



# Connecting the Dots with EAC

## CULTURAL EVENTS

### Brigand Shorts 2009 International Film Festival

Brigand Pictures presents the first annual Brigand Shorts 2009 International Film Festival at the Tivoli Theatre on Saturday, August 29. This all-day event includes film screenings; a free street festival with live music, movie industry vendors, and food and beer concessions; and an evening premiere of "Thick As Thieves," Brigand's action feature filmed entirely in Chattanooga.

At 7:00 pm there will be a short awards ceremony followed by the world premiere of "Thick As Thieves," shot entirely on location in Chattanooga in 2008. This fast-paced action feature used local actors and crews to tell the gripping story of a heist gone wrong. Admission to the premiere is \$15. There is a limited number of all-access VIP passes available for \$20 that include admission to all afternoon and evening events, as well as a gift bag with downtown coupons and a Brigand Shorts 2009 DVD.

For more information visit [www.brigandpictures.com](http://www.brigandpictures.com) or call 765.336.1062.

### Dare to Dance

Announcing the second annual event of the year, **Dare to Dance!** Ten local celebrities put on their dancing shoes and dazzle fans alongside professional dancers for this Saturday night spectacular set for **September 12, 2009**.

The event will be held at the Alhambra Shrine Building located at 1000 Alhambra Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37421. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. to drinks and a silent auction. The performances begin at 8:00 p.m. emceed by The Great Jed Mescon, with attendees and local judges voting for their favorite. The evening will conclude with the grand reveal of the Dare to Dance 2009 Champion, which kicks off the after-party lasting until midnight.

2009 Dare to Dance dancers include:

**Greg Glover**, WRCB Ch. 3 & **Anna VanCura**, Professional Dancer, Ballet Tennessee **Dr. Rohit Gupta**, Nephrology Associates & **Tammy Wilson** Professional Dancer, The Dance Floor **Kristen Johnson**, WDEF Ch. 12 & **Barry VanCura**, Professional Dancer, Ballet Tennessee **Andrae McGary**, Chattanooga City Council, & **Linda Hong**, Professional Dancer, The Dance Floor **Stacie Phillips**, Northwest Georgia Bank & **Dennis Mullis**, Professional Dancer, The Dance Floor **John Pless**, WTVC Ch. 9 & **Amanda Robinson**, Professional Dancer, Chattanooga Dance Sport **Karen Shostak**, Friends of the Festival & **Denny Lennon**, Professional Dancer, Chattanooga Dance Sport **Jennifer Thomas**, Blush Magazine & **Rob Eldridge**,

Professional Dancer, The Dance Floor **Latricia Thomas**, WDSI Fox 61 & **Mark Franklin**, Professional Dancer, Chattanooga Dance Sport **Shawn Whitfield**, Whitfield Oil Company, Valvoline Racing Radio on ROCK 105, Valvoline Racing Tonight on FOX 61, & Contributing Editor of ENIGMA & **Tammy S. Harrelson**, Prof. Dancer, Chattanooga Dance Sport

Tickets are available at [www.kidneyfoundation.com](http://www.kidneyfoundation.com) or call (423) 265-4397. Black Tie or Cocktail attire is preferred.

All proceeds will benefit The Kidney Foundation of the Greater Chattanooga Area and the Unbroken Youth Initiative under the City of Chattanooga Department of Education, Arts & Culture. Programs serve individuals and families within Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama.

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## Chattanooga Leadership Think Tank Roundtable

Chattanooga Leadership Think Tank gathers a roundtable of Chattanooga's leadership program directors to network, share best practices, and combine efforts to mutually support each other in growing the city's leadership development programs. Co-founded in 2007 by Missy Crutchfield (Education, Arts & Culture) and Diane Parks (Leadership Chattanooga and Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce), the Chattanooga Leadership Think Tank is an outreach to connect, collaborate, and communicate exciting leadership programs, build support, increase participation, and build sustainable outcomes for future classes.

### Centurions4Christ Presents Fight of My Life Tour

Centurions4Christ Basketball has it all! Globetrotter, Streetball, and former Tennessee Vols players — so come check it out! Special Guests: Mayor Ron Littlefield, Lady Vols' Brittany Jackson

August 27—Ooltewah High School Gymnasium (doors open at 5 p.m.)

August 29—UTC McClellan Gym (doors open at 4 p.m.)

For more information visit [www.centurions4c.com](http://www.centurions4c.com) or call 423.650.4424.

### World Music

Every **Saturday** from **Memorial Day to Labor Day**, the Incline presents a World Music Program from **11 am to 5 pm** featuring **Kofi Mawuko** and special guests. The shows are free. Musicians and singers are invited to jam from 4 to 5 pm. Dancers are welcome anytime. For more information, contact Kofi or Rebekah Mawuko at (423) 698-3873 or via Facebook.

### Upcoming Events—Heritage House at Heritage Park in East Brainerd September 10-13 Native American Festival

Experience the American story through Native American eyes. This four day festival features performances of “Black Elk Speaks” along with award-winning Native artists, dancers and musicians. For more info, visit [www.HamiltonCommunityTheater.com](http://www.HamiltonCommunityTheater.com) or call (423) 304-7157

### September 17 Sweet Diversity

Co-Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors and celebrate the cultural diversity in our community through sharing and tasting of international desserts.

### September 26 Health Wise, CHEO Health Seminar

Join us for a day of informative seminars that explore today's health issues from a fresh, holistic perspective encompassing the entire person. For more info, visit [www.4cheo.org](http://www.4cheo.org)

### October 3 Bark In The Park

A day for doggie lovers! Enjoy a day of pet contests, prizes, and lots of valuable information and giveaways for your four-legged friend. For more info, visit [www.FriendsOfEastBrainerd.org](http://www.FriendsOfEastBrainerd.org)

### November 20 Shopping Extravaganza

This free event features local home-based businesses selling a variety of cash and carry items. Kick off the holiday season with this unique shopping opportunity. For more info, e-mail [shoppingextravaganza@aol.com](mailto:shoppingextravaganza@aol.com)

Watch for new events! For detailed information on upcoming events, visit us at [www.Chattanooga.gov](http://www.Chattanooga.gov) click on Education, Arts & Culture and Heritage House.

### Upcoming Activities—Eastgate Senior Activity Center

#### Hawaiian Luau

**Thursday, August 13**

**12 noon - 2:00 p.m.**

Bring a covered dish, food, bingo, door prizes & costume contest!  
(Luau sponsored by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Tennessee)

#### Pre-Labor Day Celebration

**Friday, September 4**

**11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Bring a covered dish, bingo, bridge, dancing, door prizes & entertainment



A coalition of community partners from creatively inspired, non-profit, education and the arts and media, government and corporate agencies, and individuals to reach at-risk youth through mentoring, tutoring and community events. The key focus for Unbroken is literacy and reading skills, and addressing social issues through the arts in Unbroken communities.



Created in 2006 by Mayor Ron Littlefield, the Chattanooga Southeast Tennessee Film Commission is an outreach of the City of Chattanooga Department of Education, Arts & Culture (EAC). The film commission serves to promote Chattanooga as a location for all types of film production. In its first three and a half years, the Chattanooga Film Commission has attracted advertising projects such as DIRECTV commercials and a shooting for the George Clooney movie “Leatherheads.” The film commission has also worked closely with Chattanooga State to offer the new film production certificate program to build a film production crew base in Chattanooga.

## THEATER

### Chattanooga State Repertory Theatre's Summer Theatre Festival Performances:

July 31 through August 9th

Regional Premiere of **ROSEMARY LEAVES** by Rex Knowles

Directed by Sherry Landrum

Featuring: Jessie Knowles, Mattie Waters, Brenda Schwab, and Atlanta guest actor Don Stallings

For more information visit [www.chattanoogaastate.edu](http://www.chattanoogaastate.edu).

### Ripple Productions

#### Screwtape - A Tale of Temptation for our Time

Written by John Forsythe

July 31 - August 16, 2009

A masterpiece of satire, Screwtape has entertained and enlightened audiences and readers the world over with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life from the vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to "Our Father Below".

For more information visit [www.rippletheater.com](http://www.rippletheater.com).

## MUSIC

### Riverfront Nights Summer Music Series presented by BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee

Kicking off this Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Chattanooga's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Waterfront, Scott Holt, blues guitarist. Riverfront Nights is a series of free summer evening concerts featuring blues, rock, country, bluegrass and more on the **Greenlife Grocery Stage**. Concerts will be held Saturday evenings on August 1, 8 and 15 and September 12, 19 and 26. The concerts are free and open to the public, and food and beverages are available.

Get the latest festival information at [www.riverfrontnights.com](http://www.riverfrontnights.com)

## VISUAL ARTS

### Mark Making Workshop on Public Art Collaborations

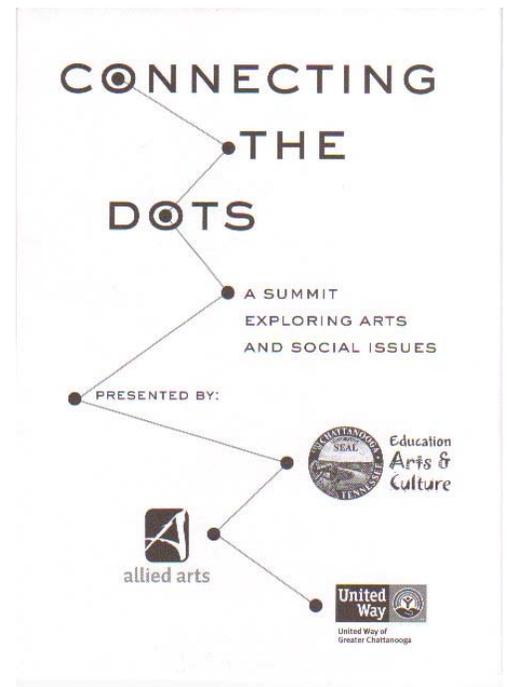
The Nitty Gritty of Public Art Collaborations: Mark Making is offering a workshop to artists-teachers Saturday, August 29, 9– 5 pm to train facilitators for our work and share in detail everything we know. (Our facilitators are paid the same as artist-teachers in the schools.) The workshop will be led by Frances McDonald and Dennis Palmer. Fee is \$75 and includes lunch. If you have issues with the fee, call us, we'll work something out. Email to [createpublicart@aol.com](mailto:createpublicart@aol.com) or call 423.266.3041.

For more information visit [www.markmaking.org](http://www.markmaking.org).

## EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

### "What's Going On?" partnership reading initiative

The City of Chattanooga Department of Education, Arts & Culture (EAC) announces the 2009-2010 "What's Going On?" partnership reading initiative. "What's Going On?" is an issue-driven reading initiative encouraging the community to read, share, and discuss books focused on a particular social issue—"peer pressure" for 2010. The "What's Going On?" book selections for 2010 are *One* by Kathryn Otoshi (elementary selection) and *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson (middle and high school selection). "What's Going On?" is funded by grants from AT&T and Hamilton County Commissioner Jim Coppinger. For more information visit [www.chattanooga.gov](http://www.chattanooga.gov) or call 423.425.7823.



Each April EAC, in partnership with United Way of Greater Chattanooga and Allied Arts of Greater Chattanooga, hosts the Connecting the Dots Summit to engage artists and non-profit agencies in a community dialogue on addressing social issues through the arts.

## Are you on Facebook?

So is Education, Arts & Culture! Learn more about our programs and initiatives by joining our EAC Facebook pages...

- Education, Arts & Culture
- Unbroken
- Sisters Speak Out
- Chattanooga Teen Scene
- What's Going On?
- Chattanooga/SE Tennessee Film Commission
- Chattanooga Leadership Think Tank Roundtable
- Connecting the Dots



Connect the Dots with EAC on Facebook!!!

## “Valvoline Racing to Excellence in Education”

Join the Winners Circle with Valvoline Racing to Excellence in Education! This school year, the City of Chattanooga Department of Education, Arts & Culture is teaming up with Valvoline Racing Radio to get kids excited about learning.

Students who want to be a part of the Winners Circle have to complete their required reading books and the “What’s Going On?” book, keep their grades up to at least a “B average” and lead out in their communities and schools by helping create PSA messages and media campaigns for excellence in education.

Come to Sir Gooneys on East Brainerd Road on Thursday, August 27 from 4 to 7 p.m. to help us rev up for the race to excellence in education.

To learn more visit [chattanooga.gov](http://chattanooga.gov) or call 423.425.7823.

## CONNECTING THE DOTS WITH EAC...

is a weekly listing of events and activities from community partners in the arts, education, and social service agencies...connecting the dots with the City of Chattanooga Department of Education, Arts & Culture...

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blogspot.com.](http://educationartsculture.blogspot.com)**

## Want to Work with Us?

**Connect the Dots with EAC!** Here at EAC it starts with a unique idea, a program, a partnership which ripples out across the community and inspires others as we collectively make Chattanooga the best city it can be.

We're Looking for **interns...** We're looking for **volunteers...** We're looking for **businesses** that want to give back to their community...

Join Education, Arts & Culture in creating, connecting, collaborating, communicating. Now accepting applications for Fall 2009 interns who want to make a difference!

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**We're connecting the dots,  
one artist, one social service  
agency, one community at a  
time—creating an—**

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