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August 24-30, 2023



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**Tee Up Live Music on the Golf Course with Zac Petty at Groovin' on the Green
Saturday, August 26, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. | Ironwood Golf Course
2011 NE 39th Ave., Gainesville, FL 32609**

Singer-songwriter Zac Petty performs the first concert at Ironwood Golf Course. Relax on the patio with food and drink specials and even take a swing at the driving range that lights up at night. Admission is free.



**Spread Your Wings with the World's Largest Bats at Baturdays of Summer
Saturday, August 26, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Lubee Bat Conservancy
1309 NW 192nd Ave., Gainesville, FL 32609**

Take part in a rare opportunity to tour Lubee Bat Conservancy at the inaugural Baturdays of Summer. Lubee Bat Conservancy is the global leader in fruit bat care and is the only bat conservation organization that houses endangered bats while maintaining active conservation and education programs. Speak with bat experts and learn about a misunderstood mammal in a small event setting. Advance tickets are limited and are only available online, tickets are not sold at the gate.



**View Unique Folk Art from Panhandle Slim at the Hippodrome Theatre
Art Gallery**

**Artwalk Reception: Friday, August 25, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
On view through October 1 | Hippodrome Theatre Gallery
25 SE 2nd Pl., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Panhandle Slim's work is a testament to his ethos of crafting "ART for FOLK." He draws inspiration from musicians, infusing their lyrics and essence into his art. Using found objects like boards, signs, and thrifted paintings, Slim transforms discarded items into captivating pieces that find new beauty in unexpected places. Meet Panhandle Slim on Thursday, browse works a day early and bring your favorites home:

Panhandle Slim Pop-Up Sale on the Steps of the Hippodrome
Thursday, August 24, 5 p.m.



**Rock Out at the Final Free Fridays Concert of the Season with a Fest 21 Showcase
Friday, August 25, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. | Bo Diddley Plaza
Downtown Gainesville**

The region's largest and longest-running free outdoor concert series concludes this year with rock and punk bands Flagman, The Real You and Off Day. Enjoy food and drinks from nearby cafes and restaurants within walking distance. Admission is free.



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Take a Self-Guided Tour of the Local Art Scene at Artwalk Gainesville Friday, August 25, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. | Multiple Venues

Artwalk Gainesville features 13 venues in August. Interact with ERAS, the paint-pouring robot at Paint By Motors. Weave together fiber art and multimedia with Rebecca Welch at The AUK Market. View Penguins in Antarctica, digital photography and collage by Ani Collier at Black C Art. Preview venues and download a map online. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County



View Combinations of Disciplines at the Opening Reception of the GFAA Exhibit Co-Creation

**Friday, August 25, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. | GFAA Gallery
1314 S Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

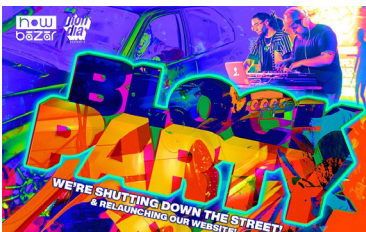
Start your Artwalk Gainesville tour with a visit to Gainesville Fine Arts Association, celebrating 100 years in 2023. The Co-Creation exhibit features collaborative works created from multiple artists of varying disciplines. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County



Dress Up as Your Favorite Character at Fandomonium

**Saturday, August 26, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Alachua County Library District Headquarters
401 E University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601**

The all-ages fan convention returns to the headquarters library with guest speaker and voice actor Kevin Thelwell, panels, games, costume contest, Pokémon GO meet-up, trivia and more. View event details and the schedule for the day online. Admission is free.



Take the Party to the Street at the How Bazar Block Party

**Friday, August 25, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m. | How Bazar
60 SW SE 2nd St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

How Bazar takes over SE 2nd St. with three performance stages, a hip hop dance battle, skate competition with Samurai Skate Shop, food truck rally, artisan market and more.



Make New Furry Friends at the Back-to-School Farmers Moo-ket

**Sunday, August 27, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. | Critter Creek Farm Sanctuary
12626 NW CR 231, Gainesville, FL 32609**

Critter Creek Farm Sanctuary is the largest cow sanctuary in the US that also provides a home for pigs, donkeys and water buffalo. Browse vegan vendors and enjoy plant-based foods while visiting the critters.

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