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February 27 - March 1, 2020



Let Loose with the Godmother of Rock 'n' Roll at the Opening of Marie and Rosetta Now through March 22 | Hippodrome Theatre 25 SE 2nd Pl., Gainesville, FL 32601

This jubilant play gives you a fly-on-the-wall seat to the first rehearsal between the legendary Sister Rosetta Tharpe and her protégée, Marie Knight, on the eve of the tour that would establish them as one of the most important musical duos in American popular music. Both ladies will sing and play the songs made famous by Rosetta Tharpe as they tell this heartwarming story of faith, sisterhood and rock 'n' roll.



Explore the Gainesville Art Scene on a Self-Guided Tour during Artwalk Gainesville Friday, February 28, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. | Multiple Venues Downtown Gainesville

Be inspired by new art and exhibit openings on the monthly Artwalk Gainesville self-guided art tour. Discover 17 tour stops including a reception at the GFAA Gallery for SHE, a juried exhibition of African American artists at Double Exposure: Celebrating Gainesville's Past and Envisioning Its Future at 352ArtSpace and more.



Savor Southern Cuisine at Chef Empowerment's Black History Month Pop-up Friday, February 28, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Working Food 219 NW 10th Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601

Chef Empowerment's Underground Kitchen is partnering with Working Food and several locally black-owned businesses to host a southern buffet. Hors d'oeuvres served at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. Featuring blackened Florida catfish with creole aioli, baked mac and cheese, garlic green beans with locally grown roasted baby carrots, coconut cake, and more recipes to satisfy and delight.



Bring the Kids to the Interscholastic Equestrian Association Regional Finals Sunday, March 1, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Alachua County Agriculture and Equestrian Center 23100 W Newberry Rd., Newberry, FL 32669

Bring the whole family to the Alachua County Equestrian and Agricultural Center to watch top-notch middle school and high school teams compete to move onto nationals. All spectators are welcome with free admission for all ages.



Go on an Adventure with Aladdin during the City of Alachua's Movie in the Park Friday, February 28, 6:30 p.m. | Skinner Park 15100 NW 142nd Terr., Alachua, FL 32615

Looking for a great, family-friendly and free fun thing to do this weekend? If so, grab a chair or blanket, friends and family and head over to Skinner Park in downtown Alachua to watch Aladdin on the big screen.



Take a Walk on the Wild Side to View Rare and Endangered Species Saturday, February 29, 10 a.m. | Carson Springs Wildlife Conservation Foundation 8528 E CR 225, Gainesville, FL 32609

Take a Leap Day stroll through Carson Springs Wildlife Conservation during their Saturday educational walking tour by a professional zoologist. Learn about, and get up close to nearly 30 rare and endangered species and over 100 animals. No reservations are required for the 10 a.m. tour.



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Listen to Quality Blues during an Intimate Performance by Blues Challenge Finalist Ruth Wyand

**Sunday, March 1, 5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | The Music Box at Dos Mamas
3315 N Main Terr., Gainesville, FL 32609**

International Blues Challenge Finalist, Ruth Wyand & The Tribe of One is a one women band ready to impress. Her music is regarded as a must for serious blues fans. This is your chance to see this remarkably gifted musician in the intimate setting of The Music Box.



Feel Inspired by One of the Finest Wind Ensembles in the World Saturday, February 29, 7:30 p.m. | UF Phillips Center 3201 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611

The premier wind ensemble of The United States Navy Band presents a wide array of marches, patriotic selections, orchestral transcriptions and modern wind ensemble repertoire. This is your chance to attend a performance of the highly demanded Concert Band, at no charge. Admission is free but tickets are required.



Celebrate Good Times with Showtime Band at Playlist at The Pointe Friday, February 28, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. | Celebration Pointe 4949 Celebration Pointe Ave., Gainesville, FL 32608

It's time to come together at Celebration Pointe with good music, good food, and a good time during Playlist at the Pointe. The Showtime Band plays the hits from a variety of genres. Enjoy a little bit of country, rock, and soul in their free, family friendly, outdoor venue.



Chill, Shop and Enjoy Music and Skate Tricks at Bass and Bearings Pop Up Saturday, February 29, 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. | The Top Restaurant 30 N Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601

Enjoy a night with an urban, eclectic feel. The Top hosts a night market with live music and vendors selling art and apparel. Head into the parking lot out back for a late night skate jam with Samurai Skate Shop.



The Race is On! Feel the Excitement of BMX State Race Weekend Saturday, February 29, 11:15 a.m. Opening Ceremony, Sunday, March 1, 8:45 a.m. Parade Lap | High Springs BMX NW 2nd St., High Springs, FL 32643

Experience the energy and exhilaration of the USA BMX Florida Championship Series State Race Qualifier. Hundreds of riders, from ages 2 to 65 earn points to compete in the state championship. Whether you are a participant, spectator, sports photographer, or all of the above, no doubt you will enjoy the excitement of the BMX state race weekend.

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