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April 11-17, 2024



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Go BIG with Dion Dia's and How Bazar's Arts and Culture Mash Up – More than 50 Acts Come Together for a Fusion of Music, Fashion, Visual Art, and More Saturday, April 13, 1 p.m. – 2 a.m. | Downtown Gainesville

The outdoor festival features multiple stages of music from neo-soul to drum-and-bass featuring Nick Hakim, Madison McFerrin, Kaelin Ellis, They Hate Change and TyriqueOrDie and many more artists. Wander the festival grounds and enjoy art installations, skate competitions, interactive experiences, international food, aerial and circus performances.



Expand Your Uni-“verse” When Words Take Flight at the Multi-Day Bard and Broadside Poetry Festival

Thursday, April 11 – Sunday, April 14 | Multiple Venues

The multi-day event brings together the North Central Florida community and artists for collaborative sessions that will help you discover a new way to use your words. Admission is free.



Check Off your Craft Beer Bucket List with Sample Brews from Over 40 Craft Breweries at the Hogtown Craft Beer Festival

**Saturday, April 13, 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. | Cuscowilla Nature and Retreat Center
210 SE 134 Ave., Micanopy, FL 32667**

Head out to the gorgeous grounds of Cuscowilla Nature and Retreat Center and meet beer makers from local and regional craft breweries. Sample hundreds of beers spanning distinct styles with timed tastings of 16 special brews. Enjoy food vendors Monsta Lobsta, Cajun Knights, Cheffrey's, Stubbies Pop-Up Sausages and Wild Man Foods.



Set Out for Two Days Filled with Fun and Inspiration at the Santa Fe College Spring Arts Festival

**Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday, April 14, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Santa Fe College | 3000 NW 83rd St., Gainesville, FL 32606**

The two-day Santa Fe Spring Arts Festival features over 100 fine artists with displays of ceramics, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography and woodworking. Find experiences that everyone can enjoy, including live music, kid zones, and food trucks. During the festival, you are also welcome to attend the Kika Silva Pla Planetarium, the Teaching Zoo and Museum of Earth Sciences or enjoy a train ride across campus to the Zoo.



Cheer for Gators Football at the Orange and Blue Game

**Saturday, April 13, 1 p.m. | Ben Hill Griffin Stadium
157 Gale Lemerand Dr., Gainesville, FL 32611**

The spring football scrimmage highlights an action-packed Orange and Blue Weekend with 10 Florida Gators athletic events. Enjoy a gameday atmosphere with tailgating, the Gatorland Fan Fest beginning at 9 a.m., giveaways and more.



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Follow the Horns for Classic Rock Hits from "Chicago" with Gainesville Retro Society at the Free Fridays Concert Series Friday, April 12, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. | Bo Diddle Plaza Downtown Gainesville

The longest-running free outdoor concert series in the region features a diverse range of local and regional musical acts. Gainesville Retro Society is a tribute to the band "Chicago" and several other horn bands from the '60s and '70s. Four horn players, a four piece rhythm section, and two lead vocalists comprise the 10-piece group.



Toast to Spring with Mimosas, Crepes and Flowers at a Farm to Table Spring Brunch with Alpin Bistro

**Sunday, April 14, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Swallowtail Farm
7301 SE 92nd Terr., Gainesville, FL 32641**

In celebration of spring, the most exciting time of the year at Swallowtail Farm, enjoy a French twist on an American tradition from the expert culinary team at Alpin Bistro. Tickets include a one-of-a-kind brunch menu, open bar, tour of Swallowtail Farm with farmer/founder Noah Shitama and live music.



North Central Florida Blues Society Presents: the Cash Box Kings with Dr. Jules' Cool Blues

**Sunday, April 14, 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Heartwood Soundstage
619 Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

With a high-energy stage show, the Cash Box Kings preserve the spirit of old-school Chicago blues and Delta blues of the 1920s and 1930s. Dr. Jules' Cool Blues opens the show with a blend of traditional blues musicianship and humorous satirical lyrics.



Brush Up on the Basics with Gainesville Big Band for Jazz 101

**Sunday, April 14, 2 p.m. | Meizon Church
3411 NW 83 St., Gainesville, FL 32606**

Bandleader Marco Thomas breaks it down with a concert aimed at inspiring music lovers young and adult. At Jazz 101, Gainesville Big Band introduces the audience to the various instruments and performs musical genres including swing, pop and blues. Enjoy learning about great music in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.



Step Right Up to a Mashup of Acrobatics, Basketball, Breakdancing, BMX Biking and More with 360 ALLSTARS

**Sunday, April 14, 4 p.m. | UF Philips Center
3201 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611**

Experience a supercharged circus act fused with artistry from street culture. Boasting a stellar international cast of world champion and world record-holding athletes and artists, 360 ALLSTARS has toured the world entertaining audiences of all ages.

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