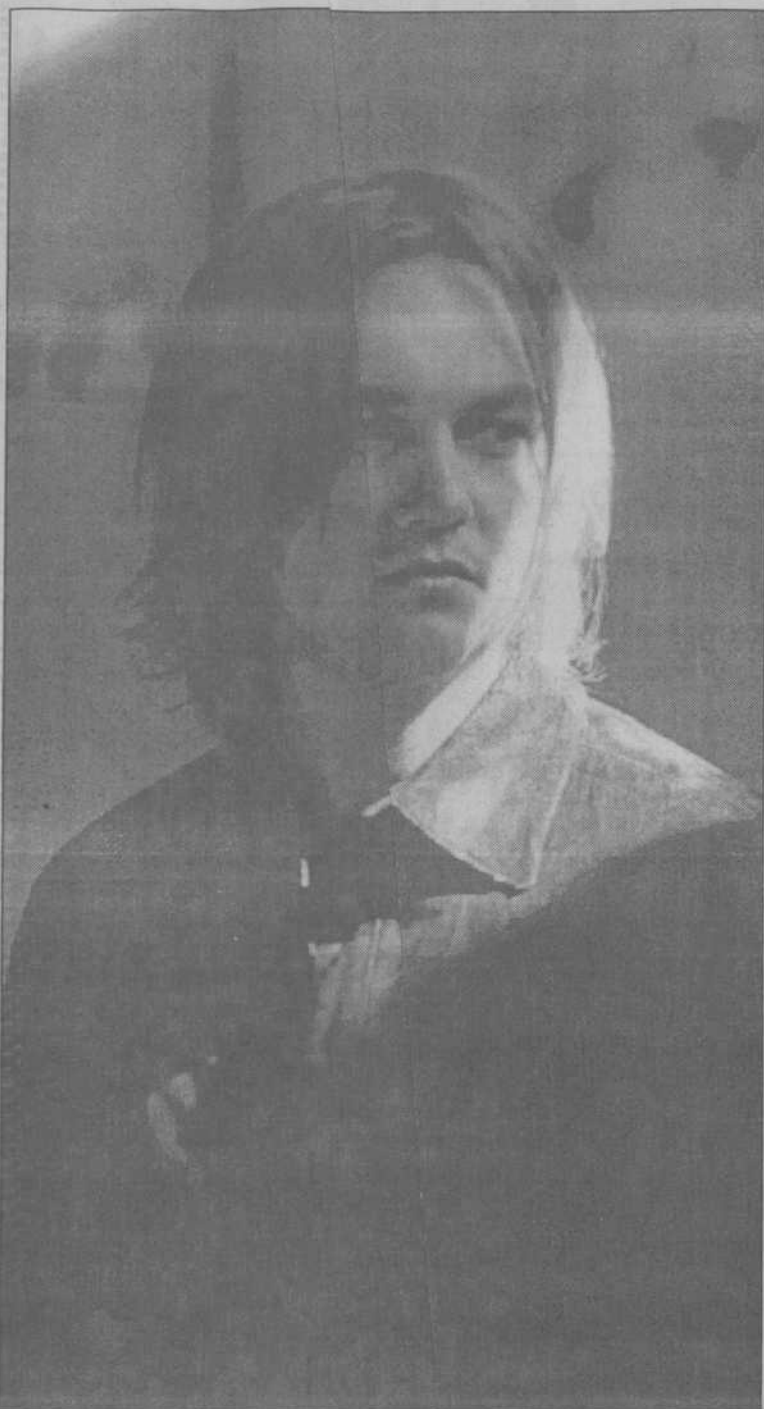




March 9, 1981 - Alpha Psi Alpha fraternity kept a 24-hour vigil on the Russell House patio to raise money for the special task force investigating the murders of Atlanta's African-American children.



Special to The Gamecock

Edwin McCain will be performing Saturday at the Township Auditorium to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Make-A-Wish Foundation in South Carolina.

BY AMANDA SILVA  
THE GAMECOCK

Edwin McCain definitely has a reputation for his involvement with charities.

"Music really lives in the ability to change things for the better," McCain said.

He's a Greenville native who has made it big on a national level, with hits such as "Solitude" and "I Could Not Ask for More."

Saturday, McCain will headline for the first annual "Night of the Child" concert, benefitting the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"We've done benefits for everything from Pediatric AIDS to the American Cancer Society," said McCain, who is known for his philanthropic efforts.

He is the founder the non-profit America Street Foundation, which aids natural disaster victims and low-income families of South Carolina, and has performed benefit concerts for Habitat for Humanity.

"The whole point of music is to bring communities and ideas together. To abandon that part of it, you leave yourself without a great portion of what music has to offer," McCain said.

Saturday's "Night of the Child" concert commemorates the 15th birthday of the Make-A-Wish Foundation in South Carolina, a non-profit organization that works to grant the wishes of children suffering from life-threatening illnesses.

"The 15th birthday is a great way to kick off our first event in the Midlands," Board Chairwoman Kathleen Lee said.

Over the past 15 years, the Make-A-Wish Foundation has granted more than 800 wishes to children between ages 2 1/2 and 18.

Trips to Disney World, computers and meetings with celebrities are the top three wish requests, according to the Midlands' branch.

"Our wish potential would be that every child in South Carolina would know where we are and be referred to us," Lee said.

According to Lee, the foundation has experienced such rapid growth over the past 15 years that they need

to find additional ways to raise money, besides donations and sponsors.

"We never say 'no' to a child who requests a wish. One of the most important things is that we grow at a responsible rate so that the quality of a wish never suffers," she said.

Wishes are referred to Make-A-Wish by a child, parent, doctor or hospital social worker.

"We accept referrals, but we do not solicit

wishes," Lee said. According to Lee, soliciting families of sick children would dishearten the parents because they would essentially be admitting their child was dying.

"A referral basically says that the child suffering from a life-threatening illness may not make it to 18," she said.

Lee said the fund-raising concert is an awareness event for the public, as well as an effort to recruit

volunteers, known as "wish granters," into the foundation.

Through the concert, Lee said, the foundation is also hoping to foster relationships with local businesses to cover wish expenses.

"An average wish," she said, "typically costs around \$5,000," which includes the child's family.

"If a child wants to go to Disney World and has eight people in their family, all eight people go," Lee said.

By establishing close ties with businesses, Lee hopes the foundation will be able to cut the costs of expenses, such as plane tickets.

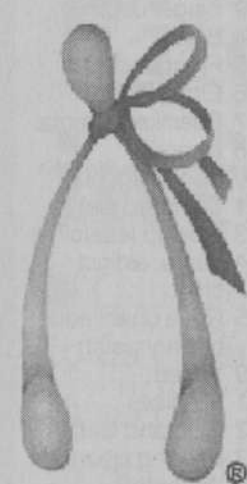
"Sometimes we have time to plan for a wish, but other times we have to act immediately, which makes plane tickets even more expensive."

Businesses can donate services in addition to money to help the foundation.

"We're really trying to push the idea that businesses can donate their services to the foundation," she said.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Saturday. Tickets can be purchased through the Township's ticket office (252-6530).

The spotlight desk can be reached at [gamecockspotlight@hotmail.com](mailto:gamecockspotlight@hotmail.com)



# MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

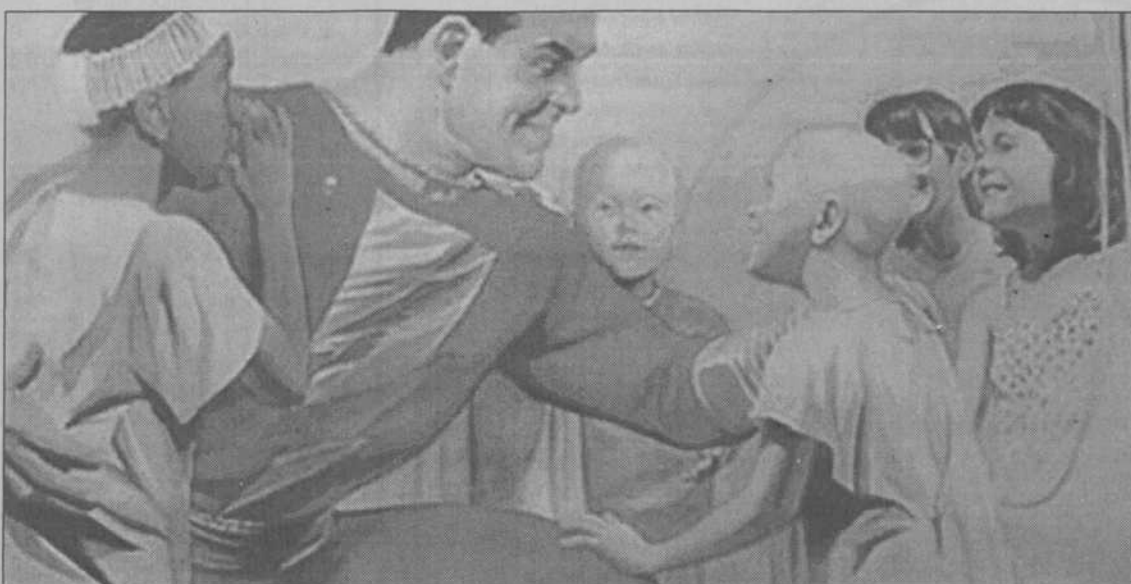


Illustration courtesy of Make-A-Wish Foundation

Musicians aren't the only ones who help the Make-a-Wish Foundation. In DC comics artist Alex Ross' latest work, *SHAZAM! Power of Hope*, Captain Marvel is challenged to use his powers to engage in a simple, life-changing act that real-life heroes undertake every day - granting wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses. The Make-a-Wish Foundation will be the beneficiary of an online auction of the original artwork, which began Monday at [www.alexrossauction.com](http://www.alexrossauction.com).

## THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

To ensure that wishes are granted to children in the United States with life-threatening medical conditions creating the probability the children will not survive beyond their 18th year. We accomplish this by chartering chapters and providing them with consistent policies, substantive resources, comprehensive training and wholehearted support. The Make-A-Wish Foundation of South Carolina is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to fulfill the favorite wish of any South Carolina child between the ages of 2-1/2 and 18 who suffers from a diagnosed life-threatening illness.

Courtesy of the Make-A-Wish Foundation

The following pictures were drawn by children who participated in the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



## COLUMBIA MOVIE DIRECTORY

CARMIKE WYNSONG 10  
5320 FOREST DRIVE  
82-8100

- Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (PG-13) 1:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
- Down to Earth (PG-13) 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:20
- Hannibal (R) 1:15, 1:45, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
- Left Behind: The Movie (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30
- The Mexican (R) 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:15, 9:30, 9:45
- Monkeybone (PG-13) 4:15, 10:00
- Recess: School's Out (G) 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 9:00
- See Spot Run (PG) 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

Sweet November (PG-3) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45  
Thirteen Days (PG-13) 1:00, 7:00

REGAL CINEMA 7  
RICHLAND MALL  
748-9044

- 3000 Miles to Graceland (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00
- Cast Away (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
- Chocolat (PG-13) 1:45, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
- Save the Last Dance (PG-3) 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:40
- Shadow of the Vampire (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:40, 10:05
- Traffic (R) 2:10, 5:10, 8:10
- The Wedding Planner (PG-3) 1:40, 4:40, 7:30, 9:45

DUTCH SQUARE 14  
800 BUSH RIVER ROAD  
750-3576

- 3000 Miles to Graceland (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00

Cast Away (PG-13) 1:10, 4:30, 8:00  
Chocolat (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40  
Double Take (PG-13) 1:50, 4:50, 7:30, 9:30  
Down to Earth (PG-13) 1:20, 4:30, 7:30, 9:40  
Hannibal (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00  
The Mexican (R) 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40  
Monkeybone (PG-13) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:30, 9:20  
Recess: School's Out (G) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:40  
Save the Last Dance (PG-13) 1:20, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50  
See Spot Run (PG) 1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:20  
Sweet November (PG-13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10  
Traffic (R) 1:00, 4:10, 7:50  
Valentine (R) 10:00  
The Wedding Planner (PG-13) 2:00, 4:50, 7:15, 9:30

CARMIKE CINEMAS 14  
NEXT TO COLUMBIANA CENTRE  
781-3576

- 3000 Miles to Graceland (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45
- Double Take (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:15
- The Family Man (PG-13) 1:15, 4:00, 7:15, 9:45
- Finding Forrester (PG-13) 1:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
- The Mexican (R) 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:15, 9:30, 9:45
- Miss Congeniality (PG-13) 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15
- Save the Last Dance (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
- Shadow of the Vampire (R) 1:30, 4:00, 7:15, 9:30
- Sugar and Spice (PG-13) 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:00
- Thirteen Days (PG-13) 1:00, 4:15, 7:30
- Traffic (R) 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
- The Wedding Planner (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30

Dracula 2000 (R) 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

COLUMBIANA GRANDE  
1250 BOWER PARKWAY  
407-9898

- Carman: The Champion (PG-13) 12:40, 2:40, 4:40, 7:35, 9:45
- Cast Away (PG-13) 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:55
- Chocolat (PG-13) 12:45, 3:35, 6:40, 9:10
- Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:05
- Down to Earth (PG-13) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 8:15, 10:15
- Hannibal (R) 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 9:50, 10:30
- Monkeybone (PG-13) 2:30, 5:15, 7:20, 9:40
- O Brother, Where Art Thou? (PG-13) 1:20, 3:45, 6:45, 9:15
- Quills (R) 1:35, 4:35, 7:25, 10:00
- Recess: School's Out (G) 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:00

See Spot Run (PG) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20  
Sweet November (PG-13) 2:15, 5:05, 7:55, 10:20  
What Women Want (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 6:50, 10:10

ST. ANDREWS ROAD  
527 ST. ANDREWS ROAD  
772-7469

- 102 Dalmatians (G) 2:00, 3:50, 5:40, 7:30
- Bounce (PG-13) 2:20, 6:15
- Charlie's Angels (PG-13) 2:25, 4:15, 6:10, 8:00
- Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas (PG) 2:10, 6:05
- Meet the Parents (PG-13) 4:05, 8:05
- Rugrats in Paris: The Movie (G) 2:35, 4:10, 5:45
- Unbreakable (PG-13) 4:20, 8:10
- Vertical Limit (PG-13) 7:25

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### FRIDAY, MARCH 9

- LIVE MUSIC**
- Alley Cafe Elaine Townsend
- Basement 3 Day Binge
- Bill's Music Shop Open Stage & Bluegrass Jam
- Billy G'S Darryl Gatlin
- Blue Martini Bye Bye Blue
- Crocodile Rocks Dueling Pianos
- Delaney's Frank Emerson
- Eddy Ho's True Blue
- Elbow Room Seven Nations
- Essence Jazz Club Sabor Latino Jazz
- Hemingway's Furious George
- Hollow Creek Acoustic Jam
- Hunter-Gatherer Slurr
- Jammin' Java The Pool Boys
- Icy's Lo Phat Ninjaz
- Legends The Bandits
- Mac's on Main Fatback & the Groove Band
- Merlin's Crow Jayne
- Monty P's Montage
- Monterrey Jack's Capital
- Mother McCree's King Hippo
- New Brookland Tavern Jennifer Nettles, Merrit Woods
- Roadrunners Break the Silence
- Roche Brothers Tom Dalziel
- Rock Etheridge & Kimplano Band
- Sandra's Keith Dominick Band
- Skyline Legend
- Sundance Blinding Sol, Jumbowood

- PERFORMING ARTS**
- Art Bar Art Bar Players
- Comedy House Theater Steven J. Moore
- Koger Center Columbia City Ballet in Don Quixote
- Old Mill Murder in the Vicarage
- Town Theatre The Rainmaker
- Trustus Theatre Lonesome West

- DANCE, DJs AND MISCELLANEOUS**
- Cowboy's DJ Don "Big Gun" McGeehan, Line Dancing Contest
- Cracker Jack's Carolina Beach & Shag Night
- Gertie's Sports Lounge Vikki's Karaoke
- Hideaway's Pool Tournament
- Mallards Retro Disco Night
- Metropolis Drag show (midnight-1a.m.), Dance Party (1a.m. to close)
- Momentum All Request Dance; Ladies Night
- Salsa Cabana Latin Night w/DJ

### SATURDAY, MARCH 10

- LIVE MUSIC**
- Alley Cafe Mia & Hoagy
- Basement Brooke Campbell
- Billy G's Radio Society
- Cowboy's T. Graham Brown
- Crocodile Rocks Dueling Pianos
- Delaney's Frank Emerson
- Decisions Gasoline Dream CD Release Party
- Eddy Ho's Pamela Dale & Better Thing
- Essence Jazz Club Special Live Jazz Appearance
- Hemingway's Tokyo Joe
- Hollow Creek Acoustic Jam
- Icy's Lo Phat Ninjaz
- Jammin' Java Roddy Dinsmore
- Legends The Bandits
- Mac's on Main William Boyd Jazz Project
- Merlin's Crow Jayne
- Monterrey Jack's Maywater Rum
- Mother McCree's The Fabulous Porkskins
- New Brookland Tavern Six Gig, Necroside, Lust Morde, Wretch, Scrap Yard Project, Against the Grain
- Roadrunners Break the Silence
- Sandra's Keith Dominick Band
- Skyline Legends
- Sundance Danielle Howle & the Tantrums, The Stelle Group
- Township Auditorium Edwin McCain, Lower Richland Community Gospel Choir, USC West African Drumming & Dance Ensemble
- Unitarian-Universalist Coffeehouse Ruthie Foster, Denise Franke
- Uncle Doctors Electric Wizard, Warhorse Lovefest, Enable Kain

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- Art Bar Barstool Philosophers
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- Koger Center Columbia City Ballet in Don Quixote
- Old Mill Murder at the Vicarage
- Town Theatre The Rainmaker
- Trustus Theatre Lonesome West, the We're Not Your Mother Players (late night)