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# Philanthropy Calendar

## November

**American Diabetes Association Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes**  
Saturday, November 2  
Registration: 9 a.m.  
Walk starts: 10 a.m.  
Symphony Park  
4400 Sharon Road  
www.diabetes.org/stepoutcharlotte

**Classroom Central Field Day 2013**  
Saturday, November 2  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Memorial Stadium  
310 North Kings Drive  
www.classroomcentral.org/fieldday

**The Patriot Charities 2013 Patriot Gala**  
Saturday, November 2  
5 p.m. - 12 a.m.  
Quail Hollow Country Club  
3700 Gleneagles Road  
www.patriotcharities.org

**Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk**  
Saturday, November 2  
5:30 p.m.  
Romare Bearden Park  
300 South Church Street  
www.lightthenight.org

**Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region Corks & Karats**  
Saturday, November 2  
6:30 p.m.  
Carmel Country Club  
4735 Carmel Road  
www.hpccr.org

**Samaritan's Feet Women Ambassadors 2013 Barefoot Gala**  
Saturday, November 2  
6:30 p.m.  
Charlotte Marriott City Center  
100 West Trade Street  
www.smtntfeet.ejoinme.org/?tabid=461230

**Habitat for Humanity Charlotte 30th Anniversary Celebration**  
Saturday, November 2  
7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

The Fillmore  
1000 NC Music Factory Blvd  
www.habitatcharlotte.org/30years/30th-party

**RAIN (Regional Aids Interfaith Network) Dining With Friends**  
Saturday, November 2  
The Finale: 9 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
Discovery Place  
301 North Tryon Street  
www.diningwithfriendscharlotte.org

**Diabetic Golf Tournament Supports the American Diabetes Association and the TWJ Diabetic Health Fair**  
Monday, November 4  
12 p.m.  
Pine Island Country Club  
1701 Stoneridge Drive  
www.eventbrite.com

**Planned Parenthood Health Systems Annual RED ALERT Fall Luncheon**  
Wednesday, November 6  
12 p.m.  
The Mint Museum Uptown  
500 South Tryon Street

www.plannedparenthood.org  
contact: (704) 536-7233

**World Affairs Council of Charlotte 4th Joint WorldQuest/Academic WorldQuest Competition**  
Wednesday, November 6  
6 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.  
The Westin Uptown  
601 South College Street  
www.worldaffairscharlotte.org

**The Mint Museum Philanthropy, Fashion & Fun**  
Thursday, November 7  
9 a.m.  
The Mint Museum Uptown  
500 South Tryon Street  
www.mintmuseumauxiliary.org

**Council for Children's Rights Are You Smarter Than A Middle Schooler?**  
Thursday, November 7  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
The Mint Museum  
500 South Tryon Street  
cfcrights.org

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## Opera Carolina

### Art to Poetry to Music

Opera Carolina coalesced visual art, literature and performance art onstage at the Knight Theater on September 12. A diverse group of opera singers performed in the benefit gala concert, **Art to Poetry to Music**, accompanied by the **Charlotte Symphony Orchestra** with Maestro James Meena conducting. The performance paired traditional Chinese and Korean songs with customary Chinese poetry and art, which were projected onto a screen for the audience.

"I really appreciate the enthusiastic energy to support the Asian community," said Ki-Hyun Chun, Founder of *The Asian Herald* Library and Newspaper. *The Asian Herald*, The Foundation For The Carolinas Community Catalyst Fund, Tides & Times Group USA, Inc., and Bernardin's Restaurant supported the evening's events, which formed from a collaboration between the **Confucius Institute at Pfeiffer University** and Opera Carolina.

The concert aligned with the week of the Institute's 5th anniversary as well as the year of the Herald's 20th anniversary, and 45 VIP guests from Beijing joined the crowd of more than 800 to celebrate. The mission of Opera Carolina is to inspire community members through performances and its Education & Outreach program meshed with that of the Confucius Institute, which promotes Chinese language and culture through education, consultation services and cultural exchange.

A post-opera VIP reception further commemorated the collaboration, in addition to Meena's birthday. "This was a wonderful evening introducing new friends and great friends to this wonderful art form," Meena said. "Music brings us together." ■

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Opera Carolina • www.operacarolina.org • 704.332.7177

Confucius Institute • www.pfeiffer.edu • 704.237.3366

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