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## January 11-17, 2024



### Be Informed.

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### Be Swept Away by the Orchestration of the First Concerto of the Year from the Gainesville Orchestra

**Friday, January 12, 7:30 p.m. | Santa Fe College Jackson N Sasser Fine Arts Hall  
3000 NW 83rd St., Gainesville, FL 32606**

The Gainesville Orchestra kicks off 2024 with Johann Strauss, Ravel's dancing "La valse," Mahler's stunning "Adagietto" and a debut by Sarah Park and Brett Ochoa of The Gainesville Orchestra Youth Concerto Competition. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County

### Stay Healthy on an Ecologist-led, Family-friendly hike at Turkey Creek Preserve

**Saturday, January 13, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. | Turkey Creek Preserve  
6300 NW 93rd Ave., Gainesville, FL 32653**

January is "National Staying Healthy Month," and the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department hosts an ecologist-led, family-friendly, healthy hike at the Turkey Creek Preserve. Environmental expert and talented wildlife photographer Michael Drummond leads the hike, accompanied by several members of the ACEPD staff. Admission is free.

### Cheer on Gators Gymnastics with a Quad Meet Season Opener

**Friday, January 12, 6:45 p.m. | Exactech Arena  
250 Gale Lemerand Dr., Gainesville, FL 32611**

Four teams compete as pre-season #2 Gators Gymnastics host Fisk, George Washington and Talladega. Bring the entire family to dance along to musical routines and cheer on amazing athletes.

### Savor a Winter Menu from Chef Clay Conley at the Swallowtail Farm Dining Experience

**Saturday, January 13, 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. | Swallowtail Farm  
7301 SE 92nd Terr., Gainesville, FL 32641**

A 4-time James Beard semifinalist for Best Chef: South, Chef Clay has brought fine dining to new heights in Palm Beach with three distinctive restaurants - Buccan, Imoto, and Grato. Farm dinners are unique experiences and are all-inclusive with an open bar, farm tours, multi-course dinner and live music.

### Enjoy an Afternoon of Jazz with the Darren Burgess Jazz Collective

**Saturday, January 13, 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. | Matheson History Museum  
513 E University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601**

The Darren Burgess Jazz Collective, featuring Patricia Markoch on vocals and Rafael Abdalla on bass, perform on the front porch of the historic Sarah Matheson House. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy jazz standards from the American songbook. Admission is free.



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**Honor the Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. with community celebrations.**

**Stephan P. Mickle Jazz Concert with Gruv Therapy at Bo Diddley Plaza  
Friday, January 12, 7 p.m.**

**Florida Carillon Concert with Guest Carillonneur Koen Van Assche and Music by African American Composers or Singers at UF Century Tower  
Saturday, January 13, 6:15 p.m.**

**MLK Stage Play Walk Don't Ride at Star Centre Theatre  
Sunday, January 13, 7 p.m.**

### **Alachua**

**Monday, January 15, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Join the celebration at Cleather H Hathcock Sr. Community Center (15818 NW 140th St., Alachua, FL 32615) for a performance by 1000 Voices of Florida and special guest speaker Adrian Peterson.

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### **Gainesville**

**MLK Hall of Fame Enshrinement Program in Downtown Gainesville  
Monday, January 15, 11 a.m.**

**MLK National Holiday Parade from Downtown Gainesville to Citizens Field  
Monday, January 15, 12 p.m.**

**National Holiday Celebration at Citizens Field**

**Monday, January 15, 1 p.m.**

**Join guest speakers and a performance from Little Jake and the Soul Searchers.**

### **Micanopy**

**Monday, January, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**The celebration begins at 10 a.m. at the Willie Mae Stokes Community center and guest speaker Charles "Chuck" Chestnut, IV.**

### **Newberry**

**Monday, January 15, 11 a.m.**

The day kicks off with a celebratory march, starting at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center (25515 NW 6th Ave., Newberry, FL 32669) at 11 am. The Newberry Fire Department leads a meaningful journey to Mentholee Norfleet Municipal Building (25420 W Newberry Rd., Newberry, FL 32669).

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