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Columbia Museum of Art Unveils Fountain Sculpture

A new work of art is set to grace Main Street. The Columbia Museum of Art has commissioned and completed a major fountain sculpture for the corner of Main and Hampton Streets on Boyd Plaza in front of the Museum, made possible by a leadership gift from Colliers Keenan.

Nationally known sculptor, Rodney Carroll created the sculpture, which features an interactive water feature. The sculpture design incorporates a play and interaction between lyrical, organic shapes in a variety

of metals and alloys. This adds color and motion to the abstract sculpture that mimics the play and activity of its many water elements. Carroll constructed the Museum project in his studio in Baltimore. The sculpture's name, Apollo's Cascade, was chosen by the artist because it evokes a life giving force. Carroll also felt the name had a classical theme in line with the art museum's mission.



Apollo's Cascade will be unveiled on Tuesday, September 25 at noon. Columbia Mayor Bob Coble, Museum executive director Karen Brosius and Colliers Keenan president and CEO John Folsom will speak about how contributions such as the fountain add to Columbia's attractiveness and position downtown as a place to live, work, and play. In addition, food vendors will be on hand and additional festivities are being planned. Make plans to attend the celebration and be part of a landmark Columbia event!☺



Fall Main Street Marketplace is Back!

The summer heat will be cooling down soon, so get out of the house or the office and head down to Boyd Plaza for great food, great shopping, and great fun! City Center Partnership's Fall Main Street Marketplace offers delicious food and snacks, fresh flowers, live music, magicians and other creative artists, as well as a variety of unique and specialty items. This season's market is held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. every Friday in September and October on Boyd Plaza, in front of the Columbia Museum of Art. Admission is free! For more information, contact Nicole Grubbs at 803-779-4005, ext. 2042 or nicole@cartertodd.com. ☺



Celebrate Halloween and Experience Columbia in an Eerie Light!

The Ghosts and Legends of Columbia walking tour is a spine-chilling way to learn more about the history and rich fables of Columbia. Not only is it one of the city's most popular walking tours, but it is also the original year-round ghost walk. Starting at the George Washington Monument on the north side of the State House, the 90 minute tour encompasses the USC Campus and the Trinity Graveyard. During the tour walkers learn the rich history of Columbia, with an eerie twist.

Guides take walkers back in time to Columbia's early days with stories of wars and heroes, and the supernatural. Guide Jody Donnelly tells stories and warns visitors of many spirits along the way, one of which is the wrath of the soldiers of South Carolina's Palmetto Regiment.

Another supernatural encounter deals with a worker who helped with the renovation of the State House dome. As he was carving his name on a crossbeam, he lost his balance and plummeted to his death. Security guards have reported that they have seen the worker's spirit sauntering around the catwalk at night.

The Original Charleston Walks Inc. is the Ghosts and Legends of Columbia's sister company. Both tours have been featured on Home & Garden Television, CNN Travel Guide, The Learning Channel, and in several nationwide publications, including the *New York Times*. The Ghosts and Legends of Columbia tour begins at 8:00 pm. The duration is 90 minutes and covers a distance of one mile.



Pricing is \$15.00 for adults, \$10.00 for children between the ages of 8-14, and children under 8 are free. Reservations are required. For more information call 803.765.1837 or visit www.theghostsofcarolina.com. ☺

Top Ten Tips for Car Safety

Car break-ins are on the rise not only in Columbia, but nationwide. Car break-ins have increased by 16 percent in the past year. Police contribute much of this rise to the carelessness of car owners. Car owners leaving keys or valuable items in plain sight serve as a red flag for potential theft. Police forces everywhere are increasing security in high theft areas by stepping up patrols, and using bait cars to try and catch the car thieves in action. Police are also distributing fliers reminding car owners not to leave their valuable items in sight, as well as tips to avoid break-ins.



Here are a few tips to avoid car break-ins:

1. Close all car windows.
2. Lock all doors.
3. Don't ever leave your keys in your car.
4. Don't leave valuable or interesting items clearly visible (CDs, DVDs cell phones, iPods, purses, cash etc).
5. If you have antitheft stickers, make sure that they are clearly visible on a car window.
6. Remove the face plate from your car stereo when not in use.
7. Don't store valuables in trunk, which is often the first place thieves look.
8. If parking in a lot with no attendant, park near the stairs, elevator or a well-lit area.
9. If parking on the street, park in an area full of activity or in an open and well-lit spot.
10. Make sure that your car always looks empty inside.

If you are a victim or a witness of a car break-in, you should report this to the police immediately at 803.252.2911 or 911. For your safety needs, City Center Partnership offers a free hospitality shuttle service Monday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The shift supervisor can be reached at 803.309.7758 to schedule shuttle service.☺

Main Street Latin Festival

Join us for the Main Street Latin Festival on Sunday, September 9, 2007! The Main Street Latin Festival began in 2006 as a celebration of traditional and contemporary Latin Culture. The Latin Festival showcases the culture and vitality of Columbia's Latino Community. This year's festival will feature sizzling hot Latin and Caribbean music, a variety of authentic Latin foods, and hands-on activities for kids. For more information, call (803) 939-0360 or visit www.mainstreetlatinfestival.com. ☺





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Upcoming Downtown Events

Check out the events calendar in our “Happenings” section
on our web site at <http://www.citycentercolumbia.sc>.

From arts to entertainment to shopping to outdoor movies,
you’re sure to find something that interests you!

Trinity Cathedral Seeks Artists for Annual Bazaar

The Trinity Cathedral is currently seeking sidewalk artists for their
Annual Bazaar on Saturday November 3 from 10 am- 3 pm. The
bazaar will be located on the church block, at 1100 Sumter Street.
For an application, please visit www.trinitysc.org, and click on
Trinity Bazaar. ☺

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