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November 16-22, 2023



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Stroll Through the Brick-Lined Music-Filled Streets of Downtown Gainesville Browsing Over 200 Artists at the 42nd Annual Downtown Festival and Art Show Saturday, November 18 – Sunday, November 19, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Downtown Gainesville

In addition to featuring artwork and crafts from over 200 regional and national artists, this year's Downtown Gainesville Festival and Art Show presents 100 plus bands for two days of all out entertainment. Notable performances include Hurray for the Riff Raff, Mama's Broke, a MusicGNV showcase at The Bull and Gainesville Circus Center.

Enjoy diverse menus from food vendors and local restaurants, plus explore fun activities to keep the kids engaged and entertained. Preview artists, view the performance schedule and plan your festival visit at www.gainesvilledowntownartfest.net

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Connect with the Magnificently Macabre and Hilarious Addams Family at the Opening Weekend of The Addams Family – A New Musical Comedy Friday, November 17 – Sunday, December 10 | Gainesville Community Playhouse 4039 NW 16th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32605

In The Addams Family, America's darkest family comes to life in a musical about love, family, honesty and growing up. Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, falls in love and families are put to the test as the Addams host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

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Fall for Festival Fun at the Newberry Main Street 2023 Fall Festival Saturday, November 18, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Downtown Historic Newberry

Browse over 150 vendors and enjoy live music, arts and crafts and food trucks. Live entertainment continues all day with a live kids show and children's activities. Visit Admission is free.

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Find Festive Cheer with Music of the Winter Holidays at "Songs of the Season" Friday, November 17, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. | Jackson N. Sasser Fine Arts Hall 3000 NW 83rd St. E-127, Gainesville, FL 32606

The Gainesville Youth Chorus Concert Choir and Concertina Choir join the Santa Fe Singers to celebrate the music of Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and more. The musically diverse program includes classical choral music, Hebrew folksongs and popular music.



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Be Dazzled by Awe-Inspiring Performances at A Magical Cirque Christmas
Sunday, November 19, 6 p.m. | UF Phillips Center
3201 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611

Celebrate the season with a variety show full of holiday cheer, nostalgia and riveting performances paired with music. The talented roster includes 4-time American Ninja Warrior Leilei Noone, high-flying aerialists Maryna Tkachenko and Anastasia Kornieieva, award-winning choreographer and contortionist Mary Pat Letourneau, 4th-generation circus performer Christopher Stoinev and more.



Open the Doors to Smaller Living at the Florida Tiny House Festival
Saturday, November 18 – Sunday, November 19, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Gainesville Raceway
11211 N CR 225, Gainesville, FL 32609

Get up close to tiny houses, skoolie bus conversions, vardo wagons, van conversions and other types of small homes. Learn about the tiny living lifestyle and make connections with builders, homeowners and experts from the community.



Raise a Glass to the Holiday Season at First Magnitude's 'Tis the Season Holiday Kick-off Party
Friday, November 17, 6 p.m. | First Magnitude Brewing Company
1220 SE Veitch St., Gainesville, FL 32601

First Magnitude Brewing Company kicks off the season with a beer garden decked with twinkle lights, fire pits and heaters. Special holiday-themed beer releases include 2 Barrel-Aged Imperial Stout bottles and the annual Spruce Juicy IPA with Spruce Tips in cans. Enjoy live music from Ruckus, brand new holiday merch and tasty menus from Cheffrey's and Vegan Gator.



Share an Evening of Chicago Blues with Guitarist Lurrie Bell
Sunday, November 19, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Heartwood Soundstage
619 S Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601

Lurrie Bell began playing guitar at the age of 6 and made his recording debut on his father's album in 1977. He received a Blues Music Award in 2014 and was nominated for a Grammy Award in 2016. He is joined on stage by Chicago blues heavyweights: Steve Bell on harmonica, Lenny Media on drums and Danny "Smoke" O'Connor on bass.

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