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February 16-22, 2023



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Celebrate the Gainesville Orchestra's 40th Anniversary with Stravinsky's "Petroushka"

Friday, February 17, 7:30 p.m. | Santa Fe College Jackson N. Sasser Fine Arts Hall 3000 NW 83 St., E-127, Gainesville, FL 32606

Gainesville's professional orchestra celebrates 40 years with a Ruby Gala. Enjoy Stravinsky's sparkling and beloved folk suite "Petroushka" under the direction of maestro and conductor Evans Haile with special guest artists Kyle Driggs and Andrea Murillo from Cirque du Soleil, the Big Apple Circus, a special performance by violinist/composer Sonya Leonore Stahl, and other surprises. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County

Ride Off to an Awe-Inspiring Realm at Dance Alive National Ballet's Horse of a Different Color

Saturday, February 18, 7:30 p.m. | UF Philips Center 3201 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611

The Dance Alive National Ballet showcases its diversity and range with an exciting contemporary dance performance. The overarching theme of the performance is effortless diversity and features a variety of dance styles, choreographers, dancers, and cultures. During intermission, attendees can visit a representational version of "Ellis Island Museum" for a unique experience. The performance is followed by a talk with choreographers, designers, composers and dancers. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County

Visit Several of Gainesville's Premier Backyard Birding Habitats on the Self-Guided Backyard Birding Tour

Saturday, February 18 | Multiple Locations

The Backyard Birding Tour is Alachua Audubon's annual spring trip through a variety of bird-interesting backyards. Explore backyard birding habitats and find inspiration for your own backyard. Educational displays and bird experts will be at each tour stop to answer your questions. Learn how to attract diverse groups of birds inclusive of vegetation and water features. Tickets are available at Wild Birds Unlimited (4212 NW 16th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32605).

Discover Gainesville's Unique Artistic, Environmental and Civic Heritage at Sarah's Sweetwater Greenway Loop Festival

Thursday, February 16 - Monday, February 20 | Multiple Locations

Join a celebration connecting neighborhoods connected by nature and historic legacy. Each day of the festival focuses on specific neighborhoods with locations including The Cotton Club Museum and Cultural Center, Sweetwater Park, Matheson History Museum, Historic Pleasant Street and 5th Ave Neighborhoods, Cypress and Grove Brewing Company and more.



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Raise a Glass to 15 Years of Swamp Head Brewery Beers at Swamp Fest
Saturday, February 18, 12 p.m. – 12 a.m. | Swamp Head Brewery
3650 SW 42nd Ave., Gainesville, FL 32608

Happy birthday Swamp Head Brewery! Join the party with live music, food trucks, anniversary merch and more. Special collaboration beers with former Swamp Head brewmasters include Jasmine Orange Rice Lager, NEIPA with Mosaic and Citra Hops, Vanilla Pineapple Milkshake and BA Birthday Cake Stout.



Travel to the Hundred Acre Wood with Christopher Robin and Friends at Disney's Winnie the Pooh

Sunday, February 19, 2 p.m. | UF Phillips Center
3201 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611

Characters you know and love come to life in a beautifully crafted musical stage adaptation. This beautifully fresh stage variation is told with stunning life-sized puppetry in a new story from the Hundred Acre Wood. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County



Hear Rare American Folk Songs Performed A Capella at Black Pearl Sings
Thursday, February 16 – Sunday, February 19 | Star Center Theatre
11 NE 23rd Ave., Gainesville, FL 32609

When Susannah, a WPA song collector for the Library of Congress, overhears Pearl singing in a Texas prison, she pulls every string possible to introduce the woman with the silky voice and steely spirit to the world. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County



Celebrate Black History Month with Poetry, Live Music, Museum Exhibits and More
Yvonne Ferguson exhibition and Live Painting: African American Women in Art and Literature at A. Quinn Jones Museum & Cultural Center

Sunday, February 19, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Tribute to Freedom: A Celebration of Black History Concert at University Auditorium

Thursday, February 23, 7:20 p.m. – 9 p.m.

North Central Florida Blues Society's Blues on the Patio at A. Quinn Jones Museum & Cultural Center

Sunday, February 26, 7 p.m.

Now on View at the Harn Museum of Art: Posing Beauty in African American Culture at the Harn Museum of Art

Tuesdays – Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.,

Fridays – Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sundays, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

We're Tired of Asking: Black Thursday and Civil Rights at the University of Florida at the Matheson History Museum

Wednesdays – Saturdays, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Join Book Readings, Art Workshops, Film Screenings and More at Alachua County Library District Branch Locations

Now through February 28

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