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December 15-21, 2022



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Create Memories with Timeless Music, Glorious Dance and Beautiful Imagery as Dance Alive National Ballet Presents The Nutcracker

Saturday, December 17 - Sunday, December 18, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

UF Phillips Center | 3201 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611

The timeless classic, family-friendly ballet performance portrays the story of Clara and the Nutcracker Prince as they go on a magical journey to the Kingdom of Sweets for a regal show from the Sugar Plum Fairy.

City of Alachua and Dance Alive Present Nutcracker Under the Stars

Friday, December 16, 7 p.m. | Legacy Park Amphitheatre

15400 Peggy Rd, Alachua, FL 32615

Bring a chair and experience the magic of The Nutcracker from Amphitheatre at Legacy Park. Enjoy hot chocolate and popcorn while supplies last. Admission is free.

Enjoy Holiday Family Fun at the 6th Annual Christmas on the Square

Saturday, December 17, 6 p.m. | CountryWay Town Square

1739 SW NW 248 Terr., Newberry, FL 32669

Bring the family for holiday fun in Newberry with bounce houses, Santa, crafts, food, hot chocolate and holiday lights.

Celebrate the Holidays with Stage Performances at the Hippodrome Theatre Murder for Two Holiday Edition

No holiday season is complete without a trip to downtown Gainesville's holiday headquarters: the Hippodrome Theatre! The magic of the mainstage is just the start - the Hipp has festivities throughout the building including delicious specialty cocktails at the bar and stunning decorations throughout the building - making it the perfect destination for your holiday excursions with friends, co-workers, visiting guests and the entire family.

Murder for Two Holiday Edition Now through Friday, December 23

One of Hippodrome Theatre's most popular productions returns with a festive twist. One actor plays the investigator, the other plays all 13 suspects, and both play the piano throughout. This 'whodunit' is the perfect blend of music, mayhem, murder and mistletoe.

A Christmas Carol Now through Friday, December 23

Bah Humbug to dashing through the snow and sleigh rides in Florida. Staying true to the weighty themes of the original novel while delivering a gripping story, cheerful holiday music, and genuine laughs for the whole family, A Christmas Carol at the Hippodrome Theatre is one of Gainesville's favorite holiday traditions.



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Meet Local Artists and Makers and Stroll Through Charming High Springs at the Downtown High Springs Holiday Art Walk

Saturday, December 17, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. | Downtown High Springs

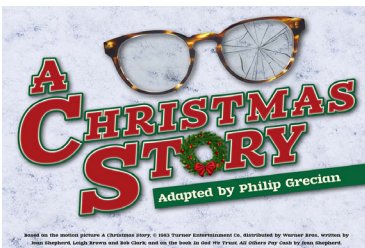
Lanza Gallery & Art Supplies features Patrice Boyes, painting local springs and waterways landscapes in palette knife and acrylic paint inside the gallery. After Art Walk, join Old Florida Vibes for the opening exhibit reception for at Good News Arts, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.



Watch the Sky Light Up at La Balooza Hot Air Balloon Festival

**Friday, December 16 – Saturday, December 17, 5 p.m. – 11 p.m. | Gainesville Raceway
11211 N CR 225, Gainesville, FL 32609**

Bring the family and enjoy roaming entertainers, live music and vendor market. Showing twice per night, the spectacular Night Glow and Laser Show features towering hot air balloons, lasers and pyrotechnics synchronized to high-energy music. Tethered balloon ride experiences are available for purchase.



See Holiday Movie Moments Come to Life at the Stage Adaptation of "A Christmas Story"

**Friday, December 2 – Sunday, December 18 | High Springs Playhouse
23416 W US Hwy. 27, High Springs, FL 32643**

Humorist Jean Shepherd's memoir of growing up in the midwest in the 1940s follows 9-year-old Ralphie Parker in his quest to get a genuine Red Ryder BB gun under the tree for Christmas. Moments from the movie take center stage including the boys' experiment with a wet tongue on a cold lamppost and Ralphie's father winning a lamp shaped like a woman's leg.



Hear 61-Bells Ring Out at a Florida Carillon Festival Performance

**Saturday, December 17, 6:15 p.m. | UF Century Tower
375 Newell Dr., Gainesville, FL 32611**

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, Century Tower is a 157-foot carillon tower in the center of the University of Florida campus featuring 61 bells. Guest artist Wim Ruitenbeek performs a variety of holiday music including a Ukrainian Christmas Medley and music from movies and popular hits.



Shop, Dine and Stroll at Holiday Night on Main Street Alachua

Saturday, December 17, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. | Main Street Alachua

Reserve a visit with Santa, enjoy live music from two stages, view a screening of The Santa Clause 3 and take a festive carriage ride.



Sing Along to Holiday Favorites at Christmas with the Currys

**Wednesday, December 21, 7 p.m. | Heartwood Soundstage
619 S Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Enjoy an outdoor concert on the lawn at Heartwood Soundstage. The Currys take the stage with their entertaining and high-energy renditions of seasonal songs.

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