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September 5-8, 2019



Get Ready for a New Game Day Experience when Football Returns to The Swamp as the Gators host UT Martin

Saturday, September 7, 7:30 p.m. | Ben Hill Griffin Stadium
157 Gale Lemerand Dr., Gainesville, FL 32611

After a victory over Miami to start the 2019 season, the Gators host UT Martin for the first home game in The Swamp. Home game attendees can expect a tribute to Mr. Two Bits, The Chomp, tailgating in the Gator Walk Village, Tom Petty's "We Won't Back Down," new concessions options, revamped Gators Food Patio outside Gate 1 and an improved fan experience during the game.



Kickoff the Football Weekend with Food, Music and Fun Activities at Chomp The Block

Friday, September 6 | Celebration Pointe
4949 Celebration Pointe Ave., Gainesville, FL 32608

Enjoy live music by FAST LANE, delicious food, lawn games and kids' activities in the Promenade at Celebration Pointe.



Dance to Classic Rock Favorites from the Nancy Luca Band at the Free Fridays Concert Series

Friday, September 6, 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. | Bo Diddley Plaza
Downtown Gainesville

Don't miss this family friendly and rock-n-roll approved party on the plaza with just about all of your favorite classic rock tunes on the roster. The Nancy Luca Band returns to the Bo Diddley Plaza stage for this highly anticipated show. Nancy's in from California to rock out Free Fridays with her mix of classic rock covers and originals. This show is part of the Free Fridays Concert Series, the region's longest-running and largest free outdoor concert series under the stars.



Immerse Yourself in the Diversity of Brazilian Music with Bossa Nova, Forro and Samba at Brazilfest

Saturday, September 7, 6 p.m. - 11 p.m. | Heartwood Soundstage
619 S Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601

Celebrate Brazilian Independence Day with three incredible acts: Sander Pinheiro, Maca Reggae Samba, and Allied Capoeira. With special guests: Kenneth Metzker, Hermogenes Araujo, Edwin Carvalho and more. Brazilian food, vendors and art make this an immersive experience showcasing the talents of this area's Brazilian community.



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Salsa with Elio Piedra at Havana Nights

Friday, September 6, 10 p.m. – 1:30 a.m. | The Woolly
20 N Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601

Bring your passion and rhythm to the dance floor and move to the music of DJ Elio Piedra as he brings the fiesta to The Woolly. This dance party, brought to you by the Gator Salsa Club and the Gainesville Latino Film Festival, incorporates photo opportunities and a specialty drink to help keep the party going all night long. Dress spicy, bring your friends and get ready to cha-cha-cha.



Don't Miss the Opening Night of Tony-Award Winning Play, God of Carnage

On Stage 4 Times a Week through September 22 | Actors Warehouse
619 NE 1st St., Gainesville, FL 32601

Witness the dissection of interpersonal politics played to perfection at the Actors Warehouse portrayal of the Tony Award winning play, God of Carnage. A playground altercation between eleven-year-old boys brings together two sets of Brooklyn parents for a meeting to resolve the matter. At first, diplomatic niceties are observed but, as the meeting progresses, tensions emerge and the gloves come off, leaving the couples with more than just their liberal principles in tatters.



Get Inspired by the Midnight Hour - an 8 Piece Band led by founding member of A Tribe Called Quest Ali Shaheed Muhammad and Adrian Young

Sunday, September 8, 8 p.m. – 10 p.m. | Heartwood Soundstage
619 S. Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601

The Midnight Hour is an ode to the cultural sophistication of the Harlem Renaissance. It is a soul/jazz/hip hop compilation that continues the conversations started by yesterday's jazz and funk pioneers. The Midnight Hour is sophisticated hip hop capturing jazz rhythms and a full orchestra reminiscent of the maestros such as David Axelrod and Quincy Jones.



Watch High-Flying, Off-The-Wall Wrestling at the 3rd Annual Fest Wrestling Anniversary Bash

Sunday, September 8 | 8:08 Seconds
201 W University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601

Who Will Walk Away on Top? The wild 3rd birthday party for Fest Wrestling features big debuts and returning favorites including Saieve Al Sabah, Gymnasty Boys, G.R.I.T., Simon Grimm, Effy, Metro Brothers, Aerial Monroe, Diamante, CJ O' Doyle, Wolfe Taylor, Serpentico, Ken Kerbis and Treehouse Lee.

