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February 8-14, 2024



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Dance Alive National Ballet Presents Love in the Swamp Saturday February 10, 7:30 p.m. | UF Phillips Center 3201 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611

Just in time for Valentine's Day, Love in the Swamp is a treat for the senses, an artistic love letter to Alachua County. Get ready for a layered experience combining elegant choreography, poetry and stunning visuals. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County



Follow the Leaps and Bounds of High-Flying Trapeze Artists at the Street Circus Spectacular

**Saturday, February 10, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. | Gainesville Circus Center
1925 Northwest 2nd St., Gainesville, FL 32609**

Back for a second year, The Dragon Fliers soar through the air from an outdoor stage creating an exciting street circus performance. The fun continues inside the Gainesville Circus Center with aerial acrobatics. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County



Connect with Hands-on Museum and Science Activities at Girls Do Science Saturday, February 10, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Florida Museum of Natural History 3215 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611

In celebration of International Women and Girls in Science Day, the Florida Museum hosts a day full of activities and conversation with a variety of scientists. Hands-on learning includes DNA extraction with the McGuire Center for Lepidoptera & Biodiversity, explore pollination up close with the Ordway Lab of Ecosystem Conservation, take part in a bone chemistry laboratory with UF Department of Anthropology and more. Admission is free.



Jazz it Up with Someone Special at Gainesville Big Band's "Love is in the Air" Concert

**Sunday, February 11, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. | Meizon Church
3411 NW 83rd St., Gainesville, FL 32606**

Gainesville Big Band's curated Valentine's Day-themed concert features classic jazz standards and modern hits showcasing the band's diverse musical talents. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County



Hear the 61 Bells in UF Century Tower Ring Out at the UF Carillon Festival Friday, February 9, 6:15 p.m., Saturday, February 10, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. UF Century Tower | 375 Newell Dr., Gainesville, FL 32611

Join a celebration of the carillon during the 2024 UF School of Music Carillon Conference. Friday night's performance features a world premiere of new work performed by Wade FitzGerald. Saturday features UF Carillon Studio alumni followed by a lecture and discussion. Annie Gao, Bok Tower Blanchard Carillon Fellow concludes the festival. Admission is free.



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Enjoy Mimosas, Treats and Artistic Gifts with the Artisans' Guild Valentine and Galentine Celebration

**Sunday, February 11, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. | Artisans' Guild Gallery
227 NW 2nd Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Browse the art gallery with refreshments. Meet artists Linda Pence and Trude Spillane on the porch with an assortment of gift-sized paintings.



Enjoy Jazz from the Outdoor Stage with Joe Breidenstine Quintet at Jazz on the Green

**Saturday, February 10, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Celebration Pointe
4949 SW Celebration Point Ave., Gainesville, FL 32608**

Trumpeter Joe Breidenstine has performed around the world. Some of his most memorable performances have been with Lou Rawls, Tito Puente, Jon Faddis, George Benson, David "fathead" Newman and many others. As the sun sets, spread a blanket or pull up a chair and enjoy live music on the promenade. Kick back with food, drinks and sweet treats from nearby restaurants.



Take Aim for New Skills with Archery Classes at Cuscowilla Nature and Retreat Center

**Saturday, February 10, 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Cuscowilla Nature and Retreat Center
210 SE 134 Ave., Micanopy, FL 32667**

Cuscowilla Nature and Retreat Center kicks off its Introduction to Archery class. Instruction is aimed for those who want to try out the sport or simply hone their skills, while getting a better understanding of equipment and safety.



7 Fun Ways to Celebrate Love and Friendship on Valentine's Day

Find inspiration to surprise your special someone with our comprehensive guide to Valentine's Day in Gainesville and Alachua County featuring delicious dining, gift markets, themed events and more at VisitGainesville.com/valentines



Celebrate Black History and Culture Throughout Black History Month with Guest Speakers, Performances, Exhibits and More

Museum Nights: Vibrant Africa at the Harn Museum of Art

Thursday, February 8, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Name, Image, and Blackness: Race and College Football with Dr. Leonard N. Moore at UF Smathers Library

Thursday, February 15, 4 p.m.

City of Hope: Mobilizing Communities with Dr. Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons, Ph.D. at A. Quinn Jones Museum and Cultural Center

Thursday, February 15, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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