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**March 7-13, 2024**



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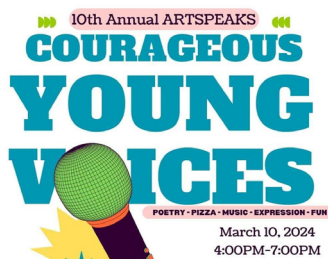
**Join Race Fans from Across the Country and Feel the Roar of 11,000 Horsepower at the Amalie Oil NHRA Gatornationals  
Thursday, March 7 – Sunday, March 10 | Gainesville Raceway  
11211 N CR 225, Gainesville, FL 32609**

Now in its 54th year at Gainesville Raceway, Gatornationals also celebrates three consecutive years as the kick-off championship for the National Hot Rod Association race season. Per tradition at this event, parking and admission for kids under 12 years of age is free and Every Ticket's a Pit Pass® — where attendees see, feel, and hear the power of hot rods, get a firsthand view of the highly skilled mechanics between rounds, and collect autographs from their favorite NHRA drivers.



**Guitar with a Side of Guitar with Performances by Local Legends and Global Touring Musicians, Workshops and More at Gainesville Guitar Festival  
Saturday, March 9, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m., Sunday, March 10, 9:30 a.m. – 11 p.m. |  
Heartwood Soundstage  
619 S Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

The Gainesville Guitar Festival has plucked hometown guitar heroes and internationally touring musicians for a weekend celebrating diverse forms of guitar-driven music. Saturday features a swap meet and live performances. Sunday features inspirational workshops and a full lineup of guitarists on the outdoor stage.



**Bare Witness to Poetry, Song, Spoken Word and Storytelling by Inspiring Young Minds as Artspeaks Presents "Courageous Young Voices"  
Sunday, March 10, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. | The Historic Thomas Center  
302 NE 6th Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Gather to listen to the creative spirits and intelligent minds of students from Alachua County and North Central Florida as they express themselves via poetry, song, spoken word, and storytelling at the 10th annual Courageous Young Voices showcase. Admission is free. ARTSPEAKS organizes poetry programs throughout the year including Courageous Young Voices Teen Poetry Showcase and the Youth Poet Laureate Program.



**Sway the Night Away with Musical Harmonies of Smooth Operatives at Jazz on the Green  
Saturday, March 9, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Celebration Pointe  
4949 SW Celebration Pointe Ave., Gainesville, FL 32608**

Enjoy saxophone and piano-driven jazz from the Smooth Operatives. Spread a blanket after the sun sets or pull up a chair and enjoy live music from the outdoor promenade stage. Enjoy food, drinks and sweet treats from near Admission is free.



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**Enjoy an Interactive Himalayan Art-Themed Experience with Tibetan Monk and Artist Lama Tashi Norbu**

**Thursday, March 7 – Sunday, March 9 | Harn Museum of Art  
3259 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32608**

In conjunction with the newest exhibit at the Harn, Gateway to Himalayan Art, Lama Tashi Norbu leads unique, transformative events with live painting on Thursday and the creation of a community sand mandala on Friday and Saturday.

**Live Painting with Lama Tashi Norbu at the Harn Museum of Art**

Thursday, March 7, 6 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

**Community Sand Mandala with Lama Tashi Norbu at the Harn Museum of Art**

Friday, March 8, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.



**Tune in for a Curated Singer Songwriter Showcase at the Live and Local Concert Series**

**Friday, March 8, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Bo Diddley Plaza  
Downtown Gainesville**

The Live and Local Concert Series features homegrown musical talent live on the outdoor stage at Bo Diddley Plaza in downtown Gainesville. Friday's singer-songwriter showcase presents music styles ranging from folk to pop with Zara Dalvi, Thomas Allain, Janie, HelDog, Robbie Pawns, Jack Edmondson, Thymn, Banyan Leaves, Vincent Raphael and Pamelli Marafon. Admission is free.



**Twist and Shout with a Throwback Sock Hop and Celebrate 30 Years of the Matheson History Museum**

**Saturday, March 9, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. | Matheson History Museum  
513 E University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Step back in time to the 1950s and 1960s for a fun sock hop dance in the former American Legion Hall. Dance the night away with classic hits by The Impostors. Enjoy beverages at the bar and food from Hill's BBQ. The sock hop also celebrates the opening of the newest exhibit, Weaving a Community: 30 Years of the Matheson History Museum featuring an all-encompassing view of the Matheson's history and origins.



**Experience the Legendary Score of the Rock Musical Jesus Christ Superstar Celebrating its 50th Anniversary**

**Wednesday, March 13, 7:30 p.m. | UF Phillips Center  
3201 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611**

Originally staged by London's Regent's Park Open Air Theatre, this production won the 2017 Olivier Award for Best Musical Revival garnering unprecedented reviews and accolades. Appealing to both theater audiences and concert music fans, this production pays tribute to the historic 1971 Billboard Album of the Year while creating a modern, theatrical world that is uniquely fresh and inspiring.

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