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Tuesday, July 28, 10:30pm
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Thursday, July 30, 10:30pm
Friday, July 31, 10:30pm

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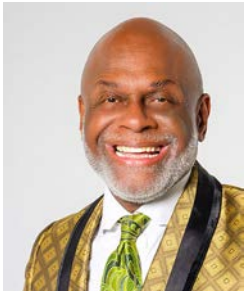
The Rayloc Group LLC

Written by: Michael Colyar
Performed by: Michael Colyar
Producer: Michael Colyar
Producer: Malika Blessing

ABOUT THE COMPANY

The Rayloc Group, a multi-media production and entertainment corporation helmed by Michael Colyar, produces movies, TV sit-coms, film shorts, music videos, plays and animation projects. Its literary division has his four books for sale: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the White House, I Knocked on the Door and a Brother Answered; Miss Innocent Goes to Kool School...and Other Silly Stuff; Michael Goes Motivational; and Little Bobby White. The Rayloc Group also manages Mr. Colyar's performance career, personal appearances, and concerts, and produces The Michael Colyar Morning Show that can be seen Monday through Friday at 7:00 am PST on YouTube. The Rayloc Group stays busy, relevant, and always ready for Rock and Roll. And no, it does not produce Rock and Roll.....yet. Contact them at Comicking123@aol.com.

WHO'S WHO



Michael Colyar (Comedian, Writer, Executive Producer)
An actor, comedian, motivational speaker and author, Michael Colyar has been captivating audiences for almost five decades. His career as an entertainer began at Venice Beach, where he performed his comedy routine every weekend, 5 shows a day, for nine years straight, earning him the title the "King of Venice Beach." He later went on to be a winner on "Star Search," donating 50% of his $100K prize to the homeless. Colyar is best known for his roles in "Blackish," "House Party III," "Norbit," "The Princess & the Frog," and his role as Mr. Whitaker on the hit, fan-favorite series, "Martin." Presently, Michael is the lead in the hit sitcom "Highly Favored" on The Impact Network. Colyar still packs comedy clubs around the country each weekend. Additionally, he has his own weekly YouTube series - "The Michael Colyar Morning Show." which also airs on GCRadioHub.
IG @Michael_colyar

Malika Blessing (Producer, Technical Director)
Malika Blessing is an award-winning actress, director, and producer from Oakland, California. She holds a Master's Degree in Theater Arts from Grambling State University and has built an impressive career in film, television, and theater. Her acting credits include TV One's *The Lost Souls Cafe*, Tyler Perry's *The Have and the Have Nots*, AMC/ALLBLK's *Wicked City*, and Amazon Prime's *Hope Street Holiday*.In addition to her work in front of the camera, Malika serves as the lead producer for comedian Michael Colyar, overseeing the development and production of his projects, including film, television, live events, and *The Michael Colyar Morning Show*. IG @actressmalikablessing

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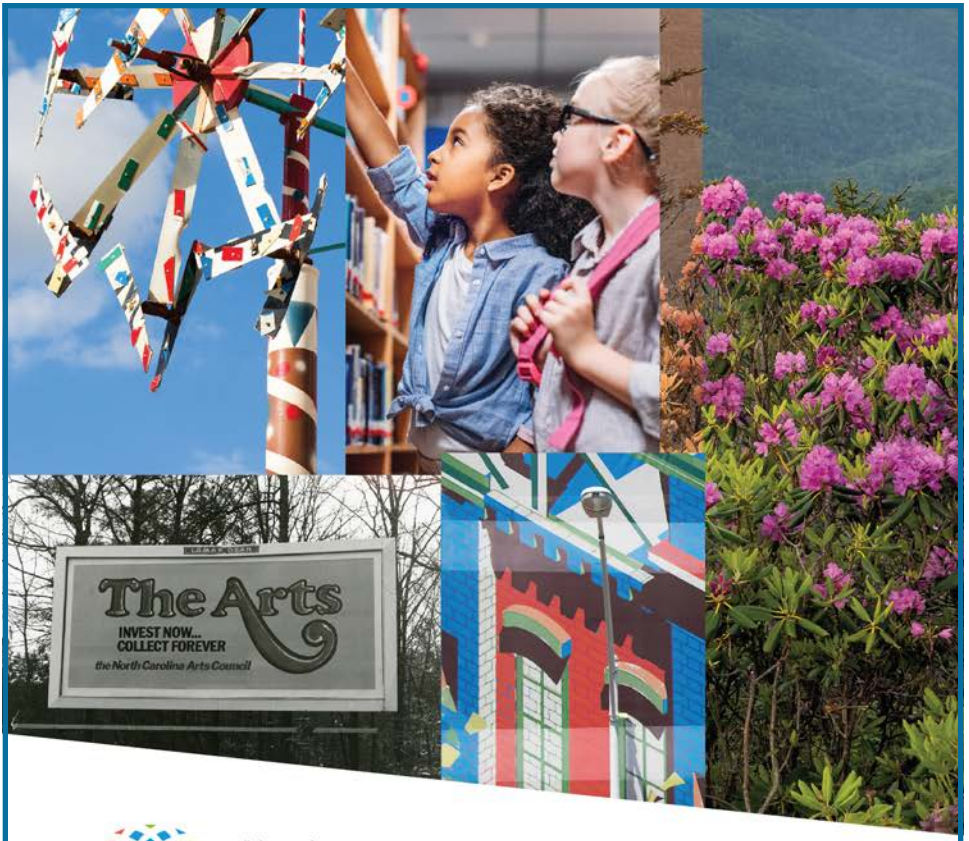

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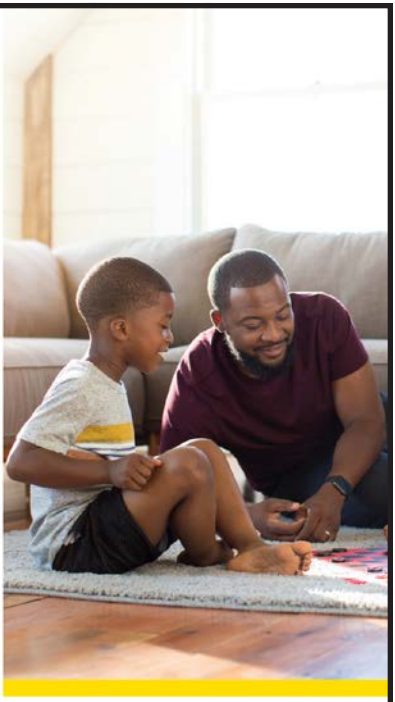

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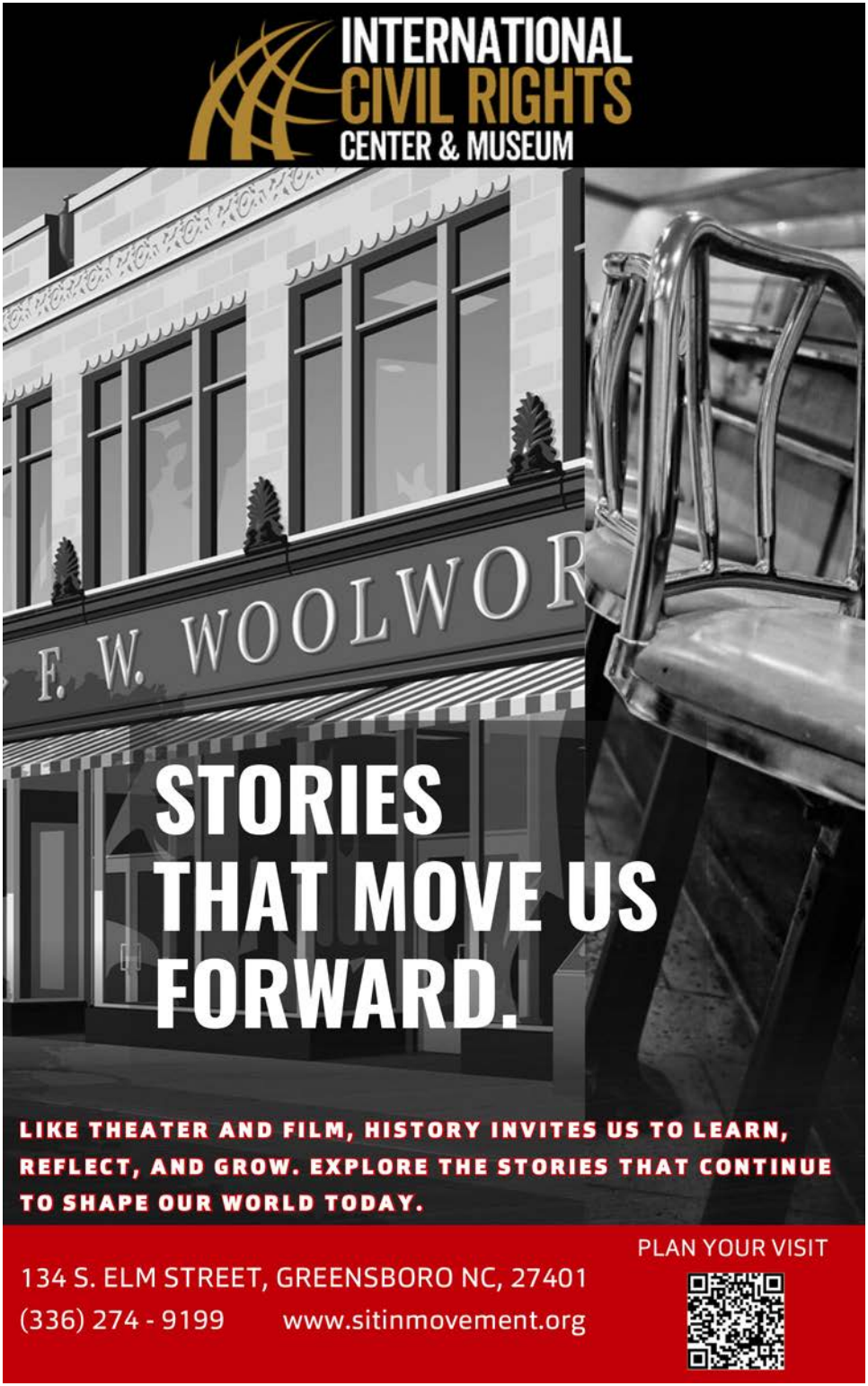
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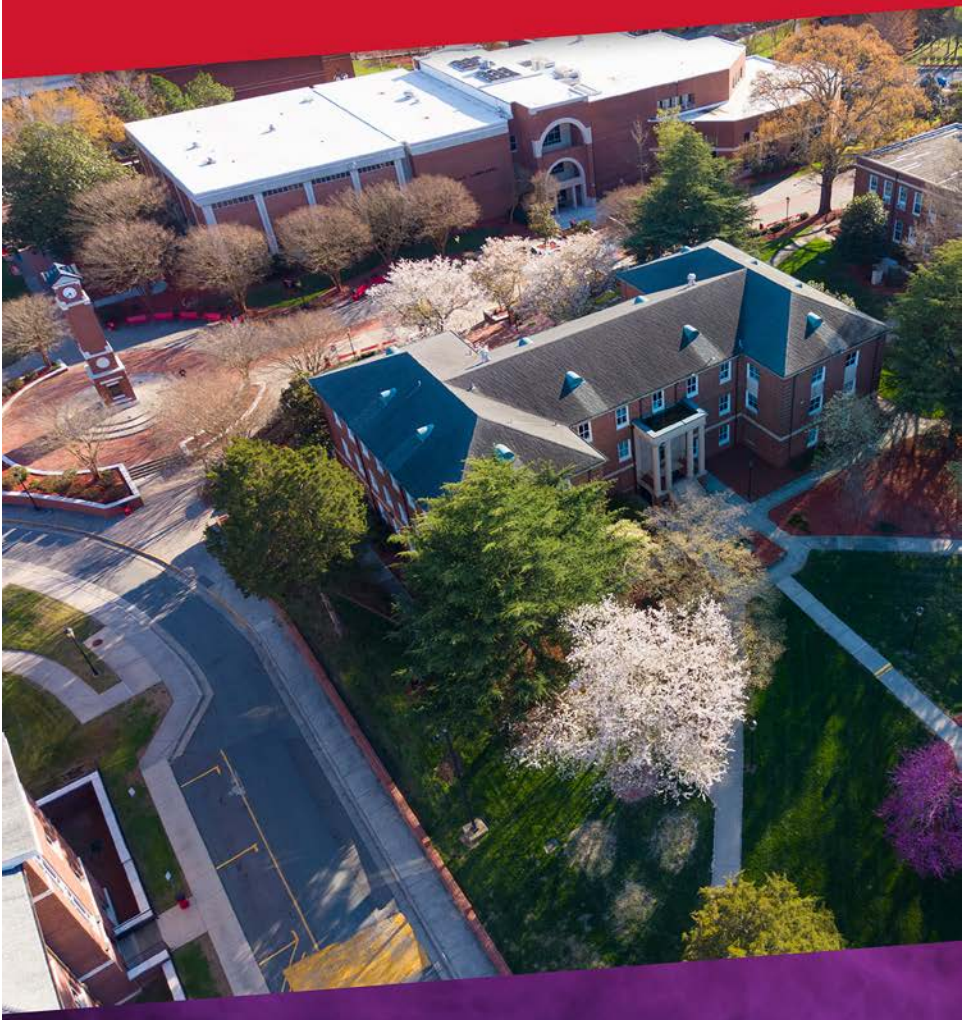

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