

BRANDON

September 4 and 18

Crossgates Baptist Church is now offering an **Adoption and Foster Care Class** — to help families at every stage of the adoption and foster care process — on the first and third Wednesday of each month, at 6 p.m. in room 218. Offered a Bible study on the first Wednesday of each month from the book "All In" by Jason Johnson, and guest speakers will discuss adoption and foster care. Free admission. For more info, contact Chris Gray at christopher.gray1@yahoo.com.

September 28

Clarion Ledger will host **Food Truck Mash-Up** at Lakeshore Park at 112 Northshore



Parkway from 1:30–7 p.m. The best from all over Mississippi will compete for the title of Best Food Truck 2019! Live music, DJ, games, giveaways — and of course, vote for your favorite food truck. Leashed pets are welcome (please clean up after them). Ticket prices vary. Tickets and info are available at foodtruckmashup.usatoday.com.

JACKSON

September 3

Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi will host the **2019 Women of Distinction** fundraiser at the Westin Hotel downtown (407 S. Congress St.), with a reception and silent auction from 5:30–7 p.m. and dinner/program from 7–9 p.m. The program will honor six Laureates, women whose personal and professional accomplishments make them positive role models for our Girl Scouts: LaVerne Edney, Pelicia Hall, Jamie Planck Martin, Deanne Mosley, Sarah Bailey Thomas and Dr. Rhea Williams-Bishop. Tickets \$125. gsgms.org



September 7

The Mississippi Museum of Art will be holding an **Exhibition Opening Day** for its new exhibition *New Symphony of Time*. This event begins at 10 a.m. and will feature a host of activities such as Art and Coffee, art labs, literary readings, exhibition tours and a panel discussion with artist Rico Gatson and scholar RaShell Smith-Spears. Free admission. msmuseumart.org

September 7

Common Ground Covenant Church will host the fourth annual **Taste of West Jackson** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Claiborne Park (785 Claiborne Ave.). Local restaurants will compete to win your heart, your stomach and the judges! Music, space jumps and field games make it a blast for the whole family. Free admission. Food samples available and discounted food is sold. commongroundjxn.org



September 7

This year, **JXN Flea: Pop-Up Market + Party** will take place at The Ecoshed (133 Commerce Park Dr.) from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. This open-air flea market and food market features local vendors selling furniture, vintage clothing, antiques, collectibles, food and products from local artisans. bit.ly/jxn flea



September 7–8

The Mississippi Symphony Orchestra will present **Chamber I – Baroque**, an intimate concert at St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral downtown (305 E. Capital St.). MSO's longtime principal trumpet, Darcie Bishop, will lead a toe-tapping exploration of the Baroque period in Italy, Germany, England and France. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 3:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$23 (\$5 students/kids). msotickets.com

September 9

Mississippi Opera will present **Satchmo: Louis Armstrong Tribute** at Duling Hall. This event features trumpeter Kimble Funchess performing music composed by jazz artist Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; show begins at 7:30. Sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi. Tickets \$25. msopera.org

September 12

Operation Shoestring will host the annual concert **"Think: A Soulful Expression of**



Community" at the Mississippi Museum of Art (380 S. Lamar St.) from 7–10 p.m. Local music artists will perform songs by the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin. The concert also includes poetry, spoken word and interactive activities. Tickets \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. operationshoestring.org

September 14

As part of the seventh annual **National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children**, a memorial service will be held at 12:30 p.m. at the Mississippi State Capitol Building, South Steps. Jeanhee Kang, the cover story for the May issue of Mississippi Christian Living, will be our keynote speaker. Contact Laura Duran [601.956.8636](tel:601.956.8636) or plm@prolifemississippi.org for more info.



September 19

The Ballet Mississippi Guild is hosting **Ballet & Blues** at Hal and Mal's (200 Commerce St.) from 5:30–7:30 p.m. This inaugural fundraising event spotlights local blues artist Steven Johnson, the grandson of Robert Johnson, as well as Fred T. and the Band. The event also includes refreshments, live performances by a professional dancer from Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in New York, and a silent auction with items made by Mississippian artists. Tickets begin at \$40 and can be purchased at balletms.networkforgood.com.

September 19

The Mississippi Symphony Orchestra will perform its annual **Symphony at Sunset** at The Cedars (4145 Old Canton Rd.) at 7 p.m. The concert will include music from "Magnificent Seven," a tribute to Elvis Presley, compositions and arrangements by Henry Mancini, John Williams, the MSO's own Crafton Beck and more. Blankets, chairs and picnics welcome. For more info, contact Fondren Renaissance Foundation at [601.981.9606](tel:601.981.9606).

September 28

Wells United Methodist Church will host **WellsFest 2019** at Jamie Fowler Boyll Park (1398 Lakeland Drive) 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. The festival includes live music, a silent auction, children's activities and a 5K, plus food, coffee, arts and crafts and plants for sale. Proceeds from this year's WellsFest will benefit Extra Table, which exists to end hunger by providing new and healthy food to community pantries and soup kitchens. Free admission. wellschurch.org



silent auction and keynote speakers Robert St. John and Nelle Cohen. The organization honors Tom Kepner with the Bronze Key, the highest honor given by NCADD for work done in the field of alcohol and drug prevention, treatment and recovery. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets begin at \$50. ncadd70.com

September 19
OCRA's Ovarian Cycle®

Jackson event will be held at The Club at The Township. Riders can participate in one of five 45-minute time slots every hour from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is a \$50 registration fee to ride; ovarian cancer survivors ride for free. Attendees can register online at give.ocrahope.org, and registrants will receive an OCRA gift bag with complimentary items for the event, including a shirt and box lunch from Newk's Eatery.



September 24
Mission Mississippi will host its annual **Living Reconciled Celebration** at the Jackson Convention Complex. There will be a student

forum at 2:30 p.m. — all generations are encouraged to attend and watch — followed by a summit at 4 p.m. and banquet at 6:30. Tickets are \$100 and are available at missionmississippi.org/events. Students attend free.



YAZOO CITY
September 14

Yazoo Music Festival 2019 will be held at the Yazoo County Fairgrounds from 1 p.m. to midnight. Performers include Eden Brent, Epic Funk Brass Band, Charlie Mars and many more. Free admission. For more info, go to visityazoo.org or visit the event's Facebook page.

RIDGELAND

September 19

The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) of Central Mississippi will host its **70th Annual Celebration** at The Place at Harbour Pointe Crossing. The event will feature food, music, a



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