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April 6-12, 2023



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Celebrate the Influence of African Culture in Western Music at Afro Roots Fest
Friday, April 7, Workshop Times Vary | UF School of Theatre and Dance
1800 McCarty Dr., Gainesville, FL 32603
Saturday, April 8, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. | Bo Diddley Plaza
Downtown Gainesville

Afro Roots Fest originated 25 years ago in Miami and has evolved into a nearly two-month celebration taking place across the state.

On Friday, join musicians and experts for a series of song, dance and drum workshops at the University of Florida. Florida residents save 50% with code "FloridaResident" at bit.ly/ARFG2023. There will not be an option to register or pay on the day of the event.

Saturday's concert at Bo Diddley Plaza is FREE to the public and features Jacare Brazil, UF Afro Pop Ensemble, guest artist Titos Sompa and Odara Conjunto Folklorico. Learn more at www.afrorootsfest.com

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Learn About Freshwater Springs at the Annual Springs Celebration and Olé Chili Cookoff

Saturday, April 8, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. | O'Leno State Park
410 SE Oleno Park Rd., High Springs, FL 32643

Gather along the Santa Fe River to celebrate the springs and learn how to protect them. Enjoy live music featuring The Weeds of Eden, kids activities, art and craft vendors and environmental exhibits. Starting at 12:30 p.m., test the chili recipes from the Casi-sanctioned Chili Cookoff with a \$7 donation and vote for your favorite. Park admission is waived with the donation of a canned good to benefit a local food bank.



Take a Florida Vacation with Magic, Music and Movement at Danscompany's State of Wonder and 40th Anniversary Spring Concert

Saturday, April 8, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. | UF Phillips Center
3201 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611

The 40th Spring Concert features jazz, lyrical and hiphop dances premiering alongside the show State of Wonder, highlighting Florida nature and wildlife. Join a fictional journey with a young Marj who explores a magical world inspired by the works of activist and author Marjory Stoneman Douglas.

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Dance to Your Own Groove at Jazz on the Green with Gruv Therapy
Saturday, April 8, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Celebration Pointe
4949 Celebration Pointe Ave., Gainesville, FL 32608

The Gruv Therapy band blends jazz, R&B and instrumental funk. As the sun sets, spread a blanket or pull up a chair and enjoy live music on the promenade. Enjoy food, drinks and sweet treats from restaurants.



Race to Overcome Obstacles at Savage Race
Saturday, April 8, 9 a.m. | Rembert Farms
13014 NW 174th Ave., Alachua, FL 32615

Registration includes custom medals, action photos, a finish-line beer or beverage and more. The Gainesville Savage Race features the industry-leading obstacle course, a shorter Savage Blitz, a Savage Jr course and divisions for SavagePRO competitors. Want to cheer on Savage Racers? Click here for spectator passes. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County



Rock Out with Up-and-Coming Musicians at the Live and Local Concert Series Teen Band Showcase
Friday, April 7, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Bo Diddley Plaza
Downtown Gainesville

The outdoor music showcase features rising local talent including Breakfast For Dinner, Princess Charming, Amarissa Nicole, Amber Mackenzie, Grant Gravlee, venturé, PRIZILLA, JaydaDrums, Wyatt Johnson, Idiots Anonymous, Madi Wallace and Buboy. Admission is free.



See a Murder Mystery Unfold at the Stage Production of Death By Chocolate
Thursday, April 7 - Sunday, April 30, High Springs Playhouse
23416 W US Hwy 27, High Springs, FL 32643

Members of the newly renovated Meadowbrook Health Resort are dropping like flies, including famed chef Edith Chiles. It's up to John Stone, the manager, to find the cause and the murderer. Delightfully sarcastic and cynical, Stone finds himself teaming up with mystery writer and amateur sleuth Ed Parlor in a wacky race against time. The clues point to a sinister box of chocolates, and the suspects include all the outlandish characters working for the resort.

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