jan 23

LUNCHBOX TALK

NOON TO 1 PM

NC Botanical Garden / 100 Old Mason Farm Road Chapel Hill (919) 962-0522

LUNCHBOX Talk: The North Carolina Wildflower of the Year – A Retrospective; The NC Wildflower of the Year Program is a collaborative effort between the NC Botanical Garden and the Garden Club of NC. For the past 37 years, this program has encouraged the use and propagation of native plants in the home landscape by promoting a different NC native species each year and distributing seeds to interested gardeners in the southeastern United States. ncbg.unc.edu

FEVER DREAMS – FOUR EERIE TALES

2 PM TO 4:30 PM

Jerry M Passmore Senior Center / 103 Meadowland Dr Hillsborough (919) 245-2015

Are you a fan on the classic show, The Twilight Zone? Fever Dreams is a collection of four tales that were filmed in and around the Triangle. These tales have been compared to the Twilight Zone and The Creepshow so be prepared for the same thrill and suspense. Local writer and producer, Al Julian, will host this event with a question and answer session afterwards. One of the stars includes, R. Keith Harris, of The Walking Dead TV series. visithillsboroughnc.com/event/fever-dreams-four-eerie-tales/

POPUP CHORUS

7 PM TO 9 PM

ArtsCenter / 300-G East Main St Carrboro (919) 929-2787

Admission: \$15 for adults and \$8 for students. PopUp Chorus is no audition, community chorus. Just show up, learn popular songs, and sing others. <http://artscenterlive.org/>

FRIDAY Jan 24

AUTHOR READING & BOOK SIGNING

6 PM

Chapel Hill Public Library / 100 Library Dr. Chapel Hill (919) 968-2777

Kwame Mbalia is a local author whose debut middle-grade novel is already a New York Times Bestseller. Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky is described as an epic fantasy, a middle grade American Gods set in a richly-imagined world populated with African American folk heroes and West African gods.

chapelhillpubliclibrary.org/

ANTIGONICK BIG DANCE THEATER

7:30 PM & 8:30 PM

Current Artspace + Studio / 123 W. Franklin Street Chapel Hill (919) 843-3333

Admission: \$27. With its inspired use of dance, music, text, and visual design, Big Dance Theater returns to Carolina Performing Arts with Antigonick: a “popup play under construction” of renowned poet and classicist Anne Carson’s one-act, radical-feminist, philosophical take on Sophocles’ Antigone. Using Carson’s text, Annie-B Parson braids disparate strands into a multi-dimensional performance featuring the deft wit and imagination for which Big Dance Theater is known. www.carolinaperformingarts.org/

“HELLO, I’M JOHNNY CASH” PRESENTED BY DAVID BURNEY

8 PM TO 10 PM

ArtsCenter / 300-G East Main St Carrboro (919) 929-2787

Admission: \$15-\$20

David Burney, lead singer for the acclaimed Johnny Cash tribute band Johnny Folsom 4, brings his one-man show to The ArtsCenter for three shows, Jan 24-26, 2020. In “Hello, I’m Johnny Cash” Burney shares an intimate portrayal of the Man in Black’s life story from growing up in Dyess, Arkansas to his final days after the death of his beloved June Carter. Burney tells the story of Johnny Cash through anecdotes and, of course, the songs the whole world knows and loves. artscenterlive.org/

SATURDAY Jan 25

GOAT INFUSED YOGA

11 AM TO NOON

Spring Haven Farm / 5306 Homer Ruffin Rd Chapel Hill (919) 407-1806

Admission: \$20

Goat yoga is a yoga class where you have the opportunity to engage with the goats while performing instructor-led exercises. The class is in our new indoor Goat Yoga Studio. You can always take a quick break to snuggle a baby goat. This is yoga for everyone from first timers to experienced. The idea is to have fun and spend time with the animals. www.springhaven.farm/goat-yoga

UNC MEN'S BASKETBALL

NOON

Dean E. Smith Center / 300 Skipper Bowles Dr Chapel Hill (919) 962-2296

Admission: \$55

UNC vs. Miami www.goheels.com/

SUNDAY Jan 26

BUCKQUARTER CREEK/HOLDEN MILL TRAILS

2 PM

Eno River State Park / 6101 Cole Mill Rd Durham (919) 920-9099

Hike the most scenic stretch of the Eno River past many rock outcrops and rapids to the stone ruins of the old Holden Mill. This includes a long walk along the river as well as up some long hill climbs through beautiful old hardwood forest. The hike along the river includes climbing over rock outcrops of moderate difficulty. A hiking staff is recommended. www.enoriver.org/

FAMILY AND FRIENDS SUNDAY

2 PM TO 5 PM

Ackland Art Museum / 101 South Columbia Street Chapel Hill (919) 966-5736

Family and Friends Sunday: 20/20 Vision - Join us as the Ackland kicks off the new decade with new eyes! We will explore the Museum's collection through an art-filled scavenger hunt, "I Spy" puzzles, and vision-specific crafts. Free and open to the public. ackland.org/

PRESENTATION BY SARAH CARRIER

3 PM TO 5 PM

Chapel Hill Historical Society / 100 Library Dr Chapel Hill (919) 929-1793

Presentation by Sarah Carrier "Does it come from Spain?" The Influenza Pandemic hits Chapel Hill; World War I required the complete transformation of Chapel Hill and the UNC campus into barracks and training grounds. At the height of war and disruption, the influenza pandemic hit. Voices and documents from the time period tell us the story of what it was like for those living in the Town of Chapel Hill to fight on two fronts: not just abroad in Europe, but also against a virulent virus at home.

www.chapelhillhistoricalsociety.org/

You can find a complete listing of all programs and events offered by our major attractions by visiting www.visitchapelhill.org and viewing individual websites listed by attraction.

