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January 18-24, 2024





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Play All Day to the Vibes of an Indie Sonic Wonderland with the Playground Music and Arts Festival

Saturday, January 20, 1 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. | Heartwood Soundstage 619 S Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601

Flipturn and Indie Live present 11 bands across two stages. Enjoy music from Liz Cooper, Trash Panda, The Brazen Youth and more.

Heartwood Soundstage is a state-of-the-art recording studio, music venue, production house and event space in Gainesville, Florida.



Follow the Heartwarming Story of Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy at the Regional Premiere of Little Women

Friday, January 19 – Sunday, February 4 | Acrosstown Repertory Theatre 3501 SW 2nd Ave., Suite O, Gainesville, FL 32607

The stage adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's classic novel, Little Women features actors using items found in their attic to recreate scenes of love, loss and the glowing warmth of the March family hearth.



Discover the Sounds of Faith and Resilience with a Moving Musical Performance by the American Spiritual Ensemble Thursday, January 18 | UF Phillips Center 3201 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611

Founded in 1995, American Spiritual Ensemble preserves the music of American slave spirituals, keeping the art form alive through their moving and powerful performances. The chorale is made up of some of the finest classically trained soloists in the United States who have sung in opera houses and theatres around the world.



Embark on a Creative Journey: Afrofuturism Week Celebrates Surrealism, Fantasy and Black Diasporic Expression

Now through Thursday, January 25 | Multiple Venues

Migration in Film: Neptune Frost with Musical Performance by History Dog at UF Innovate | The Hub

Thursday, January 18, 6 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Veiled, Hooded and Hidden Exhibit at GFAA

Friday, January 19, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Visiting Artist Wayne Hodge at UF Little Hall

Tuesday, January 23, 6:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Art After Dark Afrofuturism Celebration Featuring an Surrealism Exhibition, Music by Sound Artist Quincy Osborne and a Futurist Fashion Show with Costume Party at the Harn Museum of Art

Thursday, January 25, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.







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Sip and Shop with Live Music All Night at the Sunshine Music and Arts Fest Friday, January 19, 6 p.m. – 11 p.m. | First Magnitude Brewing Company 1220 SE Veitch St., Gainesville, FL 32601

Join First Magnitude Brewing Company for a fun Friday evening with craft beer, craft vendors and live music. Browse art, jewelry, clothing and food from over 30 vendors. Enjoy unique menus from Big Rascal BBQ Roadster and Frenchmen Street Food. The band lineup features indie rock and singer-songwriters Prizilla, Speakeasy, Trustfall, Ricky Kendall and Bessie. Admission is free.



Learn About the Importance of Planting New Trees at Florida's Arbor Day Celebration

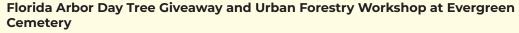
Friday, January 19, 1 p.m. | Wilson Robinson Park 13975 SW 174th St., Archer, FL 32618

National Arbor Day takes place in April, but Florida celebrates Arbor Day in January as most trees are dormant and can be transplanted with minimal stress. Local events include tree plantings and educational workshops.

The Alachua County Arboriculture Program invites the public to learn about Alachua County's tree planting and preservation programs and how to plant and care for young trees.

Florida Arbor Day Planting with Alachua Conservation Trust and Springs Artist Margaret Tolbert at Santa Fe Springs Preserve

Friday, January 19, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.



Saturday, January 20, 1 p.m.



Look Up to the Skies at Stargazing at Paynes Prairie Saturday, January 20, 5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park Hickory Ranch

9300 SE CR 234, Micanopy, FL 32667

Join the Alachua Astronomy Club and go Stargazing at Paynes Prairie. Learn about the stars and planets with a range of telescopes. Bring chairs/blankets to relax and enjoy food trucks and live music.



Find Inspiration and Joy with the Dynamic Dance Ensemble: Parsons Dance Tuesday, January 23, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. | UF Phillips Center 3201 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611

Artistic director David Parsons has shared his gifts of movement and choreography for over 30 years. Skilled and passionate dancers form one of the world's leading companies, Parsons Dance.

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