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August 29 - September 1, 2019



See the Winner of Five Tony Awards during Opening Weekend of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*

On Stage Friday, August 30 – Sunday, September 22 | Hippodrome Theatre
25 SE 2nd Pl., Gainesville, FL 32601

Based on the best-selling book and the Tony Award winner for Best Play, “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time” is a powerful story that explores what it truly means to love and be loved.



Explore the Gainesville Art Scene on a Self-Guided Tour During Artwalk Gainesville

Friday, August 30, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. | Multiple Venues in Gainesville

Discover 19 local galleries and exhibit spaces during Artwalk Gainesville’s August event. Head to GFAA Gallery for the opening reception of the new exhibit “Music To Your Eyes.” Artwalk Gainesville is an exciting, fun way to experience the amazing wealth of creativity the Gainesville community has to offer. Be inspired by new artists and exhibit openings on this monthly self-guided art tour.



Rock Out to the Anthems of the 70’s with The Progressive Rock Experience

Friday, August 30, 8 p.m. – 10 p.m. | Bo Diddley Plaza
Downtown Gainesville

This crowd pleasing, family friendly band is back by popular demand. The playlist for the concert includes songs by Emerson, Lake and Palmer, Deep Purple, Genesis, Kansas, Styx, Head East, Supertramp, Uriah Heep, Eric Carmen/Raspberries and Elton John. This show is part of the Free Fridays Concert Series, the region’s longest-running and largest free outdoor concert series under the stars.



Learn and Listen to the Violin’s Larger Cousin at UF Viola Day at UF School of Music

Saturday, August 31, 2:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. | School of Music Room 101 (MUB 101)
435 Newell Dr., Gainesville, FL 32611

Events include a masterclass, large viola ensemble and recital with guest artist Katherine Lewis, UF faculty and Viola Day participants. The recital begins at 5:30 p.m.



Don’t Miss Great Florida Bands and Food Trucks at Back to School Fest

Saturday, August 31, 6 p.m. – 11 p.m. | Heartwood Soundstage
619 South Main St., Gainesville FL 32601

A back-to-school bash doesn’t get much better than this. Heartwood Soundstage gathered some of Florida’s top bands for your enjoyment. Catch King Complex, The Forum, Glass House Point, Driveaway, the Hairs, and flipturn. With food from Radha’s Kitchen, Dank Cakes, Charcoal Grill and briol.



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Go Beyond the Sidelines of Gator Sports with Senior Writers Scott Carter and Chris Harry during Gator Talk at Celebration Pointe

Thursday, August 29, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. | Miller's Ale House
2881 Bass Pro Shops Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32608

Get insight into the 2019 Gators Football season. Broadcast to 38 stations statewide, Gator Talk covers the latest Gator sports topics with fan interaction live on air.



Help Decide the Winner of an Epic Showdown at Battle of the Beasts: Crocs vs. Gators

Thursday, August 29, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Florida Museum of Natural History
3215 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611

Cheer on Florida Museum herpetologists Edward Stanley and David Blackburn as they debate crocodiles versus alligators and take part real-time voting to decide which reptile reigns supreme.



Bring the Kids to Two Days of Fun Activities at the Bass Pro Shops Labor Day Festival

Saturday, August 31, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. – Sunday, September 1, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. | Bass Pro Shops

2650 Bass Pro Shops Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32608

Saturday and Sunday afternoons will be fun-filled with free hotdogs, photo opportunities, face painting, games, activities and cooking seminars. After the festivities at Bass Pro Shops, explore shopping and dining options at Celebration Pointe.



Kicking Off at the Cade Museum: The Science & Inventions of Football

Starting September 4 | Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention
811 S Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601

See how inventions have transformed every aspect of the game from player training, and protective equipment, to on-field strategy, communications, and how the game is

