



# VIP Guide Book

## Event Schedule, Locations, and Artists

### THURSDAY OCTOBER 10TH 2024

#### MUSIC MAKER MEETUP

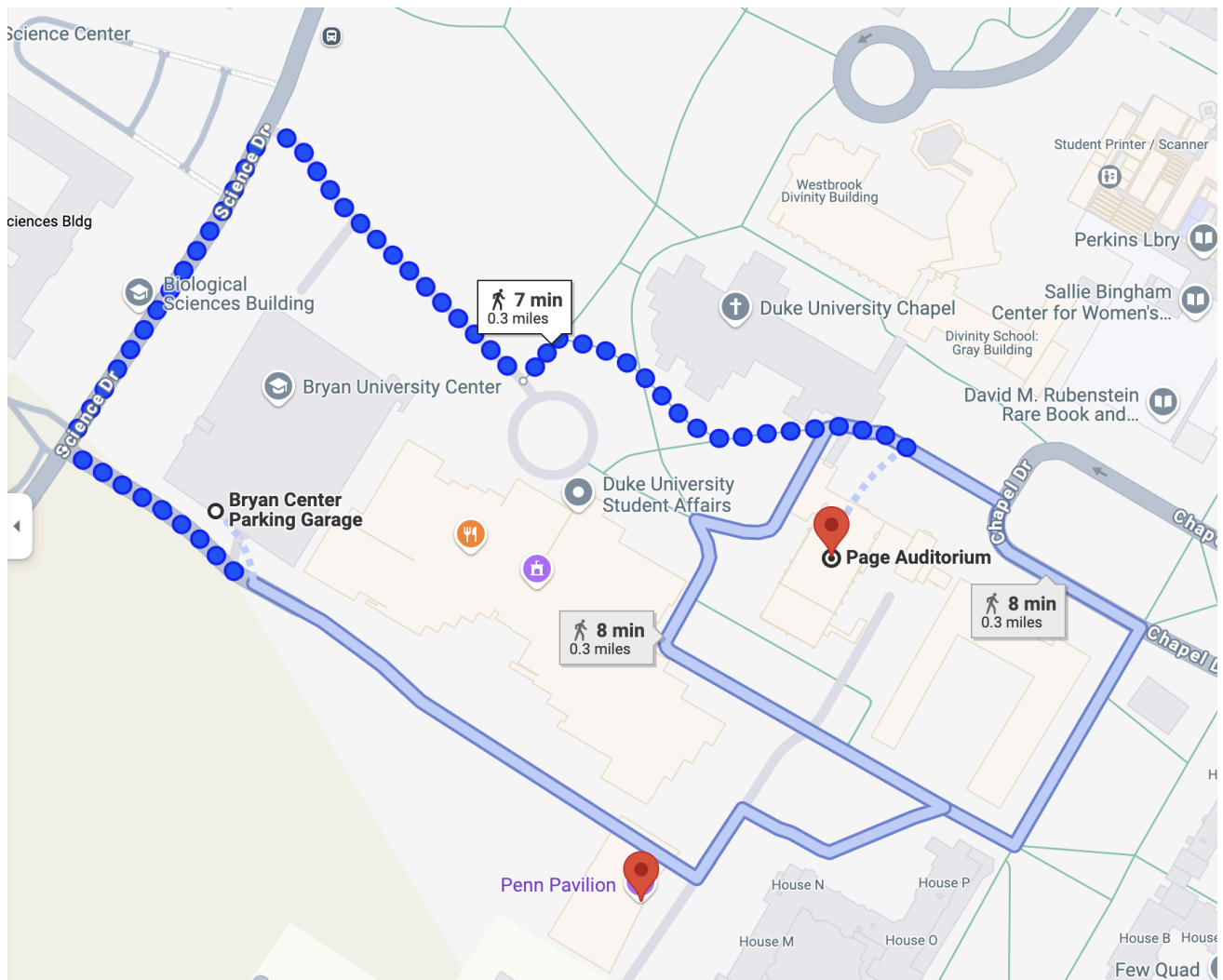
- **5:00-6:30 PM** Happy Hour at [Local 22 Kitchen & Bar, 2200 W Main St, Durham, NC 27705](#)
- **Please make a reservation if you want to attend, as their indoor capacity is limited!**
- If you would like to reserve a table for dinner, please visit their website at [www.local22durham.com](http://www.local22durham.com) or call (919) 286-9755

#### TAJ MAHAL, DOM FLEMONS, AND JACKSON BROWNE CELEBRATE MUSIC MAKER!

- **7:30 PM** at [Page Auditorium \(Duke University\) 402 Chapel Dr, Durham, NC 27708](#)
- We kick off big with a concert presented in partnership with Duke Arts. This concert opens with Music Maker next generation stars Faith & Harmony, Gail Ceasar, Lakota John Locklear, Martha Spencer, Dom Flemons. Taj Mahal, Jackson Browne will close the evening with a tribute to the roots of American music.
- Arriving early? Walk to the nearby **Duke Chapel** to view the [Día de los Muertos Ofrenda](#) (Day of the Dead altar piece) presented by Duke Arts in collaboration with Duke Chapel and Say the Thing.
- Driving yourself? Park at the [Bryan Center Parking Garage at 125 Science Drive, Durham, NC 27710](#), only an 8 minute (0.3 miles) walk away!



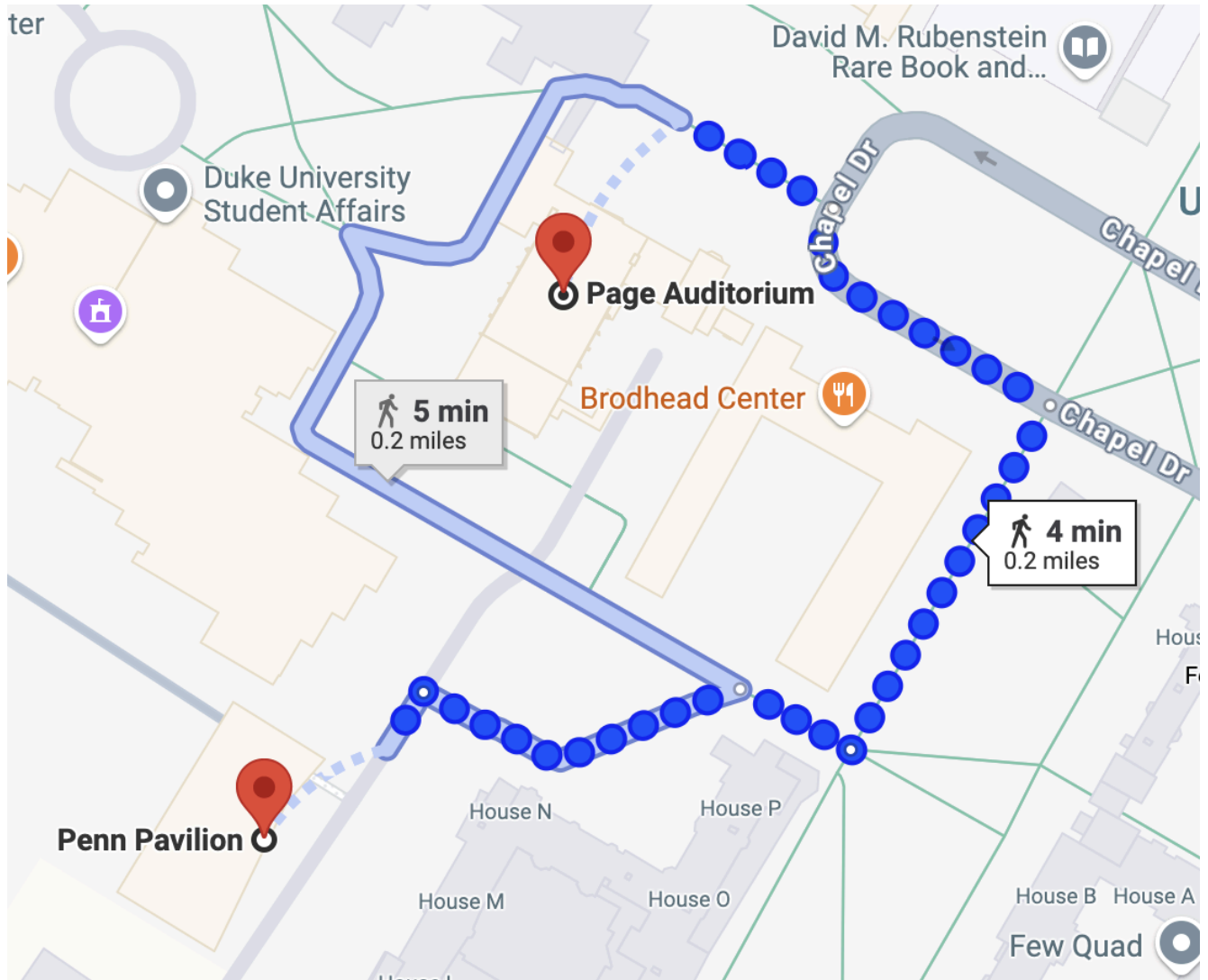
- Using Lyft or Uber? Have them drop you off at the traffic circle near Duke University Student Affairs at 101 Bryan Center, Durham, NC 27710.
- *Please note: Duke University is 100% smoke-free. Firearms are not permitted on campus. All bags entering the venue are subject to search by event staff. Food and drink is not permitted in the seating areas. Small or clear bags are recommended. In the case of an event cancellation, ticket purchasers will be contacted via email with information regarding refunds and exchanges.*





**VIP EXCLUSIVE ARTIST AFTER PARTY** with Terry “Harmonica” Bean

- **Immediately following the event**, please make your way to Penn Pavilion, 107 Union Dr, Durham, NC 27710. Only a 4 minute walk from Page Auditorium!





## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024

### SONG KEEPERS: A MUSIC MAKER FOUNDATION ANTHOLOGY BOOK TALK

- **12:00 PM** at Letters Bookshop 116 W Main St, Durham, NC 27701  
The festivities continue with a lunchtime book talk on our 30th anniversary collection with author Georgann Eubanks and special musical guests. Free! Seating is first come, first served.
- **8 Minute car ride** from the Hilton Garden Inn!

### MUSIC MAKER HOMECOMING

- **6:00 PM** at Old Murphey School 3717 Murphy School Rd, Durham, NC 27705
- Break out your dancing shoes at the historic Old Murphey School! From **6 PM** until the music stops, we'll catch up with old and new friends to the sounds of Kelley and the Cowboys and the Music Maker Blues Revue, featuring Albert White, Aretta Woodruff, Jimbo Mathus, and Leonard Lowdown Brown.
- Catering will be provided as well as complimentary cocktails, wine, and beer.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024

### MASTER CLASS WITH EARLE PUGHE

**10 AM-12 PM** at Hilton Garden Inn 2102 West Main Street, Durham, NC 27705

- Bring your guitar and learn insider techniques and blues classics from Earle Pughe, the master teacher who transcribed the compositions of *Deep in the South: A Music Maker Songbook!*
- Please contact Sam Horn at [sam@musicmaker.org](mailto:sam@musicmaker.org) if you have not reserved a spot already.

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## **MUSIC MAKER STUDIOS DEDICATION**

*Charter bus to Fountain loads at the Hilton Garden Inn at **12:30 PM***

**3-7 PM** at Music Maker Studios (Fountain, NC) 6742 E. Wilson St. Fountain, NC 27829

- We look to the future of Music Maker with the dedication of Music Maker Studios in Fountain, NC. Join us for a field trip to Fountain to help us officially dedicate our new production studios, where Music Maker artists will have access to state-of-the-art recording and photography facilities as well as an Artist-in-Residence workshop.
- After touring the new studios, we'll gather at local gem R.A. Fountain General Store for an authentic Carolina BBQ and one final concert with Dedicated Men of Zion before heading back to Durham.



## About the Artists:

- Taj Mahal (Blues)
- Dom Flemons (Americana)
- Jackson Brown (Rock)
- Terry “Harmonica” Bean (Blues)
- Lakota John (Blues)
- Faith & Harmony (Sacred Soul)
- Martha Spencer (Folk)
- Gail Ceasar (Piedmont Blues)
- Kelley and the Cowboys (Folk)
- Music Maker Blues Revue
  - Leonard Lowdown Brown
  - Aretta Woodruff
  - Jimbo Mathus
  - Albert White
- Dedicated Men of Zion (Sacred Soul)



### Taj Mahal

One of the greatest ethnomusicologists, Taj Mahal travels the world and explains and elucidates what he learns — through his music, live on stage. From Hawaii to India, Taj Mahal Carries the Blues Torch. No other musician in the world is like Taj Mahal. He grew up in Springfield, Massachusetts, in a musical family. But when Taj saw Mississippi John Hurt at the Newport Folk Festival, it spurred in his soul a deep interest in the music of his ancestors. His lifelong pursuit of that ancestral music keeps being incorporated into his own music, which is always, in one way or another, anchored in the blues.



### **Jackson Browne**

Jackson Browne has written and performed some of the most literate and moving songs in popular music and has defined a genre of songwriting charged with honesty, emotion and personal politics. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004 and the Songwriter's Hall of Fame in 2007. His debut album came out on David Geffen's Asylum Records in 1972. Since then, he has released fourteen studio albums, four collections of live performances, two "best of" compilations, two DVDs and several single recordings. Jackson's new studio album, "Downhill From Everywhere" is set for worldwide release on July 23, 2021.



### **Dom Flemons**

Since he first came to public attention as a founding member of the Grammy-winning Carolina Chocolate Drops, Dom Flemons has built a repertoire that covers over a full century of American music, making a reputation for himself as "The American Songster." He is a songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, producer, actor, music scholar, and historian. He is considered an expert player on the banjo, guitar, harmonica, jug, percussion, quills, fife, and rhythm bones.



### **Lakota John**

Lakota John is a living representation of the musical cultures of southeastern North Carolina. He is a member of the Lumbee Tribe who combines the blues with the indigenous music of his ancestors. Intrigued by the sound of the slide guitar, by 10 he had bought himself a glass slide, placed it on his pinky finger and has been sliding ever since. Today, Mama Tonya, Papa John and Sister Layla join him to form a proud Lumbee Nation family of talented musicians.



### **Martha Spencer**

Martha Spencer is a singer-songwriter, mountain musician and dancer from the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. She grew up in the musical Spencer family and learned to play several instruments (guitar, fiddle, banjo, bass, dulcimer, mandolin) and flatfoot/clog at a young age. She performs and has recorded with various groups and has been involved with several roots music projects. She has played shows, festivals and led workshops across the US, Australia, UK, Canada, and Europe.



### **Gail Ceasar**

The roots of Gail Ceasar’s music runs deep into the Virginia soil. After Music Maker met and began working with the great blues guitarist Boo Hanks in Virginia, we began doing more fieldwork in that state and soon met a blues player from Pittsylvania County named Pete Witcher. We returned several times to record Pete, and every time we visited, Pete made a point of taking us to see his niece Gail Ceasar. He was so proud of her guitar playing. She plays with incredible precision.



### **Faith & Harmony**

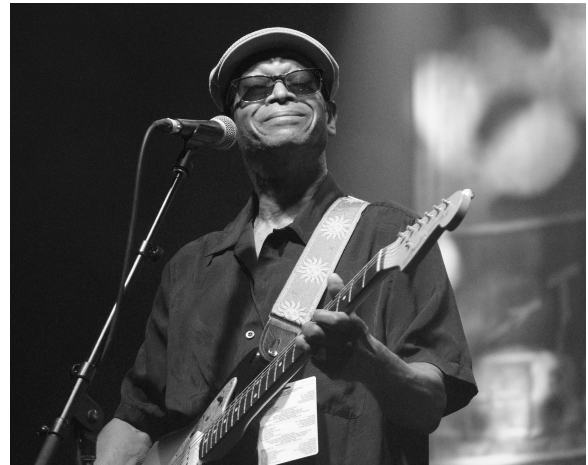
Faith and Harmony is a family group—two sets of three sisters who are first cousins. They grew up singing together in Greenville, NC. Member Christy Moody recalls singing in the church choir when she was scarcely bigger than a toddler. Like their great-grandparents, grandparents, and parents before them, harmony and song have been part of the very essence of their existence. When they officially formed the group in 2012, they solidified their commitment to carrying on the family’s musical legacy.





### **Terry “Harmonica” Bean**

Terry “Harmonica” Bean is a renowned blues artist hailing from Pontotoc, Mississippi. Born with an innate musical talent, Bean discovered his love for the blues at a young age and has since become a master of the harmonica. With his soulful playing style and distinctive voice, Bean’s performances are a mesmerizing blend of electric blues and personal storytelling.



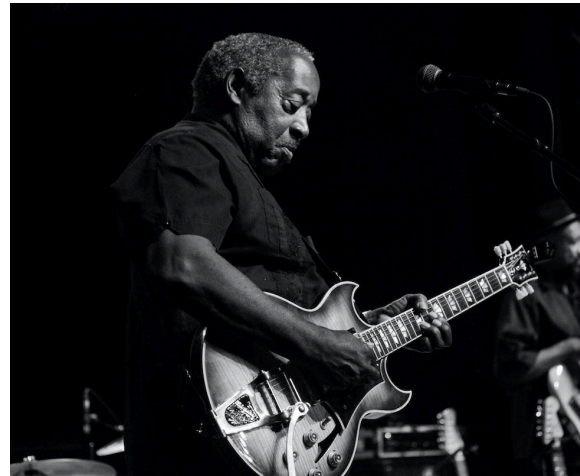
### **Leonard Lowdown Brown**

Leonard “Lowdown” Brown is an electric guitar-slinging blues legend in the Houston music scene. His virtuosic fingerwork and formidable voice seem effortless, evidence of his raw talent and over four decades of dedication to his craft. Born in 1953 into a family with five brothers and four sisters, Leonard grew up with music all around him. Music was one way his family remained connected to their southern roots, and they shared this passion with their children.



### **Aretta Woodruff**

Raised in the dirt-road town of Wellington, Alabama, Aretta Woodruff found her voice in the Hopewell Baptist church choir at five years old and has not stopped singing since. A force to be reckoned with, she brings her indefatigable spirit and powerhouse vocals to every performance. Aretta's talent and commitment to her art have propelled her into fame within the Birmingham Blues and R&B music scene.



### **Albert White**

Albert White, an Atlanta native, grew up playing behind his uncle, Piano Red, a legendary Rhythm & Blues powerhouse who had many hits including the song "Doctor Feelgood" famously covered by the Beatles. In Albert, the tradition of high energy, funky R&B lives on. Albert and his band The Rockers have played jukes, clubs, weddings and celebrations throughout the Southeast from the 1960s to the present. Along the way, they have shared the stage with every notable R&B star that has traveled the circuit including Rufus Thomas, Ray Charles, The Tams, Joe Tex and many more.





### **Kelley and the Cowboys**

Kelley has been steeped in the music of Appalachia for over twenty years, she is no stranger to the roots of country music. Kelley is an accomplished, award winning claw-hammer banjo player, a fiddler, guitar player, and bassist and stays busy as a full time member of the award winning Old-Time stringband, The Crooked Road Ramblers, host of The Floyd Radio Show and her own variety show, The Blue Ridge Opry, and as an occasional vocalist for the NC Sacred Steel Legends, The Allen Boys. The Music Maker Foundation also honored Kelley with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2023 for her contributions to roots music.



### **Dedicated Men of Zion**

The Dedicated Men of Zion formed in Greenville, NC in 2014. The four singers—Anthony Daniels, Antoine Daniels, Marcus Sugg, and Dexter Weaver—are all related by blood or marriage. They grew up steeped in the gospel of Eastern North Carolina with families that took singing and church seriously. While this church background infuses the group’s music, they’re not confined to the church walls. Their 2020 release, Can’t Turn Me Around, was critically acclaimed and celebrated by sacred and secular audiences alike.



## **Jimbo Mathus**

Music Maker Foundation Artist and Lifetime Achievement Award winner Jimbo Mathus has worked with a murderer's row of Music Maker Foundation musicians over the past several years, both in the studio and onstage. Best known as co-founder and frontman of the swing revival band Squirrel Nut Zippers, Jimbo has explored the breadth of American roots music in his solo career, from blues to country to gospel. Among his current projects is leading the Music Maker Band, the new house band at Music Maker Studios in Fountain, NC.



### **How to get your VIP Wristband**

- Attend the October 10th concert at Paige Auditorium and pick up at the merch table
- Attend the October 10th Music Maker Meetup at Local22 and pick up from a Music Maker volunteer

### **How to get your 30th Anniversary Swag Bag**

- Pick up at the Music Maker Homecoming October 11th at The Old Murphy School.

## **Transportation & Parking Durham, NC**

**Weekday: Mon – Fri, 8 Am – 7 pm:** On-street parking is generally limited to two hours during the day to ensure visitors have convenient and accessible parking for business, entertainment, and shopping in downtown Durham.

### **📍 9th Street District Parking**

#### **Local Transportation**

If you are staying at the [Hilton Garden Inn](#), they offer a local shuttle service that can transport you within a 1 mile radius of the hotel and partners with Lyft if you want to earn points on your account. Hilton Garden Inn also offers Free Parking for those staying with them.

#### **Ninth Street Parking**

Free, two-hour parking along Ninth Street and surrounding streets.

Park for \$1.00/hour in the City of Durham parking lot on the north side of Ninth Street. Parking in this lot is free on weekends and after 7:00 PM on weeknights.

Please do not use The Shops at Erwin Mills parking lot unless you are visiting one of their businesses.



## Food & Drinks on 9th St. & Downtown Durham

### **BREAKFAST**

[Bruegger's Bagel Bakery](#),

626 Ninth St

[Mad Hatter Bakeshop &](#)

[Cafe](#), 1802 W. Main Street

[Monuts](#), 1002 Ninth Street

[Elmo's Diner](#), 776 Ninth

Street

[Ninth Street Bakery](#), 136 E

Chapel Hill Street

### **LUNCH & DINNER**

[Alpaca Peruvian Charcoal](#)

[Chicken](#), 703a 9th St

[Cosmic Cantina](#), 1920-1/2

Perry Street

[Dame's Chicken & Waffles](#),

530 Foster St #130

[M Sushi](#), 311 Holland St

[NanaSteak](#), 345 Blackwell  
Street

[Heavenly Buffaloes](#), 1807

W. Markham Avenue

[Juju](#), 737 Ninth Street, The

Shops at Erwin Mill #210

[Local 22 Kitchen & Bar](#),

2200 W. Main Street

[Parizade](#), 2200 W. Main

Street

[Vin Rouge French Café &](#)

[Wine Bar](#), 2010

Hillsborough Road

[Mateo Bar de Tapas](#), 109

W Chapel

### **DRINKS**

[Alley Twenty Six](#), 320 E.

Chapel Hill St.

[Dain's Place](#), 754 Ninth

Street

[Arcana Bar & Lounge](#) 331

W Main St.

[The Durham Hotel Roof](#),

315 E Chapel Hill St.

[Bar Virgile](#), 105 S Mangum

St



## Shopping on 9th Street and Downtown Durham

[Books Do Furnish a Room,](#)

1809 W. Markham Avenue

[Bull City Fair Trade,](#)

811 Ninth St, Ste 100

[Durham Central Park Farmer's Market,](#)

Saturdays 8am-12PM, 501 Foster Street

[Durham Craft Market,](#)

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[High Strung Violins & Guitars,](#)

1803 W. Markham Avenue

[Hunky Dory Record Store and Bar ,](#)

718 Ninth Street

[The Regulator Bookshop,](#)

720 Ninth St

[Vaguely Reminiscent,](#)

728 Ninth Street

[Letters Bookshop,](#)

116 W Main St

[Vert and Vogue,](#)

353 W Main Street

## Things to do on 9th St. & Downtown Durham

[Sarah P. Duke Gardens,](#) 420 Anderson St.

[Museum of Life and Science,](#) 433 W. Murray Ave.

[Nasher Museum of Art,](#) 2001 Campus Dr.

[Eno River State Park,](#) Various Trails & Facilities

[21c Durham,](#) 111 Corcoran Street

### Other Resources:

[Durham Visitor's Info Center](#)

**ADDRESS:** 212 W. Main St. #101 Durham, NC 27701

**HOURS:** Tuesday - Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**PHONE:** 919-687-028