

CONCERTS & SHOWS

# Concert calendar growing crowded

This weekend and the next are weighted with musical dates, with only a few listings mid-week. But late April and May look to be busy times for contemporary music.

The intensely popular **Alabama** headlines a sold-out April 11 concert at The Omni in Atlanta. Heralded mother-daughter duo **The Judds** are on tap to open the 8 p.m. show along with young country traditionalist **Randy Travis**.

A couple of other big country music shows are set April 11. Veteran performer **Conway Twitty** teams with **Loretta Lynn** for an 8 p.m. show at Charlotte Coliseum. And the spirited country pop group **Sawyer Brown** appears with **Gary Morris** at 8 p.m. at Sumter Exhibition Center in Sumter.

In the rock and pop department, college radio heroes **Jason and the Scorchers** are the inspired opening act for the Top 40 group **Survivor** in an outdoor spring concert at the University of South Carolina. The 3 p.m. event will be held on the campus athletic fields off Wheat Street. Tickets are available in advance at several Columbia record stores and at the gate on the day of the show.

Soul masters **The Four Tops** and **Archie Bell and the Drells** will be on stage at 8 p.m. April 11 at Winthrop Coliseum, Rock Hill. More nostalgia is on its way April 11 when **Gary Lewis** and **Gary Lewis** and the Playboys fame entertains at Papa's at Park Center in Smyrna, Ga.

Former Blues Brother **Matt "Guitar" Murphy** is on tap April 11 and 12 at Blues Harbor in Atlanta. And fiery rhythm and blues is in store April 18 at Rockafella's in Columbia when **The Assassins** play there. The group's lead guitarist is Jim Thackery, formerly with The Nighthawks. For those in the Upstate, the band has a gig April 19 at the Rhythm Section.

The eclectic sounds of Windham Hill Records act **Montreaux** will be heard April 11 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation on Cliff Valley Way in Atlanta. The 8 p.m. performance will feature artists Darol



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**Anger, Barbara Higbie, Michael Manning and Mike Marshall.**

Troubadour **Gamble Rogers** entertains at Banks & Shane's in Sandy Springs, Ga. on April 12, the same night that **Townes Van Zant**, sometimes called the Jackson Browne of Texas, performs at Blind Willie's in Atlanta.

**The Kingston Trio**, a group prominent in the early '60s folk scene, will be on stage April 13 at Banks & Shane's. Also appearing will be **The Limelighters**.

**The American Music Festival**, which will feature Dr. Gene Wiggins and his group performing traditional mountain music, is set April 14 at North Georgia College in Dahlonega. Show time is 8 p.m. For ticket information, call (404) 864-3391, ext. 317.

A couple of gospel concerts are on the calendar this week. On April 12 at 5 p.m., Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium hosts **Gospel Jubilee**. And April 19, Greenville Memorial Auditorium is the site for a 5 p.m. **Gospel World Series '87**, featuring **Tommy Ellington & the Five Singing Stars, Troy Ramsey & the Soul Searchers, Slim & the Supreme**

**Angels, The Gospel Keynotes** and many others.

Jazz vocalist **Margie Miles**, who has performed at festivals, clubs and conventions and in Europe, will be the featured entertainer April 12 at the Sunday Afternoon Jazz Concert series at Harbison Lake, just north of Columbia. The free outdoor concerts are from 4:30-6 p.m., and concert-goers are advised to bring blankets or folding chairs and a picnic. In case of rain, the shows will be held at the Harbison Recreation Center at Hilpine Road.

**Stephen Hill and friends** will perform country, rock and pop April 15 at the Coffee Street Mall in downtown Greenville. The hourlong noon concert is part of the city's Bag Day series, designed to give downtown workers a musical lunch-hour outside.

Celtic folk band **Relativity** is on tap at 8 p.m. April 17 at Collective Theatre in Atlanta.

Bizarre comedian **Emo Phillips** will be on stage April 18 in a midnight show at Buckhead Cinema and Drafthouse in Atlanta.

And coming to area stages: **John Anderson**, April 22 at Big Daddy's,

Greenville; **Sweethearts of the Rodeo/Ricky Van Shelton**, April 22 at Miss Kitty's in Marietta, Ga.; **Savoy Brown/Iron Butterfly**, April 22 at Timothy John's in Stone Mountain, Ga.; **Leon Everett**, April 22 at Billy Bob's, Greer; **Seldom**

**Scene/Hiwassee Ridge**, April 24 at Collective Theatre, Atlanta; **Statler Brothers/Sylvia**, April 24 at Charlotte Coliseum; **Swimming Pool Q's**, April 24 and 25 at Rockafella's in Columbia; **Brownie McGhee**, April 26 at Blind Willie's, Atlanta; **Roger McGuinn**, April 26 at Rockafella's; and **Paul Anka/Bernadette Peters**, April 28-May 3, at Fox Theatre, Atlanta.

Also, **Luther Vandross/Shirley Murdock**, April 30 at Greenville Memorial Auditorium; **Stella Parton**, April 30 at Ye Olde Fireplace, Greenville; **Rory Block**, April 30 at Double Door Inn, Charlotte; **Paul Winter Consort**, May 1 at Atlanta Symphony Hall; **Doc Watson/Gove Scrivenor**, May 1 at Collective Theatre, Atlanta; **Kenny Rogers/Ronnie Milsap/T. Graham Brown**, May 1 at Carolina Coliseum, Columbia; **Survivor**, May 1 at Six Flags Over Georgia, west of Atlanta; **Joan Rivers**, May 2 at Chastain Park Amphitheater, Atlanta; **The Commodores**, May 2 at Timothy John's in Stone Mountain, Ga.; **The Tubes**, May 2 at Center Stage in Greenville, and May 6 at Timothy John's in Stone Mountain, Ga.; and **Europe**, May 4 at Fox Theatre, Atlanta.

Plus, **Percy Sledge**, May 6 and 7 at Silver Fox in Greenville; **The Tams/Original Dribbers**, May 8 at Chastain Park Amphitheatre, Atlanta; **Cheap Trick**, May 8 at Six Flags Over Georgia; **REO Speedwagon**, May 9 at The Omni in Atlanta, and May 15 at Charlotte Coliseum; **Harlem Boys Choir**, May 10 at Ovens Auditorium, Charlotte; **Neil Diamond**, May 12 at Charlotte Coliseum; **Black Mountain Spring Festival**, May 15-17, Black Mountain, N.C.; and **The Judds/Southern Pacific**, May 15 at Lanierland Music Park in Cumming, Ga.

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## Music is in the air at area colleges — and you have an invitation

Spring programs by area college organizations and classes highlight musical events for the next week.

A concert by the **Furman University Orchestra** is scheduled April 14, at 8:15 p.m. in McAlister Auditorium on the campus.

The **Furman Student Recital** will be April 15 in Daniel Recital Hall, also at 8:15 p.m.

Both Furman events are free. Call the music department at 294-2086 for details.

The **Clemson University Symphonic Band** will offer a "picnic concert" at 3 p.m. April 12 in the outdoor amphithe-

ater on the campus. The program will feature marches, novelties and music from the Broadway stage. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be at 4 p.m. in Tillman Hall.

The **Clemson University Chorus** will present a variety of music for spring at 8 p.m. April 16 in Tillman Hall Auditorium.

Admission is free for the Clemson concerts. Call the music department at 656-3043 for details.

The **Winthrop College Percussion Ensemble**, directed by B. Michael Williams of the music faculty, will perform at 8 p.m. April 14 in the Recital

Hall of Winthrop's School of Music.

The seven-member ensemble's performance will feature works by Charles Wuorinen, Mozart, Jack J. Jenny and Lou Harrison.

Winthrop's **Jazz Ensemble** will perform April 16 in the Recital Hall, presenting selections from Bob Mintzer, Carmen Lombardo, Van Heusen, Don Menza and others.

The Winthrop performances also are free. Call the School of Music at 323-2255 for more information.

**Arts Alive in Florence**

Florence's **Arts Alive** spring festival

gets under way April 20. Programs will include a Chorus Showcase and a performance by students from three Florence area high schools on April 20; the Foothills Brass Quintet of the Greenville Symphony Orchestra on April 21; the musical ensemble VIVE Klezmer, April 22; and clarinetist Stanley Drucker of the New York Philharmonic, presenting "A Special Tribute to Jack Baker" on April 23.

Florence Arts Alive concerts will be held nightly at 7:30 p.m. in Poyner Auditorium in Florence.

Tickets for the series are free. For more information, call 661-1220.