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August 1-4, 2019



Root for the Underdogs at the Opening Weekend of The Fairy Tale Misfits

Thursday, August 1 - August 11 | High Springs Playhouse
130 NE First Ave. High Springs, FL 32643

Follow the adventures of a girl, a talking groundhog, and a wonderful assortment of misfits who were cut from the fairy tales we all know and love. Join them as they travel through the Land of Rejected Fairy Tale Characters. Will the misfits be erased forever or will they find their own happily ever after?



Gather with Fellow Dead Heads at the 9th Annual Grateful Dead Meet-Up at the Movies

Thursday, August 1, 8:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. | Hippodrome Cinema
25 SE 2nd Pl., Gainesville, FL 32601

Grateful Dead fans and music aficionados, this one is for you. Enjoy the previously unreleased June 17, 1991 concert from Giants Stadium. This concert sounds unlike any Dead show as it was one of only two ever recorded on 48-track and is presented with video from the multi-camera live edit. This will be the first time the lineup of Bruce Hornsby and Vince Welnick appear on the big screen.



Sway to the Rhythm of Ska, Rocksteady and Reggae by The Duppies

Friday, August 2, 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. | Bo Diddley Plaza
Downtown Gainesville

Jump right into a musical night under the August sky with the rocksteady, reggae and ska rhythms of The Duppies. This high-energy, seven-piece band is a long time Gainesville musical best bet and they are ready to get the crowd feeling irie. Their sets include an attention getting rhythm section, horn solos, smooth vocals and streamed lined percussion.



It's Never Too Late for "Second Chances," A Musical Dramey of the Unexpected

Friday, August 2, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, August 3, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, August 4, 2 p.m. | Black Box Theatre, McGuire Pavilion
1800 McCarty Dr., Gainesville, FL 32603

For a one-of-kind experience, don't miss the world premiere of this original musical, written by University of Florida theatre faculty Dr. Judith Williams. Featuring Chance and Trevor, two up-and-coming musicians struggling to find balance between their dreams, family expectations and love interests.



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One More Weekend to see Million Dollar Quartet, the Toe-tapping Musical of the Summer

Final performances through August 4 | Hippodrome Theatre
25 SE 2nd Pl., Gainesville, FL 32601

Get ready to laugh, dance and sing! Four legends, one night and a whole lot of rock 'n' roll. Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley have one of the greatest jam sessions of all time in the TONY AWARD WINNING musical "Million Dollar Quartet." (Pictured: The cast of Million Dollar Quartet at the Hippodrome. Photo by Michael A. Eaddy.)



Sing Along to ABBA during the Last Weekend of Mamma Mia!

Final performances through August 4 | Gainesville Community Playhouse
4039 NW 16th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32605

ABBA's hits tell the sunny and funny tale of a young woman's search for her birth father on a Greek island paradise. The story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship, creating an unforgettable show. A large cast, non-stop laughs and explosive dance numbers combine to make Mamma Mia!

