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April 13-19, 2023



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**Cheer on Gators Football at the Orange & Blue Game
Thursday, April 13, 7:30 p.m. | Ben Hill Griffin Stadium
157 Gale Lernerand Dr, Gainesville, FL 32611**

The Orange and Blue game is the annual spring competition for the Florida Gators. The football players split into two teams, the orange team and the blue team, for an exciting gameday experience, complete with referees, the UF marching band and a stadium full of fans. Learn more at FloridaGators.com

**Explore the Poetry and the Spoken Word with Workshops, Events, Guest Speakers, Youth Activities and More at the Bard and BroadsidePoetry Festival
Thursday, April 13 - Sunday, April 16 | Multiple Venues**

Inspiration and motivation is just around the corner with the Bard and Broadside Poetry Festival. The schedule of events includes open mics, poetry workshops, Shakespeare in the Park and features John Murillo, author of the poetry collections, Up Jump the Boogie and Kontemporary Amerikan Poetry.

**Stamp Your Museum Nights Passport on a Super-Sized Block pARTY
Thursday, April 13, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. | UF Cultural Plaza
3259 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611**

Take part in art-making and educational activities at the Harn Museum of Art, Florida Museum of Natural History and UF Phillips Center. Pick up your event passport at the Information Tent, take free swag and join pop-up activities.

**Go Upstage at the Phillips Center with Love Canon for Reimagined Pop Hits
Friday, April 14, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. | UF Phillips Center
3201 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611**

Love Canon takes you back in time to the 1980's and 1990's with their acoustic-roots takes on electro pop classics from Peter Gabriel, Billy Joel, Depeche Mode and more.

**Find Your Way Through a Thrilling and Dramatic Storm with William Shakespeare's The Tempest
Friday, April 14 - Saturday, April 15, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | The Historic Thomas Center
302 NE 6th Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601**

See the story of Prospero, the betrayed Duke of Milan, and his quest for revenge. Using magic, Prospero shipwrecks the King of Naples and produces a self-aware play-within-a-play on a deserted island. Admission is free.

**Discover the Power of Poetry at The Poetics of Resistance
Friday, April 14, 7 p.m. | Matheson History Museum
513 E University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601**

As part of the Bard and Broadside Poetry Festival, join Alejandro Aguirre for a workshop exploring the place of poetry in response to a history of segregation. Admission is free with registration.



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The Gainesville Orchestra Presents Meredith Willson's The Music Man
Friday, April 14 - Saturday, April 15, 7:30 p.m.

Santa Fe College Jackson N. Sasser Fine Arts Hall
3000 NW 83rd St E-127, Gainesville, FL 32606

Winners of 5 Tony Awards, Meredith Willson's The Music Man enjoys a 60-year legacy of drawing crowds in a musical celebration of community. The Gainesville Orchestra welcomes guest Broadway artists collaborating with local actors to recreate the River City, Iowa setting. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County



Hipp Hopp Hooray! Join the Hippodrome Theatre for its 50th Birthday
Saturday, April 15, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. | Hippodrome Theatre

25 SE 2nd Pl., Gainesville, FL 32601

It's a birthday celebration and you're invited! Walk through the doors at "The Hipp" and celebrate the past, present and future. Explore each area of the theatre showcasing history, current programming and get a glimpse behind the inner workings of the Hippodrome. Join artists and community partners outside for a street celebration.



Explore the Zoo and Celebrate Earth Day at Party for the Planet: Spring into Action
Saturday, April 15 - Sunday, April 16, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo

3000 NW 83 St. Building Z, Gainesville, FL 32606

Find fun activities throughout the zoo including games, crafts, keeper talks, training demonstrations, animal encounters and more. Enjoy music by Elio Piedra and delicious food from Mayflower Food Truck on both days. Learn more and view the daily schedule online. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County



Experience a Crossover of Hip Hop, Street Culture and the Circus at The Big Sho'
Saturday, April 15, 3 p.m. - 2 a.m. | Celebrations Warehouse

317 NE 35 Ave., Gainesville, FL 32609

Explore the festival grounds for live music stages, circus stages, eclectic DJ sets, game booths, food vendors, fashion show, art installations and more. Parking around the event venue is limited and The Big Sho' recommends rideshare services or the Big Blue Bus providing trips from How Bazar in downtown Gainesville to the venue. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County



Expand Your Awareness of Florida's Most Important Natural Resource at The Water State Festival

Saturday, April 15, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. | Depot Park
874 SE 4th St., Gainesville, FL 32601

The water-themed festival features mermaids, arts and crafts vendors, outdoor experiences and equipment on display from adventure outfitters and live entertainment. During the festival, step inside the Cade Museum with free admission for The State of Water Juried Art Exhibition. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County

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