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HOLY CITY IN THEIR
OWN WORDS

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LIVING PICTURES

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

THE NAME **TABLEAUX** is inspired by Tableaux Vivants, French for ‘living works of art.’ At the obvious risk of pretentiousness, we felt it was a fitting name for a guide that is defined by portraits and profiles of locals; the city’s living art. Whether they’re native sons like Gullah Geechee Chef Benjamin Dennis and artist Fletcher Williams III, or transplants like folk duo Shovels & Rope and renaissance women Kate Fagan and Kathryn Budig, the ten profiles featured in this issue showed our staff of locals new perspectives on Charleston. We hope they can do the same for you.

To many locals, Charleston has a bit of spotlight fatigue. With a seemingly endless parade of positive travel coverage over many years, an eight-square-mile peninsula with thirty-eight thousand residents hosts nearly seven million visitors a year--most of whom can be found daily in the Market, strolling the battery, or perched on the benches of horse-drawn carriages. But at the same time, they don’t come for nothing. New Orleans meets Boston with a Key West view is an easy place to like. But one big question hovering around this city these days is, “Now what?” After the number one rankings and the restaurant and building booms... how to keep a diverse community intact, in the face of rocket-fueled gentrification; how to keep the city from sinking; how to keep some land aside to just let it be green, or farmed, or anything other than a new condo high-rise. We urge you to forego the carriages and dig deeper into Charleston; find a local to guide you; go beyond the flyers in the gift shop and see the parts of the city that the locals are trying to preserve, so that you, the visitor, the traveler, the potential new Charlestonian, can help the city keep around what deserves to be kept.

Stinson Carter, Editor

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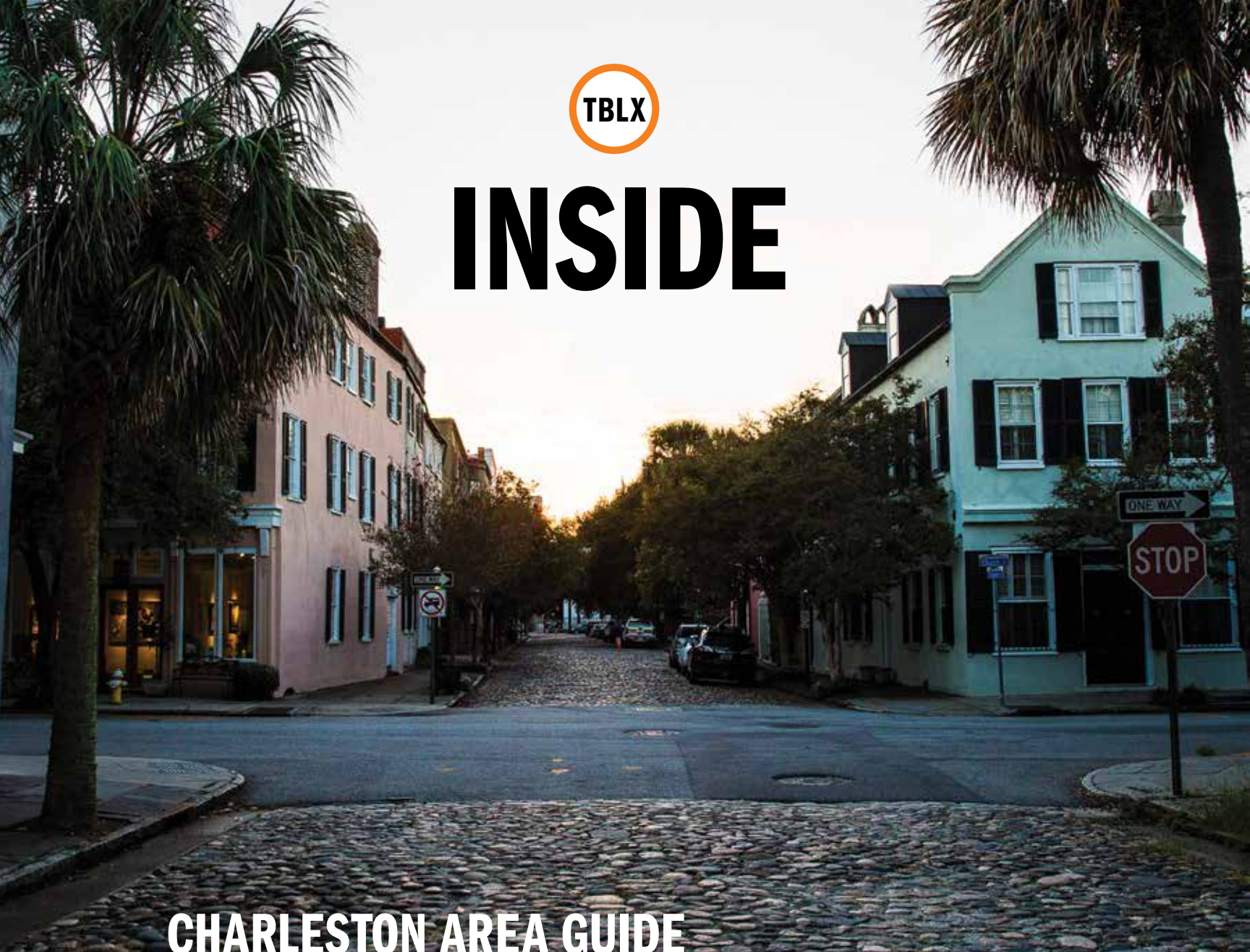
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» Looking East down Broad Street at the Hollings Judicial Center and St. Michael's Church -- two of the famed Four Corners of Law. PHOTO BY SQUIRE FOX

Contributors

Andrew Cebulka

photographer

"Charlestonian since 2002, student of the lowcountry foodways, father and husband to two rad women and aspiring backyard gardener. I take pictures all over for both major publications and commercial clients and am blessed to call this town home. Doing this piece, I remembered that seeing the city before the sun comes up at dawn is totally worth climbing out of bed and going for a walk."



Kassandra von Etdorf

contributing editor

Seven years ago, Kass uprooted from her fast-paced life in New York City to pursue an opportunity in a place then unknown to her: Charleston. "I always knew there were creative people in Charleston, and it has been such a joy to experience the depth and variety of this first hand. Doing research for the 'Made in Charleston' section really drove that point home – Charleston is gorgeous, historic, and also nurtures and supports entrepreneurs – I love that about this city."



Jonathan Boncek

photographer

Jonathan's background in photography has been as varied as the cities that he has found himself in. From Georgia, Lake Tahoe, Las Vegas, San Francisco, to Charleston. "Working on Tableaux gave me a deeper love for Charleston. I thought I knew all the 'spots' of this small city, but I discovered there are so many more places and so much more history and heart, that I haven't even scratched the surface."



Jasmine Agosti

illustrator

Born and raised in Milan, Italy, now living in Charleston, Agosti is a graphic designer for *The Local Palate*, as well as a freelance illustrator. "As a local, I was able to incorporate some of my favorite findings in a city that already has so much to offer. During the illustrating process, I also learned more about Johns Island and North Charleston, which I'm excited to explore."



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FESTIVALS & FARMERS MARKETS

Festivals and Events 2019

Holiday Festival Of Lights

Nov 9–Jan 1, James Island

Three mile driving tour of holiday lights within James Island County Park. holidayfestivaloflights.com

Lowcountry Oyster Festival

Jan 27

Boone Hall Plantation, the world's largest oyster festival, with oyster shucking and eating contests, with beer and wine to wash them down. boonehallplantation.com

Gourmet & Grapes

Jan 31–Feb 3

The Sanctuary Hotel, Kiawah Island – Spotting award winning chefs and wineries from around the world in support of cancer research. kiawahresort.com

SEWE: Southeastern Wildlife Exposition

Feb 15–17, Downtown

3-day celebration of wildlife and nature through fine art, conservation education, sporting demonstrations, social events, and exhibits. (BYOB - Bring-Your-Own-Barbour Jacket) sewe.com

Charleston Wine and Food Festival

Mar 6–10, Downtown

14th year of celebrating Charleston's food culture. charlestonwineandfood.com

Festival of Houses and Gardens

Mar 13–Apr 18

Behind the scenes tour of private homes and gardens in downtown Charleston. historiccharleston.com

Farmers Markets

Mount Pleasant

Every Tuesday from Apr–Sept, 3:30–7pm

645 Coleman Boulevard
experiencemountpleasant.com

John's Island

Every Saturday, year-round, 9:30am–1:30pm

johnslandfarmersmarket.com

Downtown, Marion Square

Apr 14–Nov 24, Saturdays 8am–2pm

Holiday Market in December
charlestonfarmersmarket.com

Spoletto Festival USA



PHOTO BY WILLIAM STRUHS

Volvo Car Open

Mar 30th–Apr 7th, Daniel Island

Since 1973, the oldest professional women's tennis tournament. volvocaropen.com

High Water Festival

Apr 13–14, North Charleston Riverfront Park

Annual music festival drawing major talent, cool people, and above-par food and drinks, curated by Shovels & Rope. highwaterfest.com

Charleston Greek Festival

May 11–13, Downtown

Three days of Greek food, wine, and music festival in its 49th year. charlestongreekfestival.com

Spoletto Festival USA

May 24–Jun 9, Downtown

America's premier performing arts festival transforms the city for 17 days and nights every Spring. spoletousa.org

Piccolo Spoleto Festival

May 24–June 9, Downtown

Spoletto Festival USA's sister festival is focused on accessibility, presenting performances of the highest standards with either free or affordable admission. piccolospoleto.com

The 74th U.S. Women's Open Championship

May 30–June 2, James Island, Country Club of Charleston

USGA tournament. usga.org

MOJA Arts Festival

Sept 26–Oct 6

African-American and Caribbean arts festival in downtown Charleston. mojafestival.com

West Ashley Farmers Market

Apr 25–Oct 3, Wednesdays, 3–7pm

Ackerman Park
charlestonfarmersmarket.com

James Island

Sunday Brunch Farmers Market

year-round, Sundays 11am–3pm
sundaybrunchfarmersmarket.com

Downtown

Pacific Box & Crate Farmers Market

Saturdays, 9am–1pm
workshopcharleston.com



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YOU ARE HERE

TAKE A STEP BACK, and Charleston becomes far more of an archipelago than a peninsula. Downtown packs a tremendous amount of experiences and history into a small space, but if you take a broader view of Charleston when planning your time here, we promise you will be rewarded.

ILLUSTRATION BY JASMINE AGOSTI



CHARLESTON

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The Insiders



10 PROFILES. 15 PERSPECTIVES. 1 CITY. WE CAUGHT UP WITH THIS INSPIRING GROUP OF CHARLESTONIANS BY WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY. WE SPOKE TO THEM IN A LIVING ROOM, A WINE CELLAR, A COFFEESHOP, A PHOTO STUDIO, A BASEBALL STADIUM, AN EMPTY BAR, A JEWELRY STORE, A FURNITURE WORKSHOP, A COMMUNITY GARDEN, AND A JAMES ISLAND MARSH. WE TALKED ABOUT WHAT THEY LOVED ABOUT THEIR HOMETOWN, EVEN WHEN THAT MEANT TOUGH LOVE. WE THINK YOU'LL ENJOY HEARING FROM THEM ALL. WE SURE DID.



Henrietta's

A BRASSERIE LOCATED AT THE DEWBERRY HOTEL

HENRIETTASCHARLESTON.COM

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CHARLESTON-BASED folk duo Shovels & Rope--husband and wife team Michael Trent and Cary Ann Hearst--are icons of the local music scene who have gone out and made it in the bigs, and still call Charleston home. As the founders of the city's annual High Water Festival, they're also single- (or double) -handedly raising Charleston's profile as a mandatory stop on any national music tour worth the name.

TBLX: Why Charleston?

S&R: Besides the fact that it is aesthetically beautiful. Besides the fact that you can be in the woods or at the beach in a matter of minutes. Besides the endless high-quality dining establishments. Besides the access to life enriching scenic outdoor activities... we have met the most generous, loving, and inspiring people here and that is why we stay.

TBLX: What is your favorite way to enjoy the city?

S&R: From the water! We both grew up landlocked (Colorado / Tennessee). Spending time at the beach and on the various rivers is probably our favorite thing to do with our free time. It's beautiful and it's free! Every morning the sun rises on Folly beach and it's quiet and serene and perfect and costs absolutely nothing. Other things we like to do include taking a bike ride on the West Ashley greenway, visiting the various farmers markets or going to see a show at the Pour House or the Music Hall. Oh, and going to see a movie at the Terrace Theater - a small independent movie theater that will play both the latest blockbuster films and the quality independent movies that most of your regular box theaters won't. It's a total gem and we hope it never goes away.

TBLX: What's your favorite thing to do with friends from out of town?

S&R: Probably take them to get some seafood and go on a boat ride. Maybe catch a local show at The Royal American. Go to the beach.

TBLX: How is Charleston changing?

S&R: Charleston is changing a lot in that it is growing exponentially. There are good things and bad things that go along with that. As Charlestonians, we face more traffic, continued gentrification and a lack of affordable housing and stagnant wages for workers in the face of an increased cost

of living. As musicians, the growth means more arts, more artists, and more people to enjoy them. We do the majority of our "work" on the road. When we're home we mostly spend time working in our studio or catching up with our friends and our musical community. We should also mention that the music community here has always felt (and continues to feel) like a real community. It's inclusive and supportive across genres and that is one of the reasons it's so special and so good. One thing that is changing with the growth is that there is more demand for more artists to come through. A couple of years ago, we started High Water Festival as an attempt to contribute to the positive growth of the music scene.

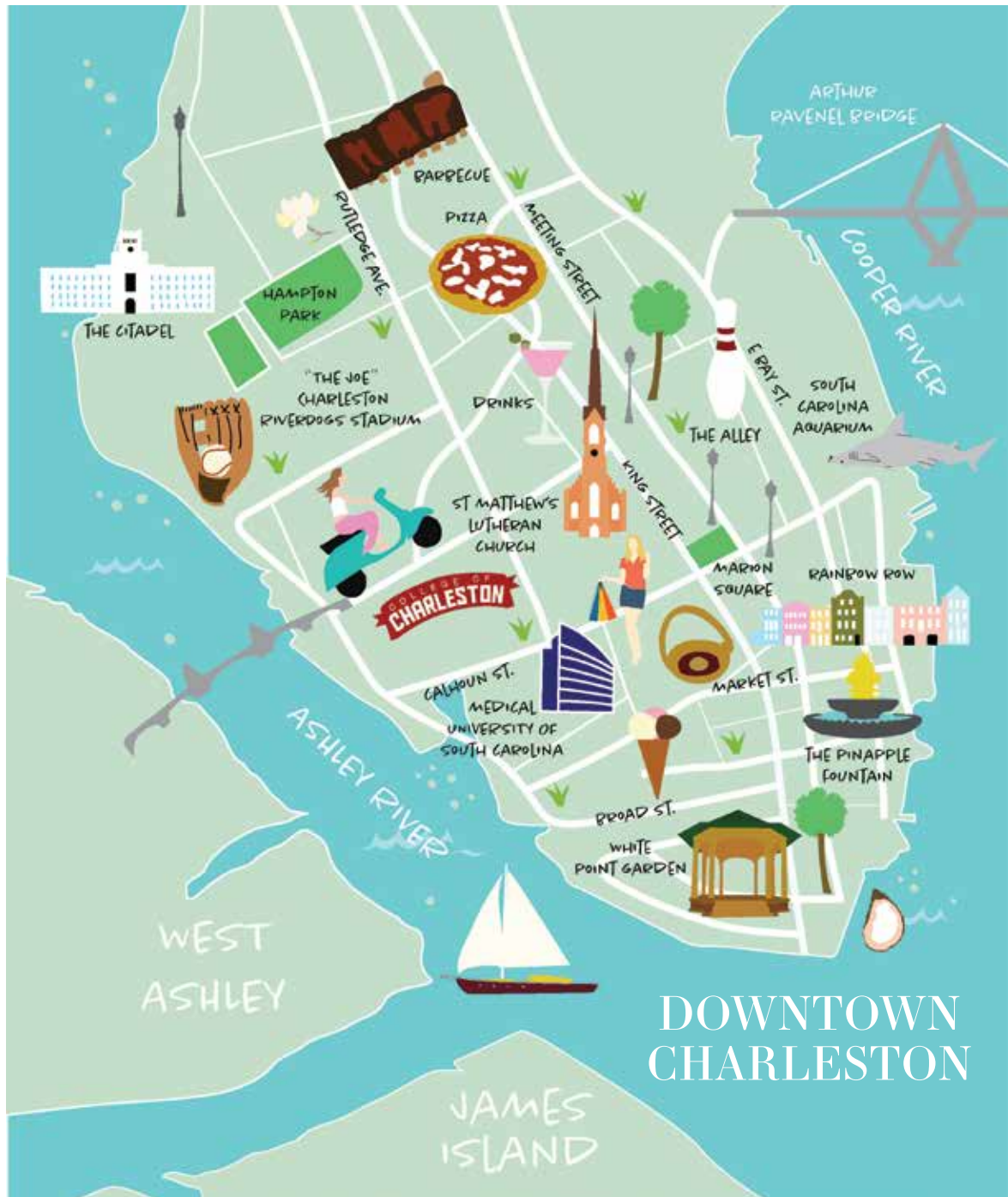
TBLX: What is something that people don't know about Charleston?

S&R: Yes, there are countless great restaurants, and yes there is a lot of surface charm and beautiful scenery but the music and art scene is alive and well here. That is where we come from. The underbelly is a thriving, wild and free living organism and without it, the city would be in danger of losing its soul and becoming just another coastal tourist trap.

Shovels & Rope

PHOTO BY SULLY SULLIVAN

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Downtown Charleston



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OWNTOWN CHARLESTON IS every bit of what you've heard in the Condé Nast reviews, despite the locals' efforts to keep it secret. But however Charleston may appear to visitors, it's also a living city with a prideful populace and a deep and diverse culture. It's about cobblestones and mansions South of Broad with secret gardens hidden behind wrought iron, and it's also about palmetto roses and shotgun shacks on streets that flood with an afternoon rain. No matter where you are downtown, it's never a far walk from a restaurant with a James Beard nominated chef and a line of tourists out the door, to the corner spot echoing with the clack of pool tables and the lilt of Gullah. Put on your walking shoes or better yet, get a bike, and explore and appreciate *all* of the city.



EAT, DRINK

Fulton Five

This hidden gem is a bit off the beaten path, but you won't regret making the trek. Classic Italian fare with a twist, it's a romantic scene that is perfect for celebrating special occasions. It is definitely on the more intimate side, and you'll want to make a reservation.

>> FULTONFIVECHARLESTON.COM

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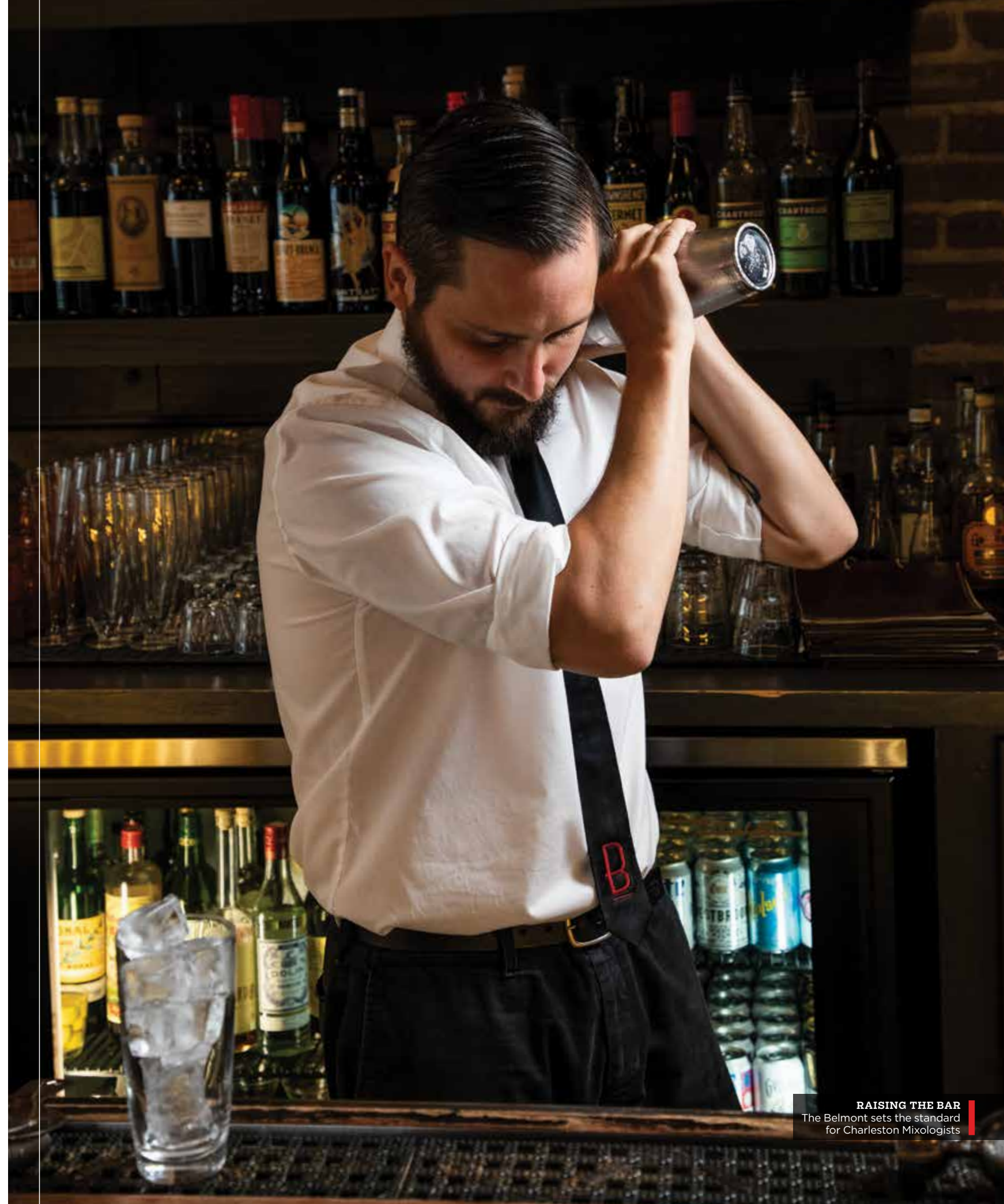
One part European, one part Lowcountry, this neighborhood bistro consists of only a handful of tables, so book yours in advance. Perfect for date nights or dinner with a small group of friends. We recommend the chef's table.

>> PURLIEUCHARLESTON.COM

The Belmont

A fine cocktail bar that is not all armbands and attitude. The bartenders are very good, very nice, and if you're nice they'll even shake you a Ramos Gin Fizz.

>> THEBELMONTCHARLESTON.COM



RAISING THE BAR
The Belmont sets the standard
for Charleston Mixologists

Ted's Butcherblock

Best butcher on the peninsula. Wine, cheese, carry-out, sandwiches, and various burgers and brisket specials cooked on a big green egg out back, all presided over by a benevolent owner whose name eludes us.

>> TEDSBUTCHERBLOCK.COM

Chez Nous

This little French haute cuisine bistro-in-cottage is alright by us in all kinds of ways. Go with anyone you love, just check the daily menu before you go, as there are only two options for each of the three courses.

>> CHEZNOUSCHS.COM



Chez Nous

Goat. Sheep. Cow.

Serious cheese shops with only a tinge of the attitude you would expect. We recommend the staff favorite "crack cheese" and baguette, and the pricing of the pate can't be missed for at home or hotel entertaining.

>> GOATSHEEPCOW.COM

Martha Lou's

Soul food meat-and-three spot for thirty years running. Along with **Nana's Seafood** and **Dave's Carry-Out**, a downtown tried and true.

>> MARTHALOUSKITCHEN.COM

82 Queen

Sure they are known for their she-crab soup and the courtyard is quite nice, but we love it's scandalous history as the hangout of 1980s smugglers who swilled Dom Perignon with windows open to the street, keeping an eye on their Porsches while stirring up trouble. They didn't have much of an appetite, but the food, incidentally, is stellar.

>> 82QUEEN.COM

The Harbinger Cafe

Warm service, healthy food, unique baked goods and strong coffee in this bustling and popular uptown café.

>> THEHARBINGERCAFE.COM



Sugar Bakeshop



The view from Charleston City Marina



Chubby Fish Co.



Xiao Bao Biscuit

Xiao Bao Biscuit

The black bean fried chicken is a must. Limited menu, but offerings include unique southeast asian specialties. We recommend for lunch, especially on Friday for Bang Bang Biscuit.

>> XIAOBAOBISCUIT.COM

Husk & Husk Bar

This Sean Brock powerhouse features exclusively Southern ingredients. The fried chicken skins are so good you'll want to order them as a starter and again for dessert. Locals often favor the bar, where the menu is small but thoughtful and still shows off Brock's devotion to detail.

>> HUSKRESTAURANT.COM

59 Rue De Jean

Consistency is a virtue in the restaurant world, and Rue De Jean will not let you down. An order of vegetable cream mussels with crusty french bread and a glass of bubbly rosé is our happy place.

>> HOLYCITYHOSPITALITY.COM



Char-Grilled Oysters at Leon's

PHOTO BY SCOTT SMALLIN

The Variety Store

Commanding views of the marina from this nautical dive. Country fried steak and eggs with a side of pancakes and hash browns by morning, and fried seafood otherwise.

>> VARIETYSTORERESTAURANT.COM

Harold's Cabin

There was once a slowball shop, lunch counter and grocery store of the same name in this building that houses this reimagined version co-owned by Bill Murray, which retains some grocery offerings and raises them a full bar and a restaurant with a farm- and rooftop-garden-to-table menu.

>> HAROLDSCABIN.COM



Elliotborough Mini Bar



The Ordinary



Huriyali



Purlieu



Martha Lou

Wickliffe House

This lunch café in a mansion next to MUSC feels like a private club. Their ginger snaps the size of frisbees are chewy, spicy goodness.

>> WICKLIFFHOUSE.COM

The Ordinary

Set inside a stunningly restored bank building on Upper King Street, this raw-bar-centric restaurant is a sight to behold.

The menu supports local fisherman and focuses on sustainable practices. Don't miss the fried oyster slider.

>> EATTHEORDINARY.COM

700-Block of King Street

This block of King Street has become a restaurant village, where we recommend a progressive meal including a glass of Gamay at **Graft**, the much-covered tavern burger at **Little Jack's**, and char-grilled oysters and soft-serve ice cream at **Leon's**.

Huriyali

Part health food market, part smoothie shop, one of the few places downtown to provide a menu of items that won't incite a nap. We recommend the spicy curry bowl and the dragon berry smoothie. The outdoor patio is clutch on an overcast day.

>> HURIYALI.COM

Dudley's on Ann

No matter the day of the week, Dudley's is the place to let your hair down, and even don a wig if the mood strikes... on a Tuesday. Worth the wait on weekends.

>> DUDLEYSONANN.COM

D'Allesandros Pizza

An Elliotborough institution since

2006, this local hotspot is top of the list for dine-in or delivery pizza. Don't be afraid to try something new, or order off the menu. We recommend the Get Gnarly with tomato sauce.

>> DALSPIZZA.COM

One Broad

Bright and airy cafe a few steps from Rainbow Row in a former bank of the Confederacy. We've yet to order anything here that isn't good.

>> 1BROADSTREETRESTAURANT.COM

Charleston Grill

Though a bit of a splurge, the chef's tasting menu is worth the indulgence, the wine list is deep, and GM Mickey Bakst is brimming with charm.

>> CHARLESTONGRILL.COM

Sugar Bake Shop

A teeny tiny neighborhood bakeshop dedicated to freshness and local ingredients. Offerings change seasonally, but you can never go wrong with a cupcake.

>> SUGARBAKE.COM

167 Raw

Not exactly a local spot because the lines are too long. But if you're willing to wait, it's worth it, especially for the fish sandwich pictured below.

>> 167RAW.COM

Edmunds Oast

We love the house-brewed beer and charcuterie towers. Good for big groups, but don't be surprised if you run into a bachelorette party.

>> EDMUNDSOAST.COM

The Daily

The coffee shop sister of Butcher and Bee, with a second location in the Gibbes Museum, we recommend the sausage biscuit and take-away chicken curry with house made pita bread.

>> SHOPTHEDAILY.COM

Trattoria Lucca

You can't drive by Lucca's corner windows at night without feeling some pang of longing to be inside the yellow-glowing dining room. Go for rustic Italian in generous portions.

>> LUCCACHARLESTON.COM



Harbinger

Fast and French

Known by its sign as Gaulart & Maliclet, but not to locals. Been around forever, lawyers in business suits sit elbow to elbow with artsy types, served counter style by long-tenured employees. For a little privacy, head for the nook in the back.

>> FASTANDFRENCHCHARLESTON.COM

Chubby Fish Co.

The chalkboard menu over the bar is ever-changing at this local and sustainable corner seafood spot that has made fast fans of downtown locals. We recommend the whole fish and charred lamb ribs.

>> CHUBBYFISHCHS.COM

Uptown Social

Haute sports bar with pizza-lebrity Anthony Falco pies, a rooftop bar, a billion combined pixels of HD sports coverage (give or take), and crucially, a happy hour

with half-off the full bar and \$2 sliders, Mon-Fri from 4-8pm.

>> UPTOWNSOCIALCHS.COM

The Darling Oyster Bar

Upper King raw bar with a lively bar scene and ample hot food options like clam chowder poured over fries, Berkshire pork chop and blue crab tagliatelle. And we never pass up key lime pie.

>> THEDARLING.COM

FIVE DIVES

The Recovery Room
The 'Rec Room' sells more PBR than any other bar on the planet. If that's not dive bar street cred...
recoveryroomtavern.com

Palace Hotel
Eastside dive with serious bar food, kitschy decor and private deck.
843.608.6889

Cutty's
Tiny cool dive bar with a pool table, house-infused liquors... and patrons outside smoking.
843.724.4111



Cutty's

Elliotborough Mini Bar
The charm of a dive bar without the grime. Owners Jeff and Pam are consummate hosts, though Pam may be holding a little white dog at all times.
Call Pam at 385.222.1014

Moe's Crosstown Tavern
During football season, this is one of the best places to score a seat at the bar, grab a burger, and watch a game. It's unassuming from the outside and kinda divey on the inside, but we wouldn't change a thing.
moecrosstowntavern.com



167 Raw

SEE, DO

Second Sunday on King

An example of something most downtown locals say they avoid, but in reality, it's pretty fun. King Street is closed from Calhoun to Broad, offering a rare chance to stroll down the middle of the street to shop, eat at tables spilling onto the street, and people watch.

RiverDogs

Minor league baseball is the antidote to modern urban cynicism. Good food, fireworks, and a place to be a child or re-discover your inner one.

>> MILB.COM/CHARLESTON

Dock Street Theatre

Originally founded in 1736, Dock Street Theatre has gone through several incarnations, one of which involved the world premiere of a Tennessee Williams play.

>> 843.577.5967

George Gallery

Premier modern art gallery in Charleston. Exhibits at its new location on Broad Street began in October '18, and its rotating roster of guest curators offers distinctive voices within a single gallery.

>> GEORGEALLERYART.COM



Dock Street Theatre

Monarch Wine Merchants

The wine world isn't known for its humility, and yet, exhibit Justin Coleman, an exceedingly pleasant wine merchant with a world-class selection next door to Harbinger Cafe.

>> MONARCHWINEMERCHANTS.COM

Graft Wine Shop and Bar

Friendly and serious wine bar and shop of friends and fellow sommeliers Miles White and Femi Oyediran. Good wine, good people.

>> GRAFTCHS.COM

M. Dumas

The de-facto uniform shop for the classic Charleston man. But it's not all whale belts and periwinkle golf shirts. Their sales are not to be missed.

>> MDUMASANDSONS.COM

Bike rentals

Buy or rent from Affordabike's upper King Street location.

>> AFFORDABIKE.COM

Holy Spokes. Self-service bike rental with 27 peninsula locations.

>> CHARLESTONBIKESHARE.COM

Indigo and Cotton

A reflection of the New Southern Man, curated with such immaculate taste and care it can be intimidating to move a hanger or folded sweater, but go ahead, the staff are friendly.

>> INDIGOANDCOTTON.COM

Highwire Distillery

Husband and wife owners Scott Blackwell and Ann Marshall produce spirits with heirloom grains that taste as good as their labels look. Tastings daily.

>> HIGHWIREDISTILLING.SQUARESPACE.COM

Charleston Museum

Established 1773 and "commonly regarded" as America's first museum--highlights include the armory of firearms from the Revolutionary war to WWII and an exotic array of Egyptian, Greek, and Roman artifacts including a mummy.

>> CHARLESTONMUSEUM.ORG



George Gallery



Highwire Distillery

The Alley

Bowling alley with a full bar, an elevated take on bowling alley concessions, and vintage arcade games. Not your average hipster bar-bowling alley.

>> THEALLEYCHARLESTON.COM

Children's Museum

Essentially a giant indoor child-energy-absorption machine, with interactive zones including a medieval castle, firetruck, pirate ship, water table modeled after Charleston Harbor, and more.

>> EXPLORECML.ORG



Charleston Gaillard Center

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The Alley

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82 Queen S
Charleston, SC 29401

SWIG & SWINE
EST. 2013
CHARLESTON, SC
1217 Savannah Hwy
Charleston, SC 29407

LOWCOUNTRY BISTRO
EST. 2010
2379 SC HWY 41
Mt Pleasant, SC 29466

LOWCOUNTRY BISTRO
49 South Market St.
Charleston, SC 29401



Burbage's Self Service Grocery

Brown n' serve takeout for the South Of Broad crowd. Time warp with charm, cookies in saran wrap, somehow homey yet posh.

>> 843.723.4054

The Gibbes Museum Of Art

The premiere art museum in Charleston, with a permanent collection spanning four centuries, focused on America and the American South, from the colonial era to the present. The museum's Beaux Arts stained-glass cupola is a masterpiece in itself.

>> GIBBESMUSEUM.ORG

South Carolina Aquarium

Built out over the Cooper River, the views are an attraction unto themselves. Sea otters, a bald eagle, the albino alligator, and shark petting exhibits are worth the trip. Skip day passes and buy a membership.

>> SCAQUARIUM.ORG

Dog & Horse Fine Art

A world-renowned canine and equine gallery. Not your average offerings of artistic pieces within the city, the gallery includes works from the 19th to 21st century not found elsewhere in the country.

>> DOGANDHORSEFINEART.COM

Peabody Watercolors

Featuring emotive works by its namesake, artist Frank Peabody, the featured art goes beyond the usual postcard cityscapes with gripping impressionistic works inspired by his travels throughout the world.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SMALLIN



Owner Brett Carron of Indigo and Cotton



South Carolina Aquarium

IT MIGHT GET LOUD

Music Farm

An upper King street hotspot, its our choice for a grungy music venue in every way we love. Cheap drinks and loyal fans, all within walking distance of multiple restaurants.

musicfarm.com

Charleston Music Hall

The slightly sleepier sister of Music Farm, the Music Hall's proximity to recommended restaurants puts it high on the list for a "dinner and a show" kind of evening. Check the shows out in advance and plan a weekend trip to the city.

charlestonmusichall.com

Charleston Gaillard Center

Pronounced "GILL YARD" and typically referred to by locals hand in hand with the Charleston Symphony Orchestra. Headliners include national talent such as Jay Leno, Keb Mo, and Lyle Lovett. We recommend dinner at **Zero George** before your show.

Gaillardcenter.org

Charleston Music Hall



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CHARLESTON ATTORNEY AND CITY COUNCILMAN Mike Seekings is a 30-year resident of the city. As its downtown rep, he's taking on issues of traffic, transportation, water, and flooding. The England-born son of an RAF pilot, Seekings is a political progressive, an avid runner, and lover of California wine and local modern art.

TBLX: *Why Charleston?*

MS: I clerked for a federal judge who used to be the governor of South Carolina. A guy named Donald Russell. He was one of the great South Carolinians—a Senator, president of the University of South Carolina—he was just an amazing human being. After my clerkship, I was in Washington for a few years and I knew that wasn't where I wanted to be. So I talked with him and said I'd like to come back to South Carolina. I landed in Charleston within a month, and I've had my entire professional career since then, right here in downtown Charleston. Thirty whirlwind years later, here we are in a different time and place that's as exciting as anywhere in the world.

TBLX: *What is your favorite way to enjoy the city?*

MS: On my feet, for sure. I'm a runner. The best thing about this

young, talented artists here, so the galleries, the museums, the Gibbes museum has done a great job of bringing local art to life. So we emphasize the history of the city, the beauty of the city, and the talent that is in the city.

TBLX: *How is Charleston changing?*

MS: It is changing as fast as it's ever changed in its history. There's a lot happening in Charleston for a number of reasons; it's a beautiful, historic city where people want to live; it's a place where education has taken off, so people come here for school, and stay. We offer a lot of professional opportunities for people. So you have a complete lifestyle available in a beautiful historic city, it's a confluence of a lot of events that bring people here and has rendered us in a place that's changing hourly.

TBLX: *What is something that people don't know about Charleston?*

MS: This is a livable, wonderful Southern city, and for all our accolades and all the things that you see, just to know that in the houses that you walk by, and the offices that are in town and the schools, is a community that is thriving, [and] is committed to being the best city it can be for the people who live here. For those that come visit, recognize that this is a city where we live. We're happy that you're here, we love that you come here and share it with us, but remember that while you're here, it's

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city—and I live it every day—is how scalable it is. There is so much within such close proximity. Education, culture, business, history, arts, everything is right here in front of us. So just getting on my feet and walking and running the city and seeing it with my own eye and with my family and friends, it is the best place in the world to do that, and I try to take advantage of it every day.

TBLX: *What's your favorite thing to do with friends from out of town?*

MS: The thing that we always encourage people to do, if not insist, is—just walk. Go see it. Get with someone who is well versed in history, someone who is local, someone who knows the flavor. Why do people come here? They come to see what Charleston's all about, and to look at the houses and the gates and wonder what's going on behind them, so no better way to get oriented than to walk around and see the city.

I encourage people to get involved with the arts community. Our arts community is growing like crazy, we have so many

our home, so please treat it with the respect that you would ask us to treat yours when we come visit you in your home. And I think by and large that's happening, and that's why tourism has been so successful here, but the scale of it—50,000 people on the peninsula, 140,000 people in the city, and 7 million visitors, that creates a challenge, and a balancing act that I will tell you from my perspective both as a city council member and as a resident committed to spending my life here, just to make sure that we err on the side of protecting the residents first and foremost, and that will enhance the experience for anyone who comes here, including tourists. I call it 72-72 balance. We're the hottest place in the universe for people who come here for 72 hours, but are we the hottest place for people who live here for 72 years or beyond, for generations, that's a challenge. We could always do a little better, but we're getting there.



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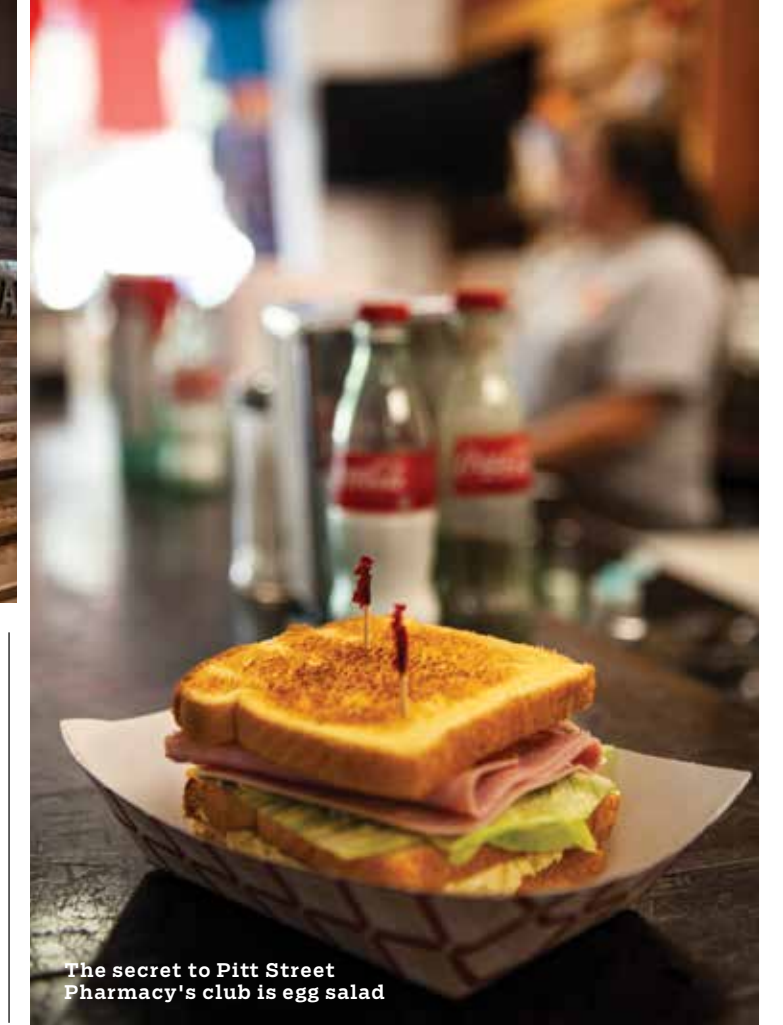




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>> MOZZODELI.COM

The Wreck of the Richard & Charlene

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>> WRECKRC.COM

SEE, DO

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Pitt Street Bridge

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>> OLDVILLAGEDISTRICT.COM

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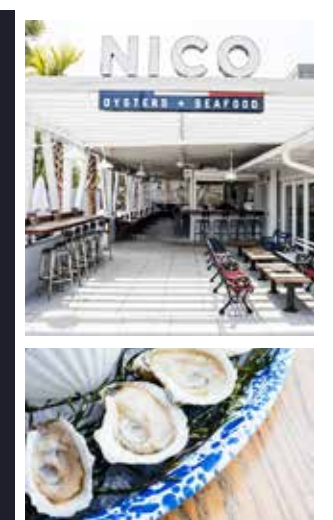
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ARTIST AND SCULPTOR Fletcher Williams III grew up in North Charleston. After six years in New York as a student at Cooper Union and hustling artist, Williams moved back to Charleston to, in his words, “regroup,” which involved working a stint as a downtown hotel ‘houseman’ and shuttle driver—a tough transition for anyone, let alone a mixed-race Southerner recently adapted to cosmopolitan life up North. Ever since his 2015 solo exhibition, *Souvenir*, Williams’ artistic career has been on a steady rise, with a string of successful exhibitions and art grants.

TBLX: *Why Charleston?*

FW: I didn’t think I would ever come back to Charleston. I could say, ‘ideologically,’ it’s good for my work.” But financially was a big factor. I was dealing with a separate rent and studio in Williamsburg. I was working at the flagship Apple Store part time, and that culture was just draining me. I felt like a caged animal. I swear that’s creative purgatory. I got to a breaking point, so I had to go back to Charleston and regroup.

When I got back, I was working a part-time job at a hotel in the marina. I started off as a houseman at a downtown hotel; even the phrase “houseman” in the south, those underlying connotations. That was an interesting experience to go from New York and end up in a hotel in the South. And then I had my first solo show, *Souvenir*, and that generated a lot of buzz for me. I got some good sales from it, met some collectors and a lot of other artists, and yeah, just been on it since then.

TBLX: *What is your favorite way to enjoy the city?*

FW: The good thing about going to art school is that I made friends with some very talented people, that also have chosen to stay [in Charleston], and some of them have come back after being in another country, on the West Coast, or in New York. Some of them are performers and they perform locally. I get to experience a little bit of their escape, which is my escape. I go ride my bike. I could go to the beach every day. I don’t really enjoy going out to bars anymore unless I find a good one that’s off the beaten path.

TBLX: *What’s your favorite thing to do with friends from out of town?*

FW: I always feel like I’ve gotta give some kind of educational tour when I bring my friends here. Because a lot of them are artists, and a lot of them are black artists, and they want to really know the history of The South. So we’ve ended up on all the

plantations. If I bring someone here, I really just hit all the soul food spots, [like] Nana’s Seafood and Martha Lou’s. I hope those places stick around because they’re disappearing left and right.

TBLX: *How is it changing?*

FW: Growing up, the racial politics weren’t really an issue. Since coming back, I’ve even seen this neighborhood [Park Circle] change. I guess progress is a shaky term. I guess what’s happening here is progress for a lot of people, but it’s just devastation for others. I’m privileged enough to be in many social circles. Being biracial, black and white, I’ve had access to both groups. I’m white enough to hang out with white people, I’m black enough to hang out with black people. I always kinda sit in the middle and I had

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my eyes on both groups. But I don’t see much of that crossover any more. I think it’s more divergent than ever.

Charleston is a strange place. Even these new buildings that go up on King Street, there’s an affinity for these old empires, with the columns, and these grand structures. You’re losing that little charm but they’re replacing it with this grandeur that seems exactly what it is—a façade. I don’t know where the city’s going. I still try to have my place in it, and I want people who feel like they’re on the outside of it to still feel like they have a place. And I don’t know if that’s the case.

TBLX: *What is something that people don’t know about Charleston?*

FW: What hasn’t been highlighted, or celebrated, or pushed forward is [that] I think there’s a good creative undercurrent which is pretty raw. For instance, I have a friend who lives above a Laundromat who puts together these little dinner parties [for artists], and that’s something I would have experienced in New York. You always hear about other cities and their art scenes, and I think Charleston could absolutely have that. I think it exists, and if artists know that, and people are coming to see that, it’s a form of nurturing and they’ll want to feed that appetite for people coming, and it’ll be a self-fulfilling prophecy. If the city sees that folks are coming for that experience, they’ll be more accommodating, and there will be spaces that will be allocated for those types of things.

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SEE, DO: SULLIVAN'S

Fort Moultrie

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Sullivan's Beach

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Isle of Palms Pier

SEE, DO: ISLE OF PALMS

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Goat Island

A private island between Mount Pleasant and Isle of Palms, accessible only by boat, it got its name from a couple who claimed squatter's rights on the island in the early 20th century—with their herd of goats
GoatIslandresort.com

Deweese Island

To the north of Isle of Palms, Deweese Island has no restaurants or stores, no cars, stoplights, or paved roads, and is more nature sanctuary than resort. The beaches are undeveloped and pristine, like walking onto a beach a few hundred years ago.
deweese rentals.com

North of Deweese are **Capers Island** and **Bull Island**. See what this landscape looked like before the beach houses cometh—a boneyard beach of twisted salt-cured hardwood, pristine marshland and woods formerly inhabited by Seewee Indians, now given over to indigenous birds, deer, turtles, and every imaginable coastal fauna. Barrier Island Eco Tours (nature-tours.com) has a ferry to Capers and and Coastal Expeditions (coastalexpeditions.com) services Bull.



The Goat Island Ferry

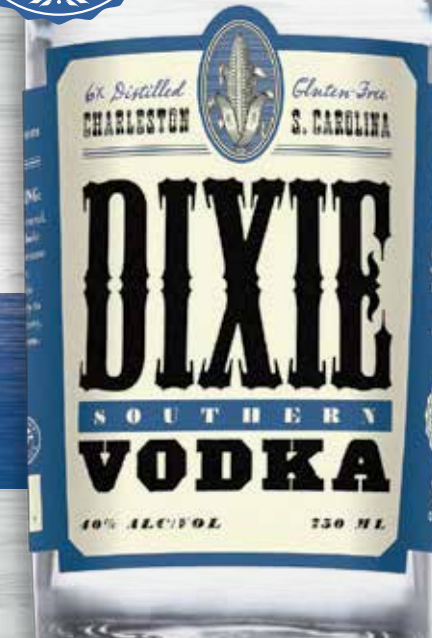
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Capers Cauthen

CAPERS is a Charleston native, born and raised. As a craftsman and carpenter, he has dedicated his life to preservation in the Holy City. Through his company, Landrum Tables, he continues that work every day. Using locally reclaimed wood that would otherwise end up in a landfill, he and his team handcraft pieces of furniture with heart, soul and memory, right here in town. His workshop in North Charleston is always buzzing with energy – saws running in the background, people coming and going, the voices of collaboration carrying over the noise of production. He’s seen some change in the city he’s called home for almost 50 years, and isn’t shy with his thoughts on the evolution of his city.

TBLX: *Why Charleston?*

CC: I grew up on Orange Street downtown in the 1970s - Charleston is home because it’s home. I love the people here – everyone in Charleston has a big heart, is happy to give you the time of day, say hello and see how life is going. I’m grounded here, my business is here - I want to raise my family the way I was raised in Charleston. I love my city.

TBLX: *How is Charleston changing?*

CC: Boy, it certainly has changed. I remember a Charleston where it would be a shock to see more than a handful of cars rolling down King Street. Now, it’s busier than ever with people and traffic and construction, but it’s all good – we appreciate the growth and are happy people are here, sharing in our beautiful city. There are some really great people that I’ve met that have come to Charleston from out of town and are here doing incredible things for the city and our community. Whether it’s implementing programs to help with preservation, or opening amazing restaurants, we’re grateful. The growth of our city has contributed to the growth of our business, and we’re grateful for that.

TBLX: *What is your favorite way to enjoy the city?*

CC: Charleston has some really good, small theater events, which I always enjoy. But my favorite thing to do

in Charleston is to cast out a line. I try not to leave home without a fishing rod in my truck and if I’m on the way home, or driving around the city and traffic gets bad, I’ll think to myself, “what’s the closest place I could go wet a line?” I’ll pull over to one of my favorite spots and cast, wait for the traffic to calm down, and just enjoy where I am.

TBLX: *What is your favorite thing to do with friends visiting Charleston from out of town?*

CC: I love figuring out little boat excursions to show people Charleston from the water. It’s a peaceful way to see the big picture of Charleston - our shorelines are still so beautiful.

“Streets used to be swept by hand – a couple of guys with brooms and trash bins with little wheels on them. We knew them all by name, would hand out lemonade to them when we saw them coming around.”

Of course it’s fun to take people for a stroll downtown and tell stories about the Charleston of my childhood – it’s changed so much over the years. Tradd Street, Legare Street, South of Broad – those streets really take me back to my childhood and are still just as beautiful as they were back then. The homes have been renovated thoughtfully and restored carefully which is important to me.

TBLX: *What is something that people don’t know about Charleston?*

CC: I mean Charleston has changed so much, even in my lifetime. The city streets used to be swept by hand – a couple of guys with brooms and trash bins with little wheels on them. We knew them all by name, would hand out lemonade to them when we saw them coming around. Imagine keeping a city like ours clean today with a trash bin on wheels and a broom? We’ve come a long way.

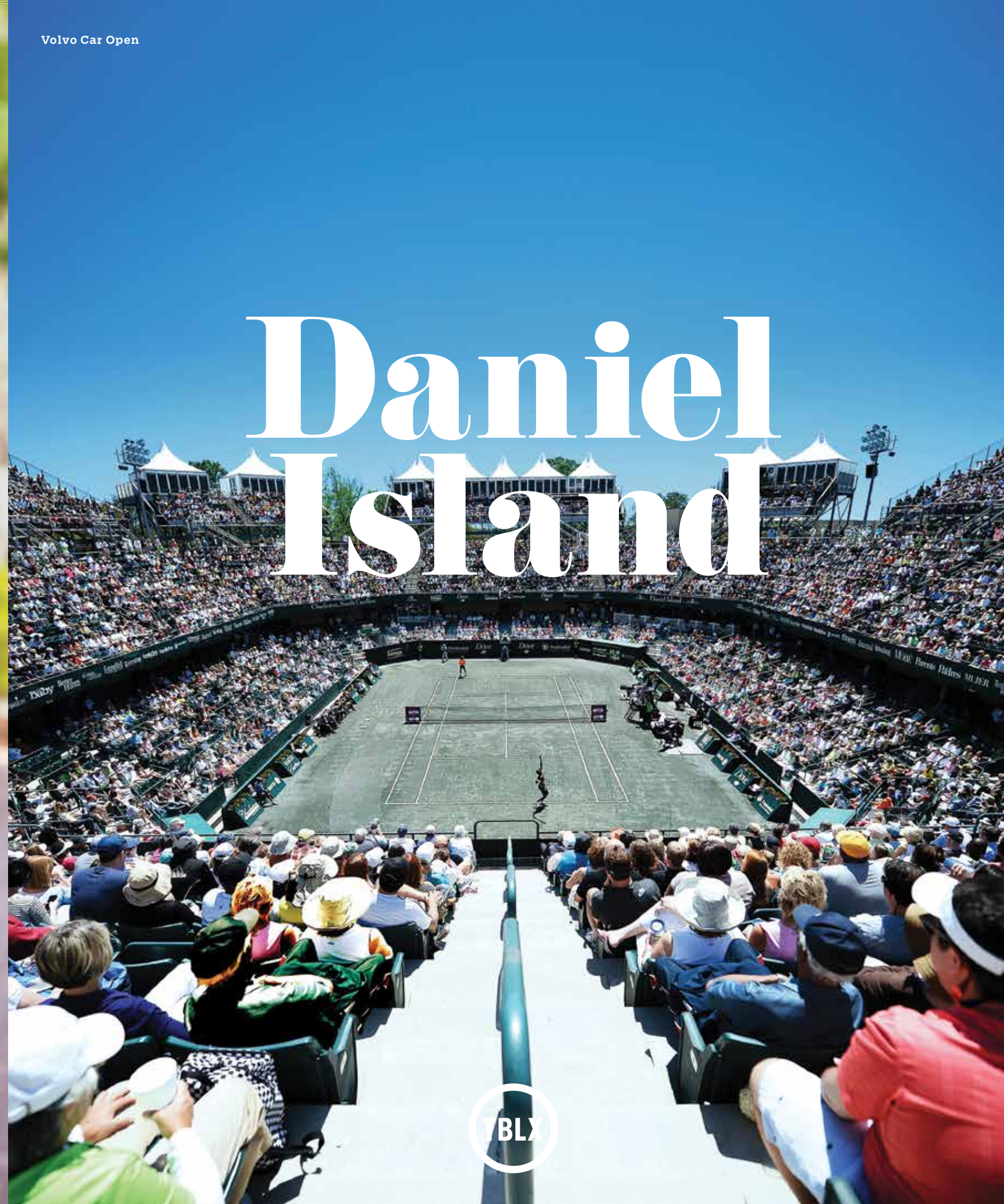
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ANIEL ISLAND IS a private community with a private golf club, or in other words, not exactly a starter home kinda place. But nice, it certainly is. Fifteen minutes from downtown and not developed until 1996, this neighborhood is so new it makes Mount Pleasant look ancient. To those who don't live here or golf here, it's known by the Volvo Car Open, the Charleston Battery soccer team, and as the home of the campus of tech firm, Blackbaud. If you find yourself here, the island offers many family-friendly green spaces, and a downtown area where all of its restaurants are in close proximity.



Vespa's

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Vespa Pizzeria

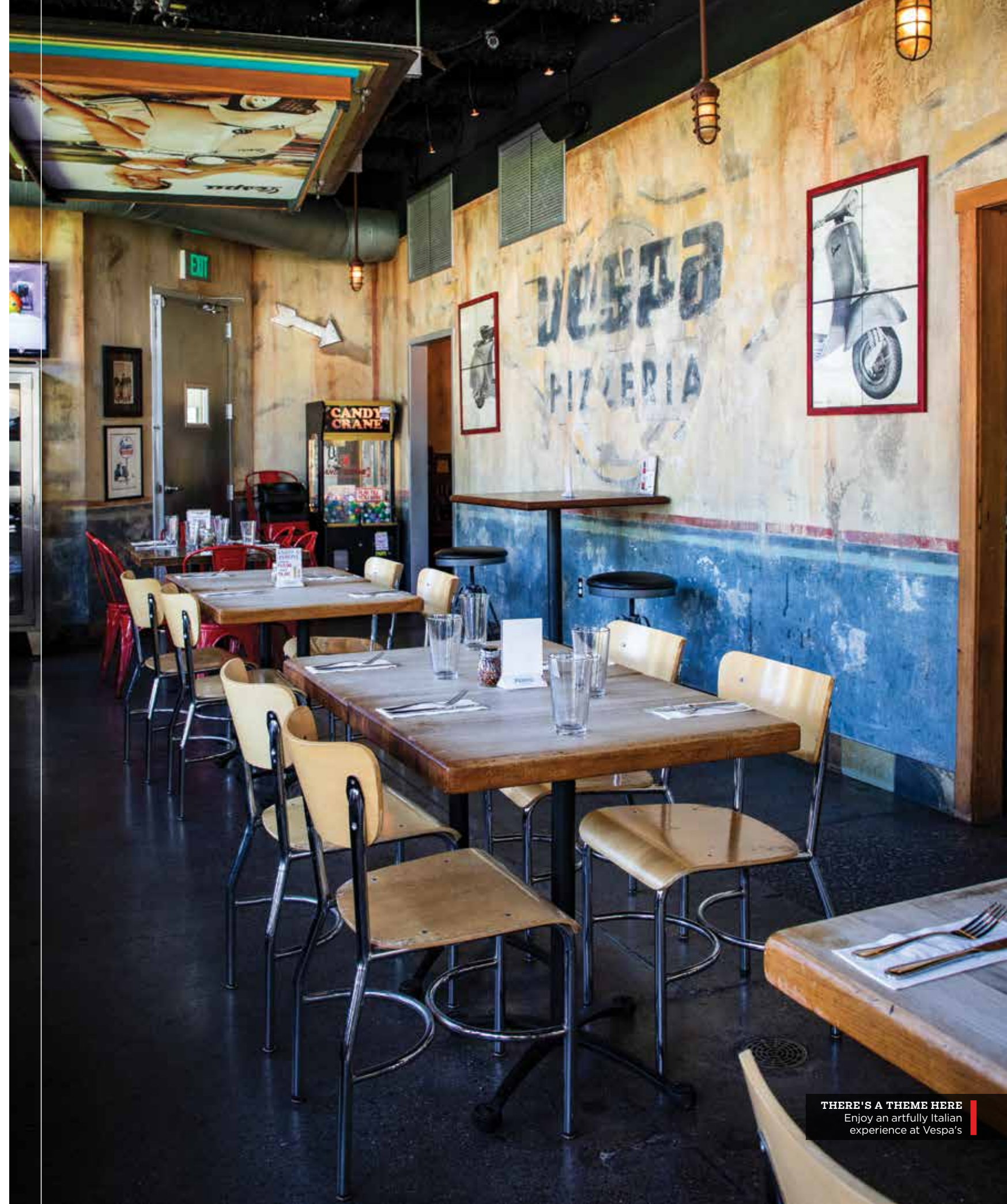
Crispy, Neapolitan-style woodfired pizza served in a casual, lively environment. It's a great place to go before or after a concert at Volvo Car Stadium, but be prepared to wait, you won't be the only one with this idea.

>> VESPAPIZZERIA.COM

Dockery's

With its tagline of "Food. Beer. Music." it's pretty clear what Dockery's has to offer, and we're not mad about that. With music every Thursday through Sunday, we recommend checking the event calendar and booking your reservation in advance.

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Sermet's Courtyard

Once a popular downtown bistro, and now the the only remaining Sermet's location, this bistro offers a more laid back atmosphere, still with its signature "Southernterranean" inspired dishes. Book a reservation and take an after dinner stroll along the Wando river.

>> SERMETS.COM

Daniel Island Grille

Grab a beer and watch the game at the DIG, a family and pet friendly neighborhood spot known for its burgers, wings, and outdoor patio.

>> DIGHOSPITALITY.COM

Bin526

Yes, it's named after a freeway, but with "50+" wines on tap, they pride themselves on making fine wine approachable in a friendly, no-pressure environment.

>> BIN526.COM

Little Italy Daniel Island

Otherwise known as LIDI, home-style Italian food with an ever rotating menu. Welcoming atmosphere and kid friendly.

>> RISTORANTELIDI.COM

Laura Alberts

A restaurant, wine, beer and gift shop all in one. Our favorites include the fried Brie rolls and the BBQ shrimp.

>> LAURAALBERTS.COM

Agaves Cantina

Go all in with the Molcajete--a hot stone bowl filled with carne asada, chicken, sausage, avocado, cheese, and other delights. Their "Muy Rapido Lunch" for \$5.75 is highway robbery.

>> AGAVESCANTINA.COM

Dragon Palace

We have a soft spot for all-white-meat sesame and orange chicken. The hand-made dumplings served in bamboo steamers will offset any guilt of ordering like you're at P.F. Chang's.

>> DRAGONPALACESC.COM



Live music at Dockery's

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The Charleston Battery

The *other* football plays at the MUSC Health Stadium. General Admission tickets for the Battery are under \$20, and the stadium hosts international exhibition matches, and the MLS Carolina Challenge Cup.

>> CHARLESTONBATTERY.COM

Volvo Car Stadium

Home of the Volvo Car Open every spring, and countless concerts throughout the year, this outdoor venue is within walking distance of several restaurants. Plan ahead for a concert and catch dinner (or drinks) before the show.

>> VOLVOCARSTADIUMCONCERTS.COM

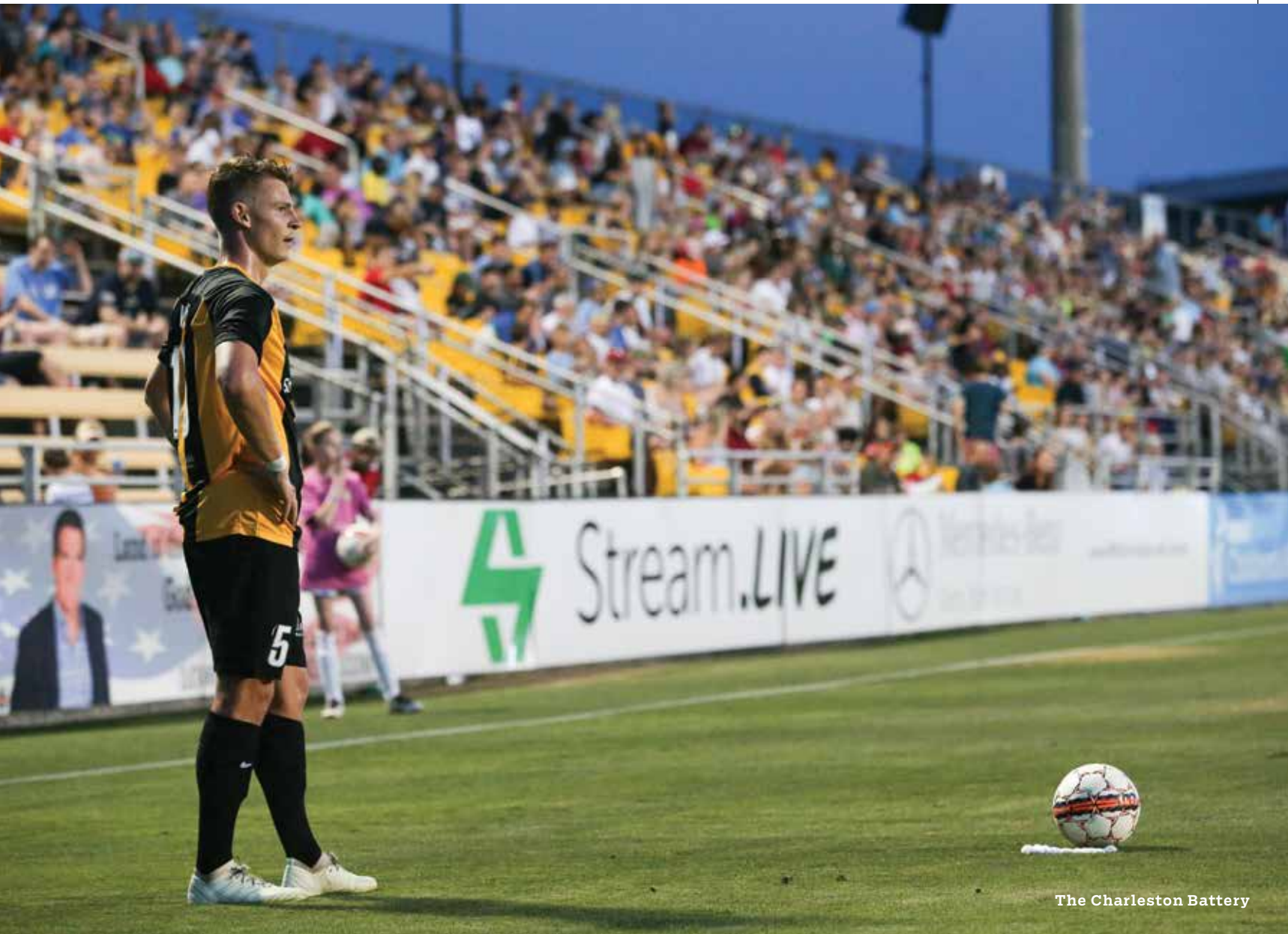
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Sara Clow

CONSERVATIONIST and food activist Sara Clow is the General Manager of Growfood Carolina, a project of the Coastal Conservation League with a mission to protect South Carolina's family farms. Since moving to Charleston to launch Growfood in 2011, Clow has worked to protect farming and farmland in her adopted home state by connecting local farmers with Charleston's thriving restaurant community, and through political action. In a city that has blown up as fast as Charleston, the land needs protectors, and Sara Clow is one of its most ardent.

TBLX: Why Charleston?

SC: I was recruited to come and start Growfood Carolina. I was in San Francisco working for an organic tree fruit marketing company, and when the Coastal Conservation League started talking about creating this program, they reached out to me. I landed [in Charleston] in June of 2011.

TBLX: What is your favorite way to enjoy the city?

SC: I have become much closer to the fishing community since I've been here, simply because we're all working with the chefs, and we're working towards the same goals, and so I joined Abundant Seafood's CSF – Community Supported Fishery. You pay in advance, and then they broadcast a text when [Abundant Seafood's owner] Mark [Marhefka] is coming in with the fish, they set pickup times, and you go down to the dock at Shem Creek, and there are five different [types of fish]—whatever they caught, and you've got a punch card, and you take two punches of snapper, or whatever, and it's taught me so much. I didn't understand the seasonality of fish, similar to the seasonality of vegetables. Going out to Shem Creek is wonderful, you're standing on the dock, Mark is telling you how to cook it, or what's important about it. *That* is Charleston, to me.

TBLX: What's your favorite thing to do with friends from out of town?

SC: I live in Park Circle and I love that neighborhood. So we do a walkabout, or jump on the bike cruisers. I stand up paddleboard, so we can get folks out on the water, whether

it's stand-up paddleboarding or kayaking. At the Coastal Conservation League, we work closely with Coastal Expeditions, and Chris Corley's team is amazing. And not a lot of people know about the ferry system here. Even if you don't own a boat, you're on the water and it's a wonderful way to see the city. You can take it from the Maritime Center to Patriot's Point. If there are kids, I think the Yorktown is really cool.

TBLX: How is it changing?

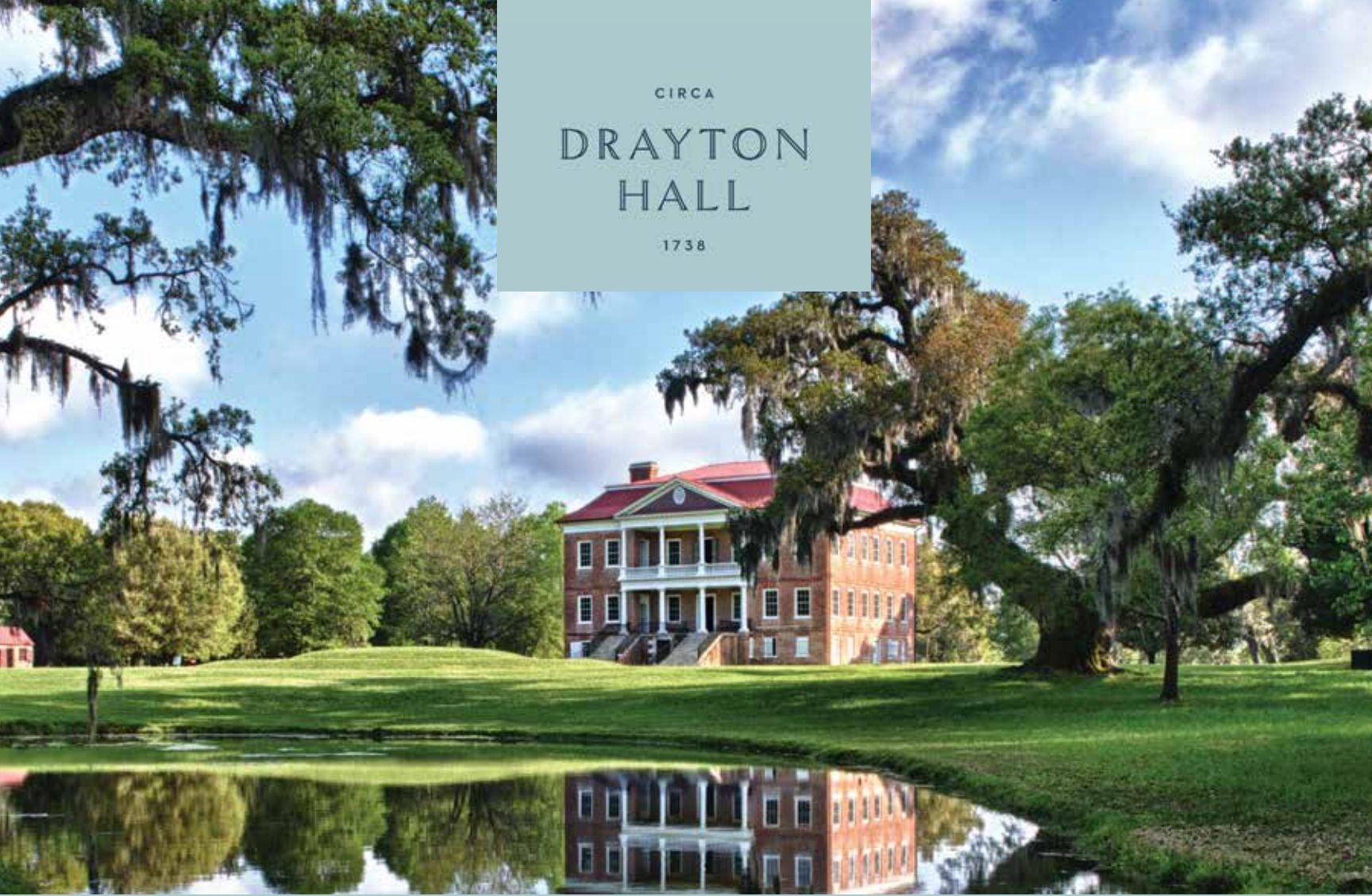
SC: How the peninsula has grown. Because of my position at the Coastal Conservation League, we've known for a long time that this growth was coming, and have put programs in place to level out the playing field. Making sure that we have the vision of a greenbelt around Charleston. Making sure that there are open landscapes and productive landscapes, and Growfood obviously plays into productive landscapes. Growfood was started to preserve farmlands. The Coastal Conservation League and its board and founder started to realize that farmland was being lost at a rapid rate. I think people start to recognize it more and more as we see resiliency coming into play. We're looking at sea level rise, this piece of land might not look important to protect right now, that's a farm, but in seven years, when more of the Peninsula is covered, this is an important piece.

TBLX: What is something that people don't know about Charleston?

SC: You don't have to be part of the Community Supported Fishery to go to the dock and buy fish. Go to Tarvin Seafood and buy shrimp. Cindy [Tarvin] is open almost year-round. If you want to sample the local aquaculture, don't assume that all of the restaurants in Charleston are serving local shrimp. Go find it yourself, cook it yourself, and enjoy.

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JUST ACROSS THE ASHLEY RIVER

from downtown Charleston is the city's oldest suburb, West Ashley—not as sparkly as Mount Pleasant, and its residents prefer it that way. Bordered by the Ashley River to

the north and the Stono River to the south, this eclectic old suburbia is crisscrossed with waterways and tributaries, and composed of various neighborhoods that fan westward; a mix of grand old neighborhoods and brick post-war bungalows. Among the oldest of those are South Windermere, which is sometimes closer to downtown than downtown can be to itself; Byrnes Downs, adjacent to the vibrant restaurant/bar hub of Avondale; and The Crescent—a neighborhood with impressive houses under a canopy of oaks. Heading due west takes you to Car-Dealership-Landia and Mallville; head north along the Ashley River and you'll find Charles Towne Landing, where the Carolina Colony was first founded, and further up river is the highest concentration of antebellum plantations in the area, with Magnolia Plantation, Drayton Hall, and Middleton Place.



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Mex 1

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>> MEXICOASTALCANTINA.COM

Charles Towne Fermentory

This Avondale brewery and taproom is buzzing most nights. Craft beers made with a focus on traditional ingredients and fermentation practices, mixed with well-loved board games, foosball, and a rotating lineup of local chefs keeps this spot high on our list of favorites.

>> CHSFERMENTORY.COM



MEX 1
Friendly staff to match the laid-back atmosphere

Nirlep

Don't judge an Indian restaurant by its former Pizza Hut façade--Nirlep is a stealth local favorite restaurant in any category. Arrive at 11:30 for a daily buffet and catch curries and tandooris as they emerge from the kitchen. Don't skip the gulab jamun (fried dough balls) or the rice pudding with side of mango custard.

>> NIRLEPCHARLESTON.US

Boxcar Betty's

An unassuming exterior along a busy stretch of Highway 17 houses one of the best fried chicken sandwiches in town. Get in line and be prepared to wait a few minutes at lunchtime - it's a popular spot with the locals. Stick to the basics - order a Boxcar fried chicken sandwich with hand cut fries and you can thank us later.

>> BOXCARBETTY.COM

Red Orchids China Bistro

Tucked away in a nondescript stripmall is a local favorite and well-kept secret since 2002 - some of the best Chinese food in town. It's mostly all served family style for sharing, but the signature crispy red snapper dish is a must. Save room for dessert as Cirsea ice cream doesn't disappoint.

>> REDORCHIDS.COM



Glass Onion

What's local is what you get at Glass Onion. Focused on highlighting the best ingredients the lowcountry has to offer in a creative and super delicious way is what this upbeat, neighborhood spot is known for. This menu isn't light and changes regularly - be prepared to indulge.

>> ILOVETHEGLASSONION.COM

Three Little Birds

There is almost always a wait here, but a solid breakfast menu, tasty lunch options and a varied smoothie offering keep the locals coming.

>> THREELITTLEBIRDSCAFE.COM

Swig & Swine

House made sausage, burnt ends, and pulled pork sausage are highlights, but don't skip the fried pickles, mac and cheese or the baked potato salad.

>> SWIGANDSWINEBBQ.COM

Al Di La

A reliable, local neighborhood italian restaurant. Make reservations in the dining room for a slightly more formal experience, or grab a hightop in the bar for a glass of wine and quick bite, like the locals. Homemade pastas are always winners, and their fish specials are usually on point.

>> ALDILARESTAURANT.COM

Gene's Hoffbrau

An Avondale anchor dive bar with a full menu of greasy favorites that pair well with a cold one (or three). A hefty house stock of classic board games, if you'd like some Trivial Pursuit with you po-boy and lager.

>> GENES.BEER

Pearlz

Can't decide between a stiff cocktail or oysters on the half shell? Head to this neighborhood haunt, a quaint version of its sister location downtown. We recommend their twist on Oysters Rockefeller with crawfish, lump crab and bacon.

>> PEARLZOYSTERBAR.COM



Glass Onion



The Avondale Strip

SEE, DO

West Ashley Greenway

An 8.25 mile linear park that stretches from behind the South Windermere shopping center in West Ashley, all the way to Johns Island. Walk, run or bike along the path - it's great for families and a nice place to get some exercise!
>> WESTASHLEYGREENWAY.ORG

Antiques of South Windermere

Made up of booth-like collections from different local dealers, this antiques shop is filled with all kinds of different finds, spanning various time periods.
>> 843-571-2755

Charlestowne Landing

The origin point of the Carolina Colony, the Family focused state park has a museum, a ship to explore, a petting zoo, surrounded by nature. You may run into a family reunion picnic or a wedding here, perhaps your own.
>> SOUTHCAROLINAPARKS.COM

STAY

There are many national chain hotels in West Ashley, if need be. Among them, the penthouse bar and restaurant of the Holiday Inn Charleston-Riverview is a standout, if only for the view.

The Inn at Middleton Place

This modern inn overlooking a turn in the Ashley River is a short stroll and a few alligator sightings away from its namesake plantation and gardens. A night's stay includes wine and cheese happy hour, admission to the plantation, and breakfast. The restaurant has lush green views from every angle, and not to be missed.
>> THEINNATMIDDLETONPLACE.COM

ON THE PLANTATION

Drayton Hall

Touring this unfurnished and preserved (rather than restored) plantation offers a more raw experience than others. Sure, there are no lace doilies and antique dolls to get in the way of the details of the millwork and plaster ornamentation, but it's also something else... the empty rooms speak volumes. Old Village wine and cheese bar Rudi's has an outpost here for sophisticated snacking. It's the earliest example Palladian architecture in the United States.
draytonhall.org

Magnolia Plantation

Magnolia offers a full day of activities; with a cage-free petting zoo, complete with friendly feedable deer, fanning peacocks, and one turkey that you won't wanna turn your back on. Easy-to-follow trails weaving through lush gardens are

good for a romantic date or family stroll. We recommend the swamp trail boardwalk, which meanders past baby gators, turtles, an occasional snake, and plenty of Lowcountry waterfowl. Don't be embarrassed to get on the train tour, if the well-stocked snack bar has you feeling lazy.
magnoliaplantation.com

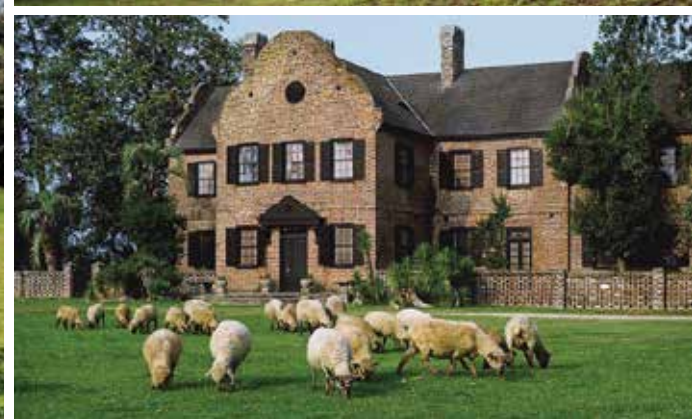
Middleton Place

The Versailles-inspired gardens are the star at Middleton Place, which overlook a dramatic turn in the Ashley River and ponds the shape of butterfly wings below a contoured lawn. Marble sculptures preside over the wide geometric trails. The main house is gone, but the structure that remains is worth the tour, with sobering artifacts such as slave tags on display alongside the trappings of antebellum wealth.
middletonplace.org



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BJ Dennis

PRIVATE CHEF Benjamin “BJ” Dennis is known worldwide as the culinary ambassador of Gullah Geechee culture—an African-American community in the coastal Southeast with their own distinct language and strong connections to African culture, crafts, and cuisine. With food as his mode of expression, Dennis seeks a broader celebration of Gullah Geechee—a term that was a pejorative in his parents’ day, but which he now wears—literally—as a badge of pride.

TBLX: Why Charleston?

BD: I wanted to be a face that represented our culture. I knew that we had something special here, but it was so suppressed, and we don’t even know here, sometimes, who we are and what we have. I lived in the Virgin Islands for 4 years, in St. Thomas. Being a thousand-plus miles away, groups of people on other Caribbean islands would know about Gullah Geechee culture. That really opened my mind. They got to be very unapologetically who they are. I came back here and saw there was a limited representation of our culture. Here growing up, my parents, you told them it was Gullah Geechee, that’s a fight. It was a stigma of ignorance. You don’t know how to speak properly, not knowing that truthfully it was a language that had all these West African words in it, even words that we say to this day as Southerners—Bubba is Gullah for boy-boy. Bubba comes from a West African language. It made me realize it’s a real thing, not just a pidgin language; it’s a language. That’s the big goal. Using our culture to build an economic base. Bringing tourism to certain areas that still have a stronghold of Gullah Geechee culture, like Sol Legare, [and] Mosquito Beach. But for me my goal was food. This is my passion, this is what I want to do, and I think food has a powerful voice.

TBLX: What is your favorite way to enjoy the city?

BD: Just going to see family, you know? My grandmother’s 91-years-old, and just to be able to pull up on our family land, on Clement’s Ferry, by Daniel Island... I think for me, being a ninth-plus generation Charlestonian, to walk on my family land, that my great-grandfather bought in 1906, just to be able to stand on it, and sit with my grandmother, that is what I enjoy. The beauty of Charleston is that you can go from city to countryside in ten or fifteen minutes.

TBLX: What’s your favorite thing to do with friends from out of town?

BD: A lot of times my friends from out of town, they want to see culture, so I like to take them down to Beaufort. That stretch, that drive... takes me back to what Charleston used to be, you still see the shrimp boats, and just the beauty of driving down that way. I like to take them to the mom and pop spots in Charleston, a place like Nana’s Seafood; a place like Sol Legare on James Island. Going by Mosquito Beach. Taking them to see some of the farmers on John’s Island like Mr. Joseph Fields. A lot of my friends who come from out of town, a lot of times they’ll be social media friends. People who just follow me who say, ‘I’m coming to Charleston, and I wanna see it. I don’t want to see what they’re putting out here in the carriage tours, which is one-sided stories. I want to know the story of the culture. And that goes across all races. White folks, black folks, say, ‘Hey, can you point me in the right direction.’ So yeah, I like to take them to the off-beaten paths that truly are part of the city.

TBLX: How is Charleston changing?

BD: It’s in a bubble. I don’t know which way it’s going, because when black folks were being gentrified out of the city, nobody was really listening. Now nobody can afford to stay in the city, so everybody is crying about housing. We had a lot of outside influence come into the city that probably didn’t know the city in all aspects, and just came to open up things. You’ve got developers just putting up these developments all over. You see half these new high-end apartment buildings are half-full. They can’t even fill up the spaces, but we still see more coming. And they’re not dropping their prices. I see Charleston as a question mark. It’s very hard to see where it’s going. But the culture will always be here. You may not always see it, but we’re here. Go in the islands, we’re here. Go in North Charleston, we’re here. Go in Goose Creek, Ladson, Hanahan, Summerville, that’s culture to me. That’s Gullah Geechee, all the way from the coast to Summerville, down to Ravenel, down to Hollywood, so it’s more than Charleston to me. When I think of Charleston, I think of all those areas, not just the peninsula.

TBLX: What is something that people don’t know about Charleston?

BD: There’s more than meets the eye. There’s more than what you see, or what they show you. There’s a whole backstory to why the city is what it is, for better or worse. And there’s a culture here that’s stood strong for hundreds of years and is still here. So you need to peel back the layers, and dig deep into the books. Not just what they put on the front cover.

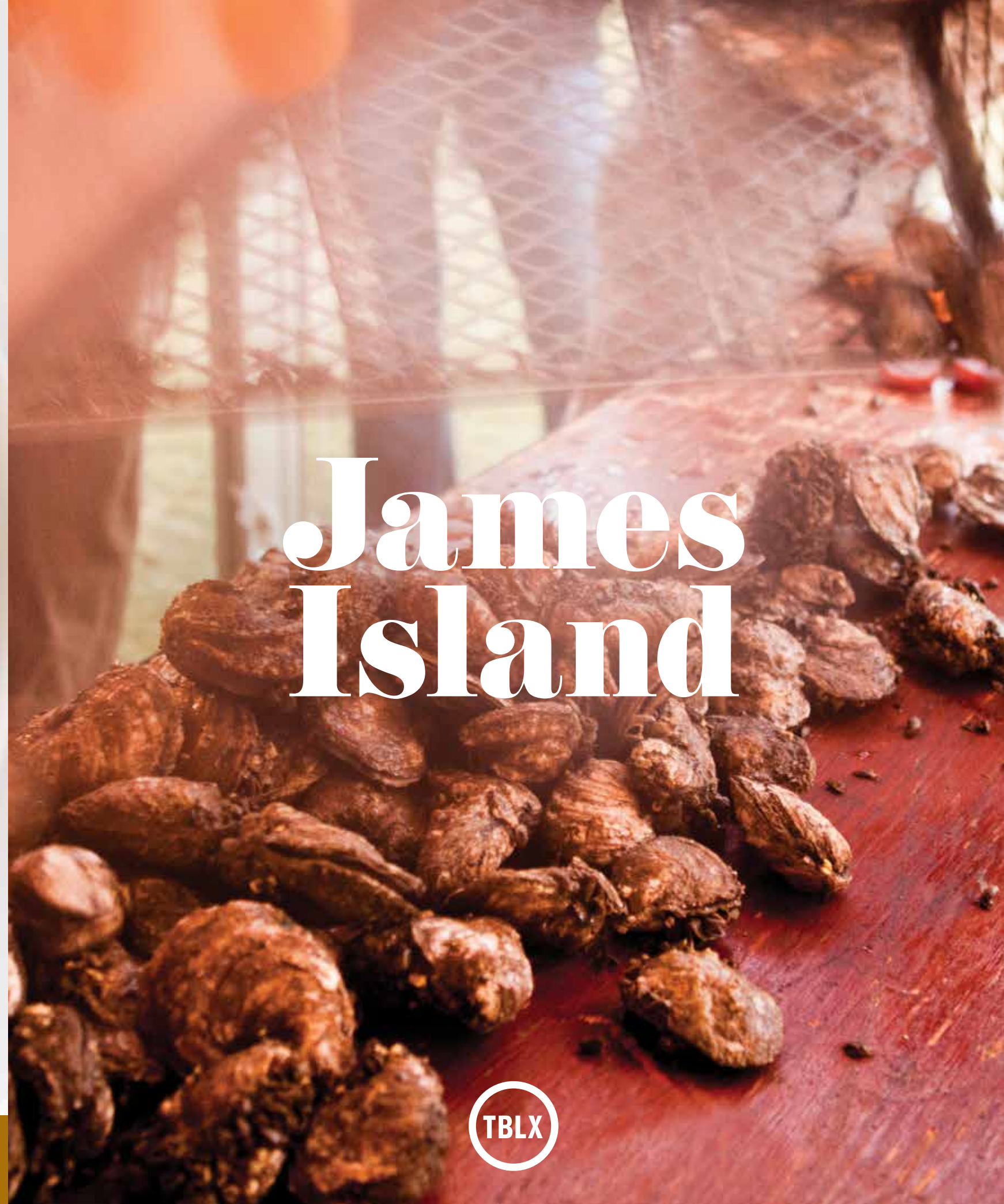
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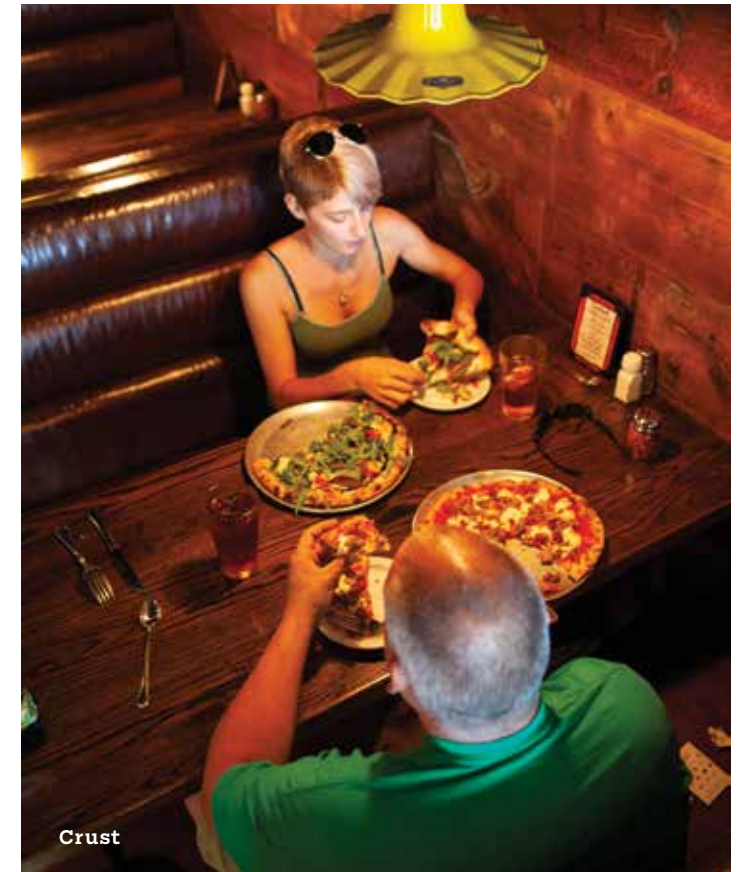


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James Island

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STRAIGHT ACROSS the harbor from the tip of the Charleston Peninsula, James Island is low-lying suburb bordered by the Stono River and the Charleston Harbor. From the Riverland Terrace neighborhood's avenue of oaks, to the local watering holes of Maybank Highway, to the far-flung Folly Road Marshland, James Island is a diverse suburb with a noticeable lack of pretension.



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Crazy good views from the outdoor patio, without all of the manic energy of downtown. Don't miss Taco Tuesdays and the boiled peanuts. Children and pet friendly.

>> ELLISCREEKFISHCAMP.COM

Paddock & Whisky

A new bourbon bar two doors down from Terrace Theatre with an obsession-level of obscure whisky.

>> 843.225.5877

The Bohemian Bull

A true neighborhood spot for a burger, local beer, and games in the beer garden.

>> BOHEMIANBULL.COM

Mondo's

Leave the fussy Italian for the Peninsula, and come here for house made mozzarella, real portions, and reasonable prices.

>> EATATMONDOS.COM

Island Breeze

Drink rum punch overlooking a marsh at this Jamaican-lowcountry restaurant on Mosquito Beach--a stronghold of Gullah Geechee culture and the only "beach" black people were allowed to visit until desegregation. Once was a lively area of dance clubs and a boardwalk in the 50's., Island Breeze is bringing people of all colors back to Mosquito Beach.

>> 843.795.1645



Mondo's

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Maybank Tennis Center

Imagine the tennis portion of a country club for people who aren't into the private club thing, drawing a broad and loyal swath of locals.

>> CHARLESTON-SC.GOV

Wild Blue Ropes

No, it's not a licorice flavor, it's a ropes course for thrill-seeking, corporate trust building, and for relationship stress-tests, couples nights.

>> WILDBLUEROPES.COM

Terrace Theater

The most civilized cinephile experience in Charleston, an indie theatre with indie films and wine and beer to wash down your popcorn.

>> TERRACETHEATER.COM

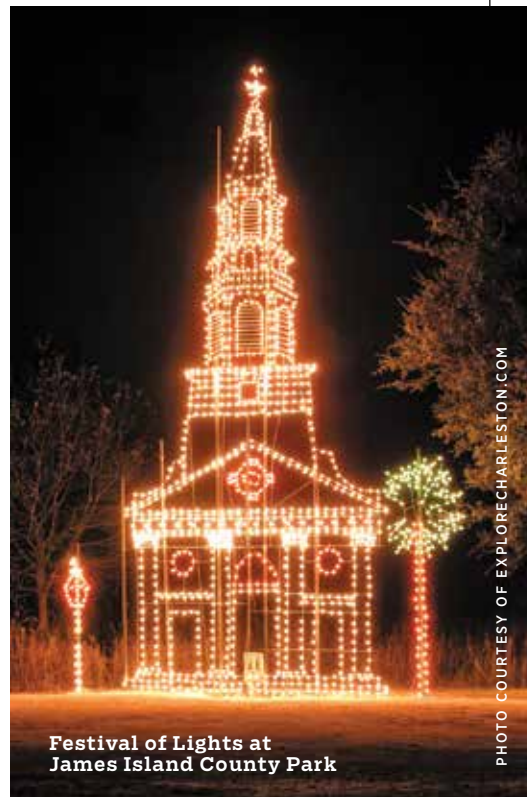
Charleston Pour House

Beloved music venue (see opening spread)

>> CHARLESTONPOURHOUSE.COM



Maybank Tennis Center



Festival of Lights at James Island County Park

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Terrace Theater



McLeod Plantation

McLeod Plantation

Cotton plantation. Gullah Heritage site. Self-guided or tour-guided. Outbuildings include six slave houses. Freedmen's Bureau was headquartered here after the war to help freed slaves adjust to life.

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James Island County Park

643-acre park with saltwater fishing and crabbing in tidal creeks, a dog park, a waterpark, and an outdoor climbing wall. Walking trails, a campground, and bike, kayak, and peddle boat rentals.

>> CCPRC.COM

STAY

The Cottages at James Island County Park

\$149 per night (2018). Nothing fancy, but housing a family of six in Charleston for a night with water-view screen porches at that price is a unicorn deal.

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MIKE VEECK, the advisor and part-owner of Charleston's minor league hometown baseball team, the RiverDogs, is as Chicago as deep-dish pizza. But he has come to love the holy city in his 22-years in residence. Veeck hails from a baseball dynasty—his father owned the Chicago White Sox, among other Major League teams, and his grandfather was president of the Chicago Cubs. Veeck has worked for four Major League baseball teams over the course of his long and famously *colorful* career. His laugh is infectious, his handshake is legal tender, and as the author of the book, *Fun is Good*, he wants everyone in his orbit to always be having as much fun as possible—provided they make the playoffs.

TBLX: Why Charleston?

MV: We were in St. Paul, and my partners, Marv Goldklang, Bill [Murray] and Van [Schley] owned a club called the RiverDogs, but back then they were the Rainbows. And they asked me, since we'd had such a marvelous run [in St. Paul], to come down and see if I could louse this operation up some way. I owed them because they hired me when no one else would. And in Chicago, we take owin' somebody real serious. I'd always been a fix-it guy. Especially cutting my teeth in Chicago with the White Sox. And here was the chance to come to Charleston, see what the operation was like, and build a brand new ballpark, which for me was important in my growth.

TBLX: What is your favorite way to enjoy the city?

MV: Bike riding. I love this city on bike. I love the Murray Boulevard circle around the Citadel, I love the waterfront—if I can be looking at water, life's pretty good. Charleston's such a sophisticated city, and I'm not pandering to them; I'm not talking about the people who maintain the patina of sophistication. I'm talking about, there's real architecture here that matters, there's real history here that matters. But the thing that's most forgotten [is], there's a beach here, there's a big ocean. So when you have all of this natural beauty surrounding all of this man-made beauty, it's pretty much a symphony of mankind at its best.

TBLX: What's your favorite thing to do with friends from out of town?

MV: Pitt Street Bridge. I put 'em on a bike and ride straight out to the end of the bridge and go, 'this is the power of a hurricane.' And looking back, that's Charleston, count the spires, count the saloons, look at this port. I know it's illegal to say it, but it doesn't matter, at some point or another, I'm going to be residing in that beautiful water right off the Pitt Street Bridge. Illegal though it may be, that's the only place—I want to have a huge party, a lot of Bob Dylan Played, I want to throw a bicycle in, and my ashes on top and I'll ride the currents.

TBLX: How is Charleston changing?

MV: Everyone predicted when we got down here that the Navy base closing back in the 80's was gonna be the death of Charleston. That was not the case, and [former Charleston Mayor] Joe Riley was a visionary. We've been the beneficiary of this growth. People were looking for a hometown feel, and that's kind of what I like to think that [general manager] Dave Echols and the RiverDogs folks here do—create that home town. And one of the things I'm most proud of, is that after the horrific shootings and those 9 people lost their lives in Mother Emanuel, Mayor Riley asked us to play a ball game. And I said, 'we're not gonna shoot fireworks off,' we were very adamant, and the guy said we need a place to heal. And we have to start, so suspend all the cheap theatrics, and let's have a gathering place, and we had four or five thousand people. He was right, I was wrong. But it's that sense of community. That's where I think we fit into this place. We're bridging between the Old Charleston, which operated with a single lane bridge over the Cooper, and the new high tech millennial gathering place. And unlike a lot of my contemporaries, I love millennials. This town has already changed. People who are waiting for the change, it's here, it's come; you're five years late in warding it off, so join it and have fun with it.

TBLX: What is something that people don't know about Charleston?

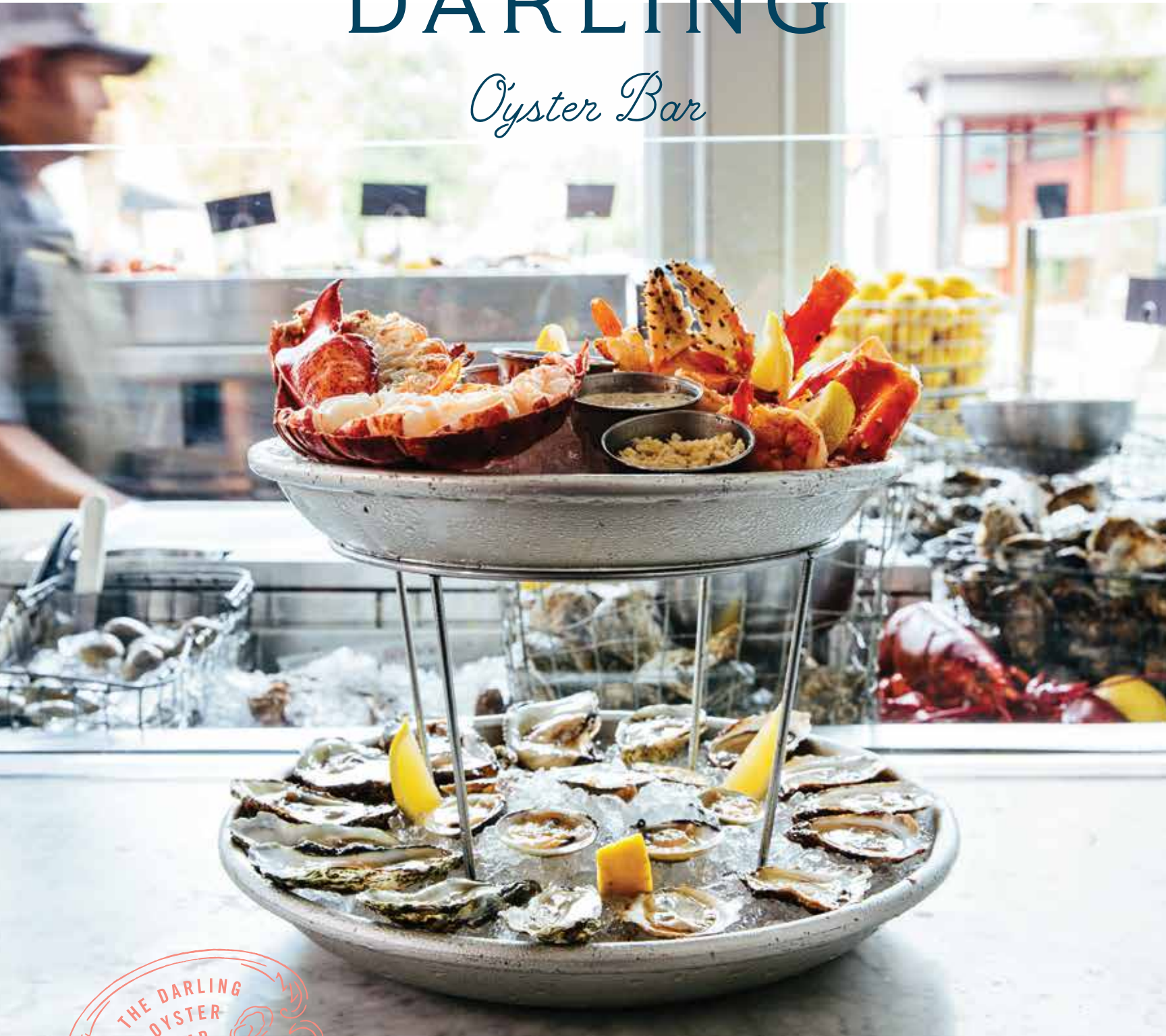
MV: Find someone who's lived in Charleston for a long time, and the town opens up magically. You don't have to come in and make demands. If you come in quietly, and listen for your first six months, you'll hear amazing things, and you'll meet amazing people. I think decorum and manners are absolutely irresistible. And I think if you come in humbly and keep your mouth shut you learn a lot. And then you pop off. Obviously I'm living testament [that] you can pop off like crazy.



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Folly Beach

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EAT, DRINK

Bert's Market

With everything from ice-cream, to wine, to its in-house deli, The Wooden Spoon, this market quite literally has it all. With the nearest grocery store across a few bridges, Bert's is the place to shop to keep your head in that Folly Beach state of mind.

>> 843.588.9449

Crosby's Seafood

With an address on James Island, technically located on Oak Island, but on the way into Folly Beach, this family owned and operated seafood company is worth the daily drive to pick up fresh Carolina catch for cooking back at your beach house. Be sure to ask about their favorite recipes.

>> CROSBYSSEAFOOD.COM

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OLLY BEACH IS the barrier Island just beyond James Island, and it has the best surf break in Charleston. It's got a far more casual, longboard and Corona feel than any other beach in the area. The drive out to Folly takes you past shrimp boats and waterside seafood joints, chief of which is the local favorite—Bowen's Island. It's the kind of beach that somehow manages to hold on to its true grit, while still welcoming hordes of visitors every season. We recommend going during the October to April low season.



FLOP IN TO BERT'S
Don't forget eggs, milk, boiled peanuts and sex wax.

Bowen's Island

Best known for serving locally harvested oysters and located at the tip of a 13-acre island near Folly Beach, the open-aided dining room has one of the best sunset views in the greater Charleston area. Just pack your bugspray.

>> BOWENSISLAND.COM

Surf Bar

The bit of Folly we hope never goes away, with its unassuming entrance, and walls covered in personalized dollar bills. After a day at the beach, headover for a pain killer (or 2) and enjoy the live music. Sandy feet welcome.

>> SURFBARFOLLYBEACH.COM

Lost Dog Cafe

A time-tested staple for both humans and canines. One of few brunch spots on Folly that brings a non-beach crowd. Get the breakfast burrito and find your lost dog on the dog wall of fame.

>> LOSTDOGFOLLYBEACH.COM

Drop in Bar and Deli

Not your average beach deli (a la **Sushi by Lisa**). We recommend the Little Havana and the live music with a Drop in Bloody Mary.

>> DROPINDELI.COM

Jack of Cups

Another dive bar, and we're not mad about it. Especially when it comes with a Ramen Noodle Bowl and Red Curry Mac and Cheese. Veggie-lover friendly.

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Pizza. Really good pizza. Need we say more? Oh, and the Hanoi Hoagie with lemongrass beef and nuoc cham. Trust us.

>> [843.588.6666](tel:843.588.6666)

Locklears on Little Oak

More often referred to as "Lolos" with an epic view off of its screened in dining area, this local favorite stands alone, literally, as you head into Folly. The staff makes you feel as if you're walking into your family's kitchen, and you certainly won't leave hungry.

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STAY

Beach House rentals

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Beachside Boutique Inn

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>> BEACHSIDEBOULIQUEINN.COM

Tides Folly Beach

Sure, it blocks the views of the ocean from the main drag, but on the other hand, if you stay here those views are all yours. Oceanfront patio for gazing down on the beach-goers within range of your bar tab..

>> TIDESFOLLYBEACH.COM

Waters Edge Inn

Charming 11-room inn with private porches and balconies, golf cart shuttle, and a complimentary Happy Hour with beer, wine, and hors d'oeuvres daily.

>> INNATFOLLYBEACH.COM



Ocean Surf Shop



Sand Dollar Social Club

SEE, DO

Ocean Surf Shop

If you want to go full Folly, rent a longboard and paddle out by the pier to show off for the beach bums. Run by surfers, for surfers, it's your one stop shop for surfboards, paddleboards, body boards, skim boards... sales, rentals... and repairs, for if you get too close to the pylons.

>> OCEANSURFSHOP.COM

Morris Island Lighthouse

This 1876 lighthouse was built to replace an even older one at the southern entrance to Charleston. It's a beautiful sight from the north end of Folly. Tours available by charter.

Charleston Outdoor Adventures

Dolphin watching tour, tour the marsh by kayak or paddleboard, and fish by kayak or charter.

>> CHARLESTONOUTDOORADVENTURES.COM

Folly Beach Pier

Saltwater fishing, just don't cast into the surfers. Ocean-front restaurant and bar. Rod rentals at the bait and tackle shop... the jokes write themselves.

>> CCPRC.COM

Folly Beach County Park

At the west end of Folly is a park with lifeguards on duty seasonally, and a designated swimming area. Skimmer Flats, a major Eastern Brown Pelican rookery, is visible at the west end of the park.

>> CCPRC.COM

Bill Murray lookalike Polar Bear Plunge

If you happen to be here on New Year's Day, “freeze your Bills off,” dress like your favorite Bill Murray character and run into the ocean. Don't get your proton packs or golf clubs wet.

>> FOLLYBEACH.COM

Beach yoga

When in Folly, go with the flow and “you-maste” on the beach. They go a little crazy with the matrimonial-themed classes, but you don't have to be a bachelorette to partake.

>> SERENITYTREEYOGA.COM

Sand Dollar Social Club

An old shag club from Folly's early days as the beach nightlife epicenter of Charleston. It's private but membership is a pittance. Cheap drinks, live music, ping-pong and pool. Smoking allowed.

>> [7 CENTER STREET](http://7CENTERSTREET)



Morris Island Lighthouse



The Ladies of Croghan's

TBLX INSIDER

A LOWER-KING-STREET fine jewelry and gift shop with a doorbell and buzzer entrance might give you every expectation of attitude, but once inside, you're treated like family. And it's family that keeps this 100-year-old landmark going strong--sisters Mariana Hay and Rhett Outten, and Mariana's two daughters, Kathleen and Mini Hay. They're dressed to the nines, they know why you're there before the door closes behind you, and they're responsible for half of Charleston's milestone-marking baubles. When locals say that Croghan's is an institution, what they're referring to is the Old Charleston charm preserved by the *ladies* of Croghan's.

TBLX: Why Charleston?

Rhett: Charleston has a mix of old and new, and traditional and modern all wrapped up in one. I appreciate the history, marvel over the beauty and enjoy being a part of this community.
Kathleen: I have always loved Charleston. After leaving for several years then coming back home, I love it even more. The energy here, the people, the scenery - it's like no other place on earth and we are so lucky to call Charleston home.
Mini: No matter where I go, I always like Charleston best; the people, the culture, architecture, the food, the art - it can't be beat.

TBLX: How is Charleston changing?

Kathleen: I love seeing all the new restaurants, hotels, and businesses opening here. There's always some new place to try and I love that. I've noticed when traveling that more and more people know of Charleston and always comment on how lucky we are to live here.
Mini: We are. And with all the attention we're getting, we are able to embrace our culture and city as it is and show our roots and heritage to visitors, instead of needing to become "Anywhere, USA" to keep up with the rest of country. I think because of the surge in tourism, we are able to hold on to our Charleston and share it with everyone, rather than morphing into something else.

TBLX: What is your favorite way to enjoy the city?

Mariana: I like to ride my bike and explore different neighborhoods. I really like the curve in Church Street, Stolls Alley, Philadelphia Alley and just riding around the Battery or through Hampton Park.
Rhett: For me, Charleston is a walking city. The view from

the top of the Cooper River Bridge takes my breath away, as does watching the tide come in or the moonrise on one of our beautiful barrier islands.

Kathleen: Yes - I love experiencing Charleston by water, either on a boat or at the beach. I find peace and so much beauty on the water.

TBLX: What is your favorite thing to do with friends visiting Charleston from out of town?

Rhett: Cocktails with a view on one of our rooftop bars.

Kathleen: Yes, definitely visit a rooftop bar, ride bikes around the city, visit a house museum, go on a boat ride, and go out for a meal...

Mariana: A boat ride in the harbor is a fun way to show our city to guests. We have an old, slow, Down Easter-type boat, so touring friends around Charleston usually takes the better part of the day, but it's perfect for good conversations with wine and cheese.

“With all the attention we’re getting, we are able to embrace our culture and city as it is and show our roots and heritage to visitors, instead of needing to become “Anywhere, USA.”

-Mini Hay

TBLX: What is something that people don't know about Charleston?

Kathleen: Charleston is called the Holy City because of our many churches. Take time to stop by each one you see, there are so many beautiful details in all of them.

Rhett: Charleston was founded on the prospect of religious freedom, and that spirit is still very much alive here. Where else can you find a Huguenot church, a Unitarian church, a Circular Congregation Church, the birthplace of the AME religion, a rich Jewish community...when Grace Episcopal Cathedral was being renovated and could not have Easter services, the synagogue around the corner opened their doors. That's special.

Mariana: Charleston truly is one of the friendliest and most welcoming cities in the world. Charleston has so many things to do, there is no reason to be bored. You finish one weekend and immediately start planning the next.



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» revelrybrewingco.com



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cirsea.myshopify.com

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2. CHARLESTON SHUCKER COMPANY
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charlestonshuckerco.com

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4. INK MEETS PAPER
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inkmeetspaper.com

5. COAST BREWING COMPANY
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» Hop Art IPA
coastbrewing.com

6. MATTHIAS KAUPERMANN
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» \$19.95
amazon.com

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lewis-barbecue.myshopify.com

5. CALLIE'S HOT LITTLE BISCUIT

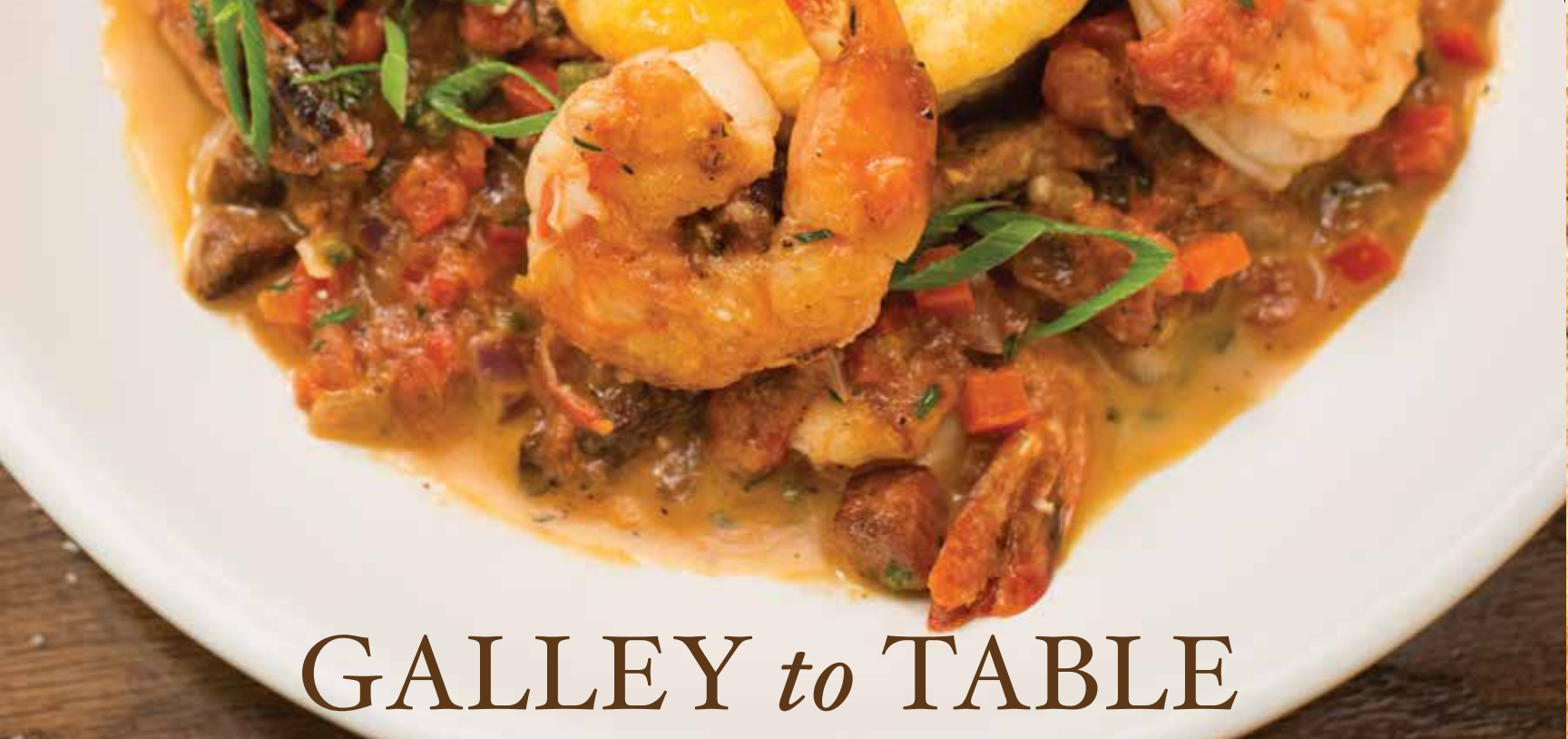
Callie's Biscuits get a lot of hype in Charleston, and these new sweet potato numbers certainly deserve it. Sweet and savory with a hint of cinnamon and just enough crumble.

» \$19.95/dozen
calliesbiscuits.com

6. GEECHIE BOY MILL

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OHNS ISLAND HAS seen a proliferation of new neighborhoods springing up over the past few years, with suburbs beating farmland in the rock, paper, scissors of “development.” But taken as a whole, this area still encompasses farms that provide produce to area restaurants and residents, Gullah Geechee communities, waterways in every direction, and a spanish-moss-junkie’s paradise of oak trees, including the grand poobah, Angel Oak. At the end of Maybank Highway, on the banks of Bohicket Creek, the inquisitive traveler is rewarded by the tiny circa 1784 town of Rockville, the entirety of which is on the National Historic Register. Every August, Rockville’s Sea Island Yacht Club hosts the annual Rockville Regatta, now in its 129th year.



EAT, DRINK

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Sunrise Bistro

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>> SUNRISE-BISTRO.COM

Baker and the Farmer

Grab dessert after dinner at the Tattooed Moose, or anywhere for that matter. Ingredients sourced from its own farm, Northern Roots, chef and co-owner Brian Altman uses his experience from the Spotted Pig in NYC and several local Charleston noteables to bring you delicious baked goods. Lest we forget about the breakfast sandwiches and coffee.

>> BAKERANDTHEFARMER.COM



A SPOT OF TEA
William Barclay Hall oversees his 100% American Tea at the Charleston Tea Plantation.



Tattoed Moose

Blackbird Market

Blackbird sells local produce, meat, seafood, and beer and wine, among other grocery items, but it also slings divinities out of the kitchen: Po-boys, muffalettas, and a dozen sides like macaroni salad, vinegar slaw, and cheddar grits. Menu changes daily.

>> 843.559.0193

The Fat Hen

French cafe meets lowcountry bistro. We recommend for a Sunday brunch, or family night out, just make sure to make your reservation in advance. We don't mind waiting in the outdoor bar space on a cool evening.

>> THEFATHEN.COM

Seanachai

A whisky (and whiskey) bar and music venue where, for the price of a well cocktail downtown, you can get a glass of 12-year-old pot still Red Breast. Hearty menu with a mix of anglo pub fare like bangers and mash, and crowd pleasers like fried chicken sliders and tater tots.

>> SEANACHAIWHISKEYANDCOCKTAILBAR.COM

Tattooed Moose

Full bar with an emphasis on local brew, and a kitchen churning out hearty and creative sandwiches that have never let us down. We like the Lowcountry Cuban dipped in Goya sauce with a side of duck fat fries.

>> TATTOEDMOOSE.COM



The Fat Hen



Blackbird Market



Seanachai

The Southern General

It may sound like it was named for Bo and Luke Duke's car, but the craft sandwiches here show some serious gumption, with bizarro takes on classics like a sesame shrimp po-boy with sweet chili slaw, and a potato latke sandwich with pimento cheese on a brioche bun.

>> THESOUTHERNGENERAL.COM

East Coast Seafood

Located in Rockville on the tip of Wadmalaw island, its a hop and a skip by boat from Seabrook Island. This is the kind of place you only hear about from locals, and a place we hope never goes away. Fresh, local seafood from owner Jimmy Green.

>> 843.559.0858



CIRCA 1853 ROCKVILLE HOME
Edward D. Bailey House. Wander through this picture-perfect sleepy Southern enclave.

SEE, DO

Firefly Distillery

Located on Wadmalaw Island, and best known for its sweet-tea flavored vodka, Firefly touts itself as the largest distillery in the state. Tastings offered Tuesday through Saturday. >> FIREFLYSPIRITS.COM



Firefly Distillery

Low Tide Brewing

A brewery located on Johns Island that prides itself on working with local ingredients, chefs, and restaurants for beer + food pairings. Laid back and friendly atmosphere for a beer or two, or four. >> LOWTIDEBREWING.COM

Angel Oak

Trying to describe this 400 to 500 year old oak tree is like trying to describe an alien ship landing in a corn field. Even if mystical isn't your thing, it's hard to not be overwhelmed by the energy of the almost 17,000 square foot span of the tree. One of our must sees in the entire Charleston area.

>> CHARLESTONPARKSCONSERVANCY.ORG

Stono Market and Tomato Shed at Ambrose Family Farm

The market sells its own organically grown produce, the Tomato Shed serves it for lunch, and the farm grows it. You couldn't get more farm to table if you tried. A true family operation, this is a must visit to help support your local farmers.

>> STONOFARMMARKET.COM

Sea Island tours

Whether the "Tipsy Tour" or to "Wadmalaw Wanderings" both offer reasonably priced ways to view the Angel Oak, Tea Plantation, Firefly, Deep Water, and Lowtide, with shuttles to-and-from downtown.

>> SEAISLANDTOURS.COM

Trophy Lakes

Waterski training, wakeboard cable park, paddleboard rentals, and serious disc golf.

>> TROPHYLAKESPORTS.COM

Deep Water Vineyard

Visit the vineyard on Saturdays for its weekly outdoor music offerings. Grab a bite to eat while sipping wine in

relaxing surroundings not found in the hustle and bustle of downtown. Family friendly, if that's not an oxymoron.

>> DEEPWATERVINEYARD.COM

Charleston Tea Plantation

It's original "American Classic" tea was the first tea made of 100% American tea. You'll see multiple varieties of it's tea in almost every gift shop and hotel room in town, but we highly recommend experiencing this century old process first hand. Get ready for a caffeine buzz.

>> CHARLESTONTEAPLANTATION.COM



East Coast Seafood
No shirt, no problem



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Angel Oak

HOLLYWOOD may have six-degrees of Kevin Bacon, but Charleston has six-degrees of Sully Sullivan. The spirited art, commercial, and editorial photographer seems to know everyone in the city, but in fairness, between his basketball-player height and the red sidecar motorcycle he careens around town on, he's hard to miss. A native of Hawaii, in his 15 years living in Charleston, he's come to love the water, the "Narnia" nature to be found just outside the city, and the old men sitting in chairs on the sidewalk in his neighborhood

TBLX: *Why Charleston?*

SS: I think it took me time to figure out that question. I didn't like it when I first moved here. The South is the South, but now I'm part of the community, and that gives me a sense of purpose. [It's] the quality of life. I can be on a boat out in the water in 5 minutes. We're surrounded by water, and the people are incredible. What makes it so unique here is that we have a diverse and deep-rooted culture. If we could bring Atlanta's [black] middle class here, Charleston would be one of the best cities in the world. That's what we're missing here.

TBLX: *What is your favorite way to enjoy the city?*

SS: Charleston changes when you're on the water. I'm a huge fan of that. Going up the Ashley River where it turns into straight-up Narnia. [But] there's so little access to water. I have neighbors who have never been to the beach. Ever. That's really f***ing sad. We're all trying to be by the water, and we're surrounded by it, but not everyone has access to it. Being on a motorcycle, driving straight out Maybank Highway, going all the way to Rockville, all the old Oak trees. It's amazing how quickly you can be in these beautiful moments, just outside of the city.

TBLX: *What's your favorite thing to do with friends from out of town?*

SS: Taking people on my boat. You can go to Capers island, it's so insane that there's a protected island like that. North of IOP is a huge wildlife refuge that's so beautiful. Royal American's definitely my favorite bar here. John Kenney is a good friend of mine. It's cool to see those people stay and become part of the community. There was talk about not enough music for

different races, and he was like, "let's change that," and he has. And it's been awesome to see that adapt and change. Great food, great atmosphere, great music. He's done a great job. We have no shortage of great places to eat and drink here. Don't go to Hyman's, don't go to High Cotton, there's a handful of places I say don't go to, everywhere else is fair game.

TBLX: *How is Charleston changing?*

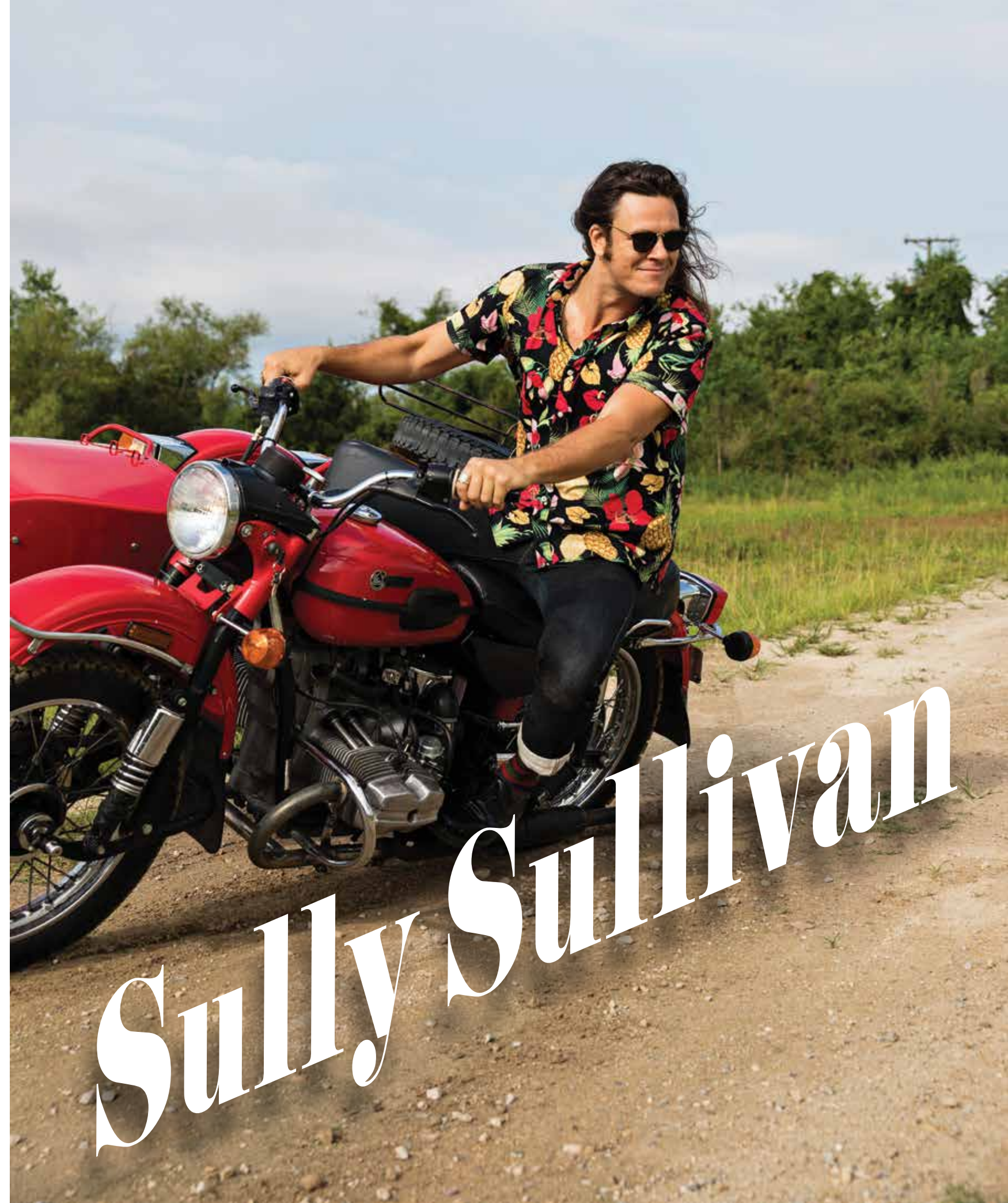
SS: It's growing without thought. It's growing un-purposefully. It's growing for dollars and growth's sake rather than growing for the city's sake. Charleston's a tourist city, I get that, [but] you can have that without ruining the entire city. There's no reason the cost of living should be this high and wages don't reciprocate that. I live here, I want my community to grow and sustain itself for everyone. I would love it if it didn't become

“Look for the realness in Charleston. And be a part of the realness.... Seek out more than the fluff.”

just another homogenized city—that's not what makes it special. My neighbor was cutting his dad's hair on the lawn the other day. People sitting in groups playing cards. The magic of that. Once it's gone, it's gone. It's just getting everyone to care a little bit more, and to be a little more active.

TBLX: *What is something that people don't know about Charleston?*

SS: Look for the realness in Charleston. And be a part of the realness. It's special that we get to live here. As much as I don't want Mr. B's [private club] to change, I think people should go there. The first time I went in there one of the owners sons bought us all rounds of drinks. Always so friendly and accepting. Do you talk about that place? Or do you keep it a secret? How do you preserve that? And the guys that sit across the street in their chairs in the afternoons... Go walk through the neighborhood. St. Margaret Street ends in the marsh, and it's one of the sexiest places to watch the sunset. Not that I want a hundred tourists going down there, but if people are on bicycles... just really be a part of the city. Seek out more than the fluff.



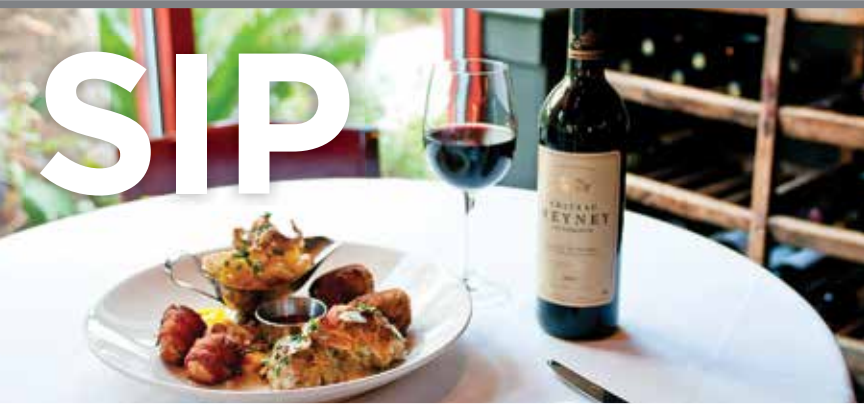


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Kiawah & Seabrook

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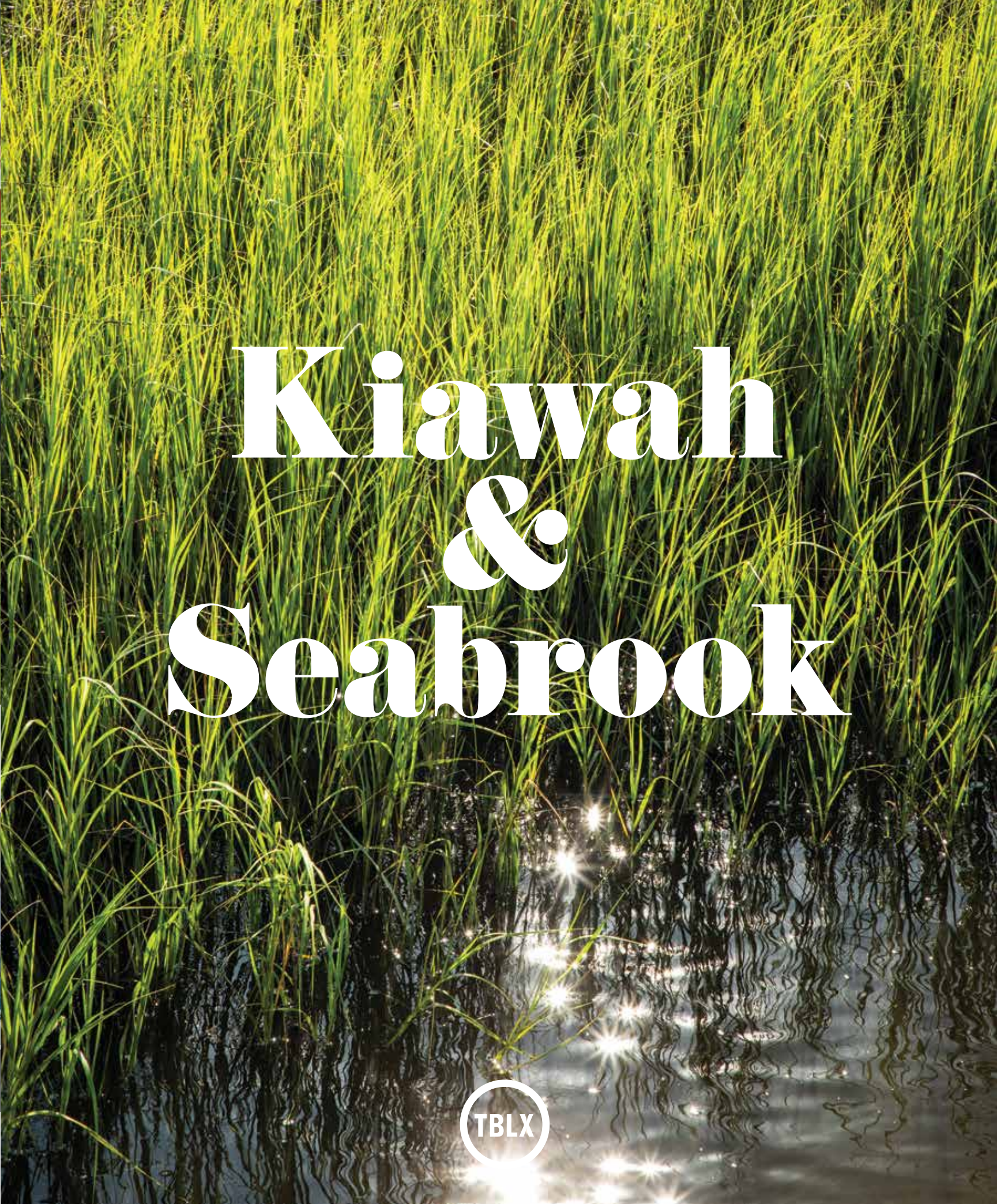


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Kiawah & Seabrook

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T THE END OF JOHN'S ISLAND, the barrier islands south of funky Folly beach take a bit of a turn for the posh. A lot has changed since Kiawah Island Resort opened in 1976 with \$43 per night oceanfront rooms. It's home to one of the best golf courses in the world, not to mention the 5-star Sanctuary Hotel, and a community of hush-hush celebrity seventh homes and such. The island was dubiously acquired from the Kiawah Indians in 1675, then used in subsequent centuries for cattle ranching, cotton, and indigo farming, when famous Charleston families like Gibbes and Vanderhorst were among those through whose hands it passed. Seabrook, to the north, is a private community, with the Bohicket Marina and Seabrook Equestrian Center open to the public. Freshfield's Village is the entry point to the area, and a destination of its own.

ENJOY THE SILENCE

Originally designed for the 1991 Ryder Cup, The Ocean Course at Kiawah will host the 2021 PGA Championship.

EAT, DRINK

48 wine bar

Though named for its 48 wines by the glass, we know it by the \$6 patron margaritas on Mondays and free wine tasting Tuesdays. Drop by for live music every Thursday and Sunday, and grab a cheese and charcuterie plate.

>> FORTYEIGHTWINEBAR.COM

Cherrywood BBQ and Alehouse

Southern BBQ Burgers and St. Louis Style Ribs with signature dishes such as Fried Mac and Cheese, Pickled Shrimp Salad, and BBQ Nachos. Located within the Osprey Point Clubhouse, and open to the public.

>> KIAWAHRESORT.COM

Heges's

Classic French Bistro with escargot, mussels, nicoise salad, and seared duck breast. Impressively extensive wine list.

>> HEGESRESTAURANTSC.COM



48 wine bar

La Tela Pizzeria

Neapolitan wood-fired pizza with mammoth proportions of Chicken Parm, Lasagna, and Stuffed Eggplant. The kind of Italian you wish was downtown. Kid friendly and a great wine menu. We're suckers for the Tiramisu.

>> LATELAPIZZERIA.COM

Lokals Sea Bar

An eccentric mix of options, including a Raw Bar, Vietnamese Tom Gai, Philly Cheese Steak, Shrimp Empanadas, and Frog Legs. Not all are from the sea... we hope. Grab a table outside and watch the sun set over the marsh.

>> LOKALSEABAR.COM

The Ice Cream Boat Cafe

Hermit Crab Races Tuesdays and Thursdays (\$2 to rent a crab for the race, whatever that entails). A throwback to a bygone era, serving ice cream, breakfast and lunch. Come for the ice-cream, leave with a story from owner Todd Gerhart.

>> 843.737.5351

SEE, DO

Scent Studio

If you aren't particularly good at golf, bonding and friendly competition can also be had while creating custom scented candles. With over 100 scents to mix and match, we recommend you remember the lesson you learned in middle school when you combined all the sodas at the fountain.

>> PALMETTOSCENTSTUDIO.COM

Bohicket Marina

Sailing and fishing charters, several restaurants, and paddleboarding, and the best part about it is that it's open to the public.

>> BOHICKET.COM

Tidal Trails

A longstanding Kiawah adventure company. Surf lessons and a surf camp for kids 8 to 15, paddleboard and kayak rentals.

>> TIDALTRAILSKIAWAH.COM

Kiawah Beachwalker Park

In an area with gated entrances in every direction, there's something refreshing about the mere existence of a public beach. In fact, it's the only public beach access on Kiawah Island. Let that sink in.

>> CCPRC.COM

Pirates of Charleston

A children's adventure departing from Bohicket Marina, with sea shanties, face painting, and water cannons.

>> PIRATESOFCHARLESTON.COM

Waterdog Paddle Company

Bohicket-marina-based paddleboard rentals for exploring the waterways around Kiawah and Seabrook; offering rentals and sunset, dolphin, and full-moon guided tours.

Freshfield's Village

A completely self-contained village with restaurants, a grocery store, banks, a spa, high-end retail... everything from Southern Tide to Sweetgrass Plastic Surgery.

>> FRESHFIELDSVILLAGE.COM



Kiawah Beachwalker Park

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Freshfields Village

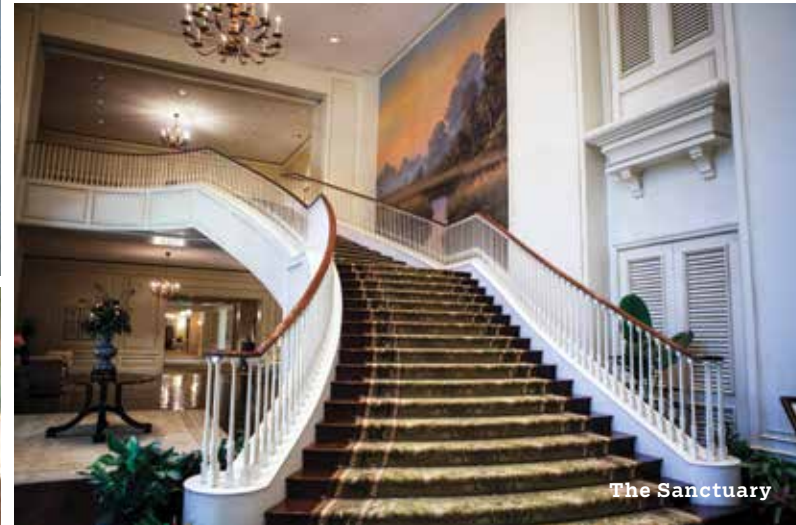


STAY

Sanctuary Hotel

The 5-Star resort is in a league of its own in Charleston. Ocean Course is one of the world's best, and the spa is next level. You'd have to stay a fortnight to eat dinner in all of its restaurants. Sommelier Erika Selheim's wine cellar is known by wine insiders for being as good as any in the Southeast.

>> KIWAHRESORT.COM



The Sanctuary



Bohicket Marina

Andell Inn

Boutique hotel adjacent to Freshfield's Village with a saltwater pool and wrap-around porch, both overlooking Andell Lake. The hotel's public spaces feature art curated by prominent Downtown Charleston galleries, and the rooms have kitchens, so you can make use of the grocery store next door.

>> ANDELLINN.COM



Andell Inn

Seabrook Equestrian Center

One of two areas at Seabrook open to the public, the Equestrian Center offers children's pony rides, and beach rides for beginner or experienced riders.

>> SEABROOKISLAND.COM

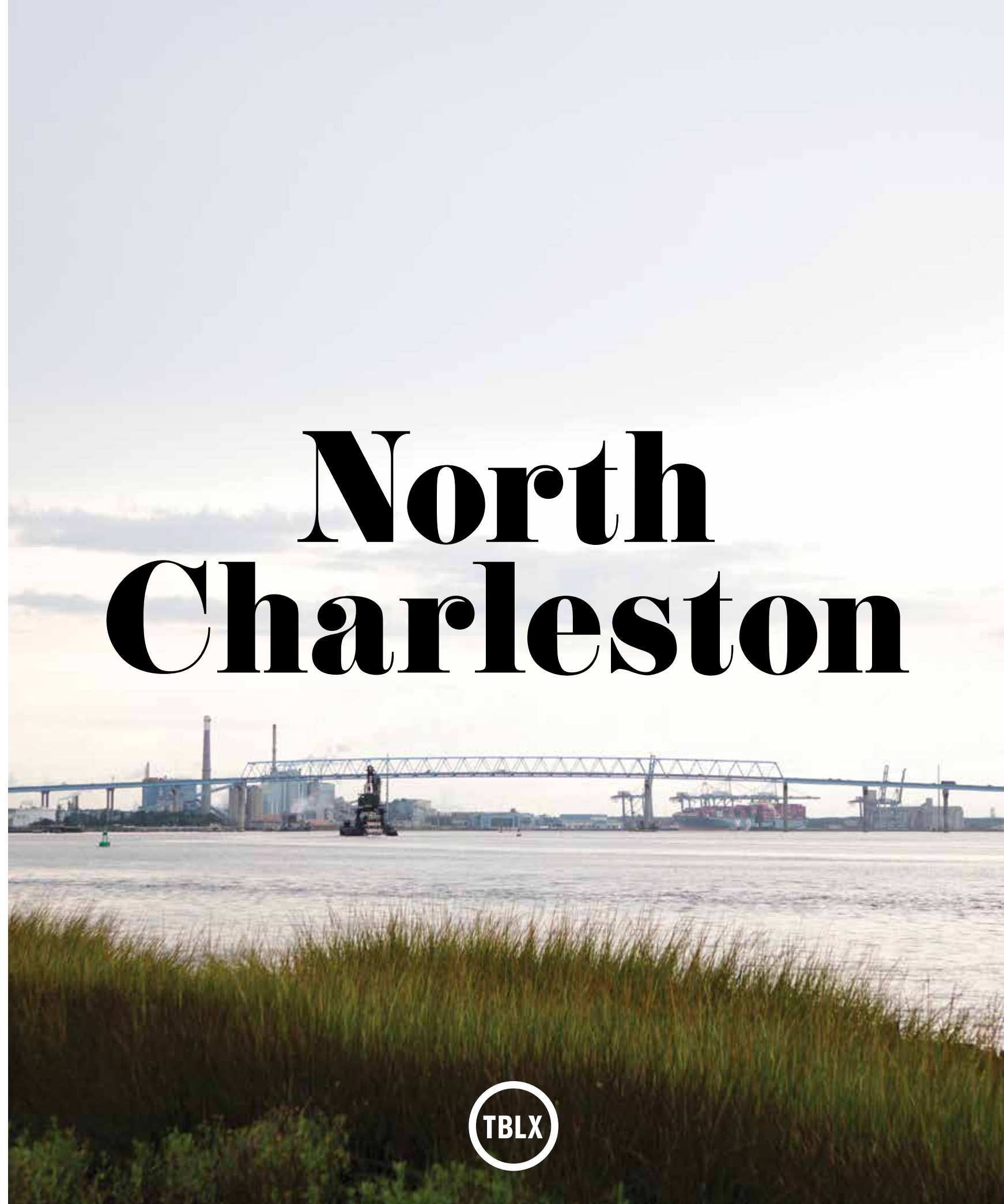
Beach house Rentals

They may be private, but vacation rentals in **Seabrook** and **Kiawah** can be procured.

>> DISCOVERSEABROOK.COM

>> KIWAHRESORT.COM

North Charleston





CROWDED HOUSE
The North Charleston Coliseum hosts the biggest concerts and the SC Stingrays hockey.

PHOTO BY NATHAN BELL

North Charleston



Madre Rua

EAT, DRINK

Madre Rua

An Irish Pub in Park Circle, great for brunch, especially if you're into premier league soccer.

>> MADRARUAPUB.COM

Stems and Skins

Ask anyone where to go in Park Circle, and they'll point you to this wine bar. The menu is constantly changing, and you can take bottles to-go for half off.

>> STEMSANDSKINS.COM

NORTH CHARLESTON WAS HOME to a Naval base from 1901 until 1996 that was the largest civilian employer in the state. Its closing was feared to be the death knell for Charleston's economy, but the city had other tricks up her sleeve. North Charleston is a diverse city in transition—its desirable Park Circle neighborhood draws peninsula residents for its (relatively) affordable housing with walkable shops, bars, and restaurants rivaling those downtown. Part of the old Naval base is now Riverfront Park, home of the annual High Water Festival, which in just two years has become Charleston's coolest music festival. The North Charleston Coliseum and Performing Arts Center are also host to major music acts, and the Charleston Stingrays hockey team. And with its quick freeway access to downtown, North Charleston hotels offer a solid alternative to historic district hotel sticker shock.

Commonhouse Aleworks

A local brewery that takes pride in every ounce it produces. Check the event schedule for food truck pop ups on the weekend, but otherwise it's bring your own take-out. Children and pet friendly.
>> COMMONHOUSEALEWORKS.COM

La Nortena

Authentic mexican food with ceviche, gringo-friendly Tex-Mex, and some real homestyle fare, like Menudo.
>> LANORTENAMEXICAN.COM

Evo Pizza and Evo Bakery

Evo is a neighborhood staple in Park Circle. Busy most nights, so prepare to wait, but it's worth it. Damn fine pizza, and you hear the name "Evo" all over Charleston as the purveyor of baguettes and rolls in restaurants and cafes--from the bakery around the back of the pizzeria.
>> EVOPIZZA.COM



The Codfather

Generally understood as the most authentic English fish n' chips spot in the Charleston area. No Frills and huge portions, both of which are fine by us.
>> 843.789.4649

H&L Market

The insanely large market offers a sauce and condiment aisle that's something of an Asian cuisine dream. But there's also a small lunch counter with a handful of booths, serving up authentic pho. It's pretty far off the beaten path, but well worth the trip.
>> 843.745.9365

Orange Spot Coffee

Cute and vibrant little coffee shop with a nice breakfast and lunch menu and outdoor seating area.
>> ORANGESPOTCOFFEE.COM

Fratellos Italian Tavern

Solid Italian classics like Chicken Cacciatore, Marsala, and Fettuccine Alfredo and Lasagna in a casual setting.
>> FRATELLOSTAVERN.COM



Bertha's Kitchen

This Charleston Soul Food destination received a James Beard "classic" designation. Menu changes daily, but life's too short to not order the fried chicken.
>> 843.554.6519

SEE, DO

Riverfront Park

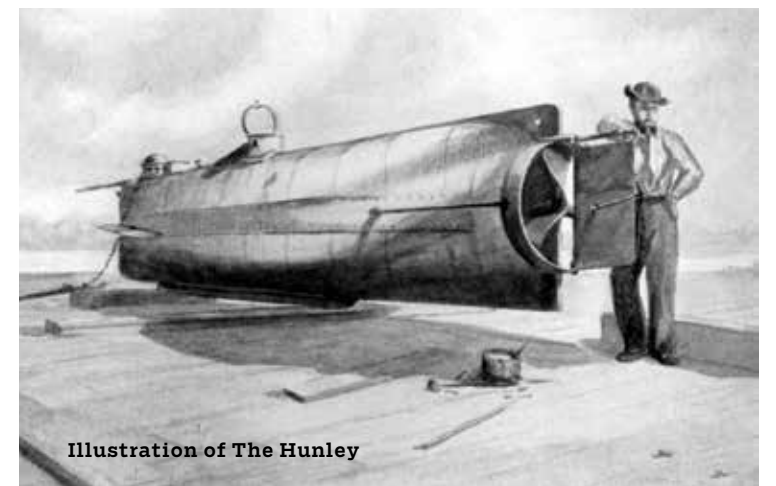
Home to the annual High Water Music Festival, hosted by Shovels & Rope. But even without an event, it's open to the public year-round. Take in the Naval Memorial, see historic homes once inhabited by Navy officers and their families, and take in the Cooper River views from the shade of oak trees.

The Hunley

Known in these parts as the world's first combat submarine, its credited with sinking the USS Housatonic in 1864. The Hunley was an unintended suicide mission lost until 1995 and raised in 2000. The sight of the small rusted hull that held 8 crew elicits unfathomable claustrophobia... in an interesting way.
>> HUNLEY.ORG

North Charleston Coliseum and Performing Arts Center

One is for your arena rock, the other for your musical experience. We prefer the latter. Check the schedule ahead of time and plan a weekend out of it.
>> NORTHCHARLESTONCOLISEUMPAC.COM





HIGH WATER FESTIVAL
Nicole Atkins, above, and the Old 97's, below, at the 2018 High Water Festival.

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THE STINGRAYS



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Ink meets paper

A family-run printing studio and card shop with bright and creative offerings. Using old-school printing presses and committed to preserving printing traditions and practices, all the designs here are made in house and are truly unique.
>> INKMEETSPAPER.COM

North Charleston Fire Museum

With 20 fire engines dating back to the 1780's, it is home to the world's largest collection of restored LaFrance fire vehicles--one of America's oldest fire apparatus manufacturers based in nearby Summerville until its closure in 2014. Also vintage firefighter gear, interactive exhibits for fire education (crossfit people, don't get any ideas). \$6 adult admission, and children under 12 are free.
>> NORTHCHARLESTONFIREMUSEUM.ORG



North Charleston Fire Museum

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Stingrays

The Stingrays are an institution in Charleston. The games are always a good time and way for the Northerners among us to get a taste of home. Affiliated with the Washington Capitals, you're sure to see a high level of hockey on game night.
>> STINGRAYSHOCKEY.COM

Carolina Ice Palace

One of the only places to catch ice in Charleston. Home to peewee hockey, figure skating and beer-leagues almost every night of the week. Stop in to The Penalty Box for standard bar food and a bucket of cold ones after your skate, and be prepared to hear Michigan, Minnesota or even a Canadian accent or two.
>> CAROLINAICEPALACE.COM

Kathryn Budig

KATHRYN BUDIG and **KATE FAGAN'S** many hats are hard to sum up, so we let them try:

Kate on Kathryn: Kathryn is an entrepreneur and yoga instructor who works internationally and on the online platform YogaGlow; as well as author of two books, a speaker, and co-host of our Free Cookies podcast. We are partners in crime, professional Netflixers, and parents of a puggle and a husky.

Kathryn on Kate: Kate's a writer, a journalist, and when it comes to ESPN it's tricky because she's a writer for ESPN the magazine and she's a content creator, and also a personality

TBLX: *What is your favorite way to enjoy the city?*

KB: We have two dogs, so we like to get our lattes, go to Hampton park, and walk our dogs there. Then, if it's a nice day we love going to Sullivan's, and it's not unheard of for us to go to Home Team BBQ and have some Game Changers and nachos. That's a really good day.

KF: We like the Home Team on Sullivan's, it has a good beachie vibe. We take lots of fitness classes, and the city's getting better in that. You gotta carve out space to prepare you for those Home Team Game Changers.

KB: The thing that we love about Charleston is that we can write or work for a couple hours, we can be out in nature

“I do think we're a little speck of blue in a sea of red, and I appreciate that.” – Kathryn Budig

because she hosts so many shows. She wants to dabble in screenwriting, she's a #1 New York Times bestselling author, and co-host of Free Cookies.

TBLX: *Why Charleston?*

KB: My parents moved to IOP thirteen years ago. I was quickly charmed by the beaches, but it was the community that won me over. It quickly became home for me.

KF: When I fell in love with Kathryn, we would spend time here. I would come down from New York, and gradually I started to see how healthy it could be for someone who was living in a place and at a pace that was just unsustainable, in New York.

TBLX: *How is it changing?*

KB: We get asked what is it like being in a same sex relationship living in the South, and fortunately we haven't had any negative interactions. I do think we're a little speck of blue in a sea of red, and I appreciate that. The thing that I would like to see more of is more same-sex couples holding hands walking down the street. There are plenty of people in the LGBT community here, but they keep it private.

KF: Living in NY helped me feel not alone, and helped me step into my life in a way that I don't think I could have in another city. I don't think I could live in Charleston when I was 25, but whatever real concerns I had about living in the South, in Charleston, being with Kathryn, there haven't been any negative experiences besides not seeing ourselves reflected in other people. It seems like the influx of people from around the country has started the process of different thinking.

with the dogs, we can go to the beach for an hour, we can go to a James Beard award winning restaurant, and then be home in time to put on sweatpants and Netflix.

TBLX: *What's your favorite thing to do with friends from out of town?*

KB: Everything revolves around food. I would say get lost in the battery, don't bring a map. Get lost in those amazing neighborhoods and soak in the architecture. Pack your digestive enzymes, because you're gonna need them.

KF: We live right by Shem Creek, and there's access for paddleboarding, which would be a cool thing to do. We like Time Traveler Games, it's an escape room with local historical lore. They just opened a room on Lavinia Fisher, the first female American serial killer, who was here in Charleston.

TBLX: *What is something that people don't know about Charleston?*

KB: At Leon's, where you can ring the bell outside and get a soft-serve from the street is really cool. If you want to see the best wallpaper in the world, go to Stella's and go to the bathroom, it's all Greek monsters and creatures. I'll go to the bathroom and be gone for 20 minutes and people think something's wrong. Do a picnic at the Pitt Street Bridge, it's so charming, and then you can have a glass of wine at Rudi's.

KF: Indaco has an Amaro made by all women in Italy, that's only sweetened with honey, has a brown label, and they don't really sell any of it other than if you get to know the bartender, Jared. I just go to Jared every time I go in there and say, 'can I have the secret Amaro?'

Kate Fagan



CHARLESTON PRIDE

EVERY YEAR IN LATE SEPTEMBER, King Street and Broad Street are blocked off for a parade marking the finale of Charleston Pride Week. This event grows exponentially every year, and reminds us that while the past may still be why many people visit the Holy City, it is Charleston's future that makes them stay. Whether you intend to come here for a few days, a few years, or a few generations, we hope that the locals in the previous pages have shown you some of the ingredients of Charleston's best self, so that you can enjoy them as we do, and maybe even help them grow.

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