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February 22-28, 2024



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New at the Gainesville Raceway – Get Revved Up for the 60th Anniversary of the Ford Mustang at the NRMA Spring Break Shootout Friday, February 23 – Sunday, February 25 | Gainesville Raceway 11211 N CR 225, Gainesville, FL 32609

For the first time in the NMRA history, the Ford Nationals race and weekend long expo comes to the Gainesville Raceway. The NMRA Spring Break Shootout is the ultimate all-Ford motorsport series featuring heads-up & wheels-up drag racing, huge car & truck shows, giant midways, celebrities and more! Explore the midway for mustang gear and cool parts at the swap meet. New 2024 Mustangs storm the drag strip at the S650 Mustang Stampede.

Saturday is the big day combining drag racing with drifting, freestyle motocross stunts, flame-throwing jet cars, NMRA fan experience, the World's Largest Bigfoot monster truck and more. Kids under the age of 12 get in free.



Celebrate 7 Years of Music at Heartwood Soundstage with a 42 Band Line Up. All Music Lovers Invited. Kids and Students Rock Free at Heartwood Music Fest

**Friday, February 23 – Sunday, February 25 | Heartwood Soundstage
619 S Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Keeping the Alachua County tradition of being the fertile ground of music and innovation, Heartwood Soundstage celebrates music and music lovers with Heartwood Music Fest, and epic 3 days featuring more than 40 bands on outdoor and indoor stages. Enjoy vendors, food trucks and free entry for students. Find more festival details and VIP tickets online.



Be Uplifted with Dance and Music from Ladysmith Black Mambazo Tuesday, February 27, 7:30 p.m. | UF Phillips Center 3201 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611

Ladysmith Black Mambazo has celebrated more than 60 years of joyous and uplifting melodies. Within this music are the intricate rhythms and harmonies of their native South African traditions. The a cappella vocal group has created a spirit that has touched a worldwide audience and garnered praise and accolades from a wide body of people, organizations, and countries.



Load Up the Car for a Fun Family Festival at the Grand Opening of the Newest Okito America Location in Alachua

**Saturday, February 24, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. | San Felasco Tech City
13900 Tech City Circle, Alachua, FL 32615**

Okito America is a family fitness center hosting martial arts classes, after-school programs and day camps. Join Okito America martial arts for all ages as they celebrate the grand opening of their 3rd location in San Felasco Tech City. Enjoy family-friendly fun including carnival games, raffle prizes, balloon animals, face painting and more. Food vendors include Vegan Gator, Cosmic S Kettle Creations, Acho Que Jaltera Puerto Rican Food and more.



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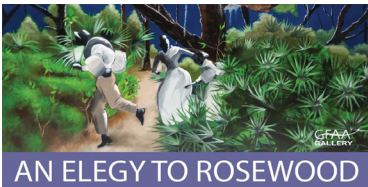
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Hop Between Galleries and Art Studios to View the Vibrant Local Art Scene at Artwalk Gainesville

Friday, February 23, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. | Multiple Locations

February's self-guided Artwalk Gainesville features 17 locations around Gainesville. Limelight celebrates its grand opening with art from Kazidelicious and Celino Dimitroff with music by Same Star Music. Bingo Deli and Pub presents photography/mixed media by Michelle Nagri. Black C Art hosts the art experience No Art, No Wine, No Piano portraying a once beautiful Antarctic landscape polluted with plastics.

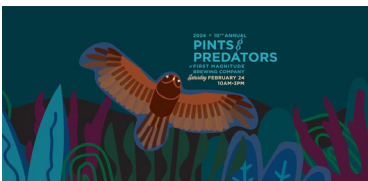


Reflect on a Meaningful Exhibit of Remembrance at Gainesville Fine Arts Association's Opening Reception for An Elegy to Rosewood

**Friday, February 23, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. | Gainesville Fine Arts Association
1314 S Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

See photographs and art and learn the story of the Rosewood Massacre 100 years ago. This exhibition was created in collaboration with The Real Rosewood Foundation with materials developed by the Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum in Miami. Archival images, artifacts, personal reflections and original artwork create a meaningful exhibit of remembrance. Live music and hors d'oeuvres will be available.

Image: Hope Prevails (detail), Pedro Jermaine



Do It for the Birds! Learn About Local Wildlife and Birds of Prey at Pints and Predators

**Saturday, February 24 | First Magnitude Brewing Company
1220 SE Veitch St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Meet the local wildlife rehabilitation community at this educational festival featuring birds of prey, creatures of the night and more. See ambassador birds like the Bald Eagle, Barred Owl and nocturnal creatures like the opossum and bats. Enjoy the special beer release of "Stay Wild" and food trucks onsite.



Experience Cultures from Around the World at Culturs Festival

**Saturday, February 24, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. | How Bazar
60 SW 2nd St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Enjoy a night of multicultural art, dance and food for Gainesville's first "Multicultural Day" at the Culturs Festival. In partnership with the global multicultural magazine Culturs, this festival is the featured event of the "Embrace the Hyphen" campaign. Experience cultures from around the world with a lineup of performances, live artists and international cuisines. Admission is free.

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