

Around The Area

“A Christmas Prelude”

Kingdom of the Sun Concert Band presents “A Christmas Prelude”, December 4, 2 pm & Dec. 5, 3 pm, at Marion Technical Institute (MTI), 1614 Se Ft. King St., Ocala under the direction of Les Muncaster

All Performances are Free and open to the public. Donations Are Accepted.

Musical selections feature (among other selections):

- “Prelude On Adeste Fideles”
- “Christmas Song” (Chestnuts Roasting)
- “Carol Of The Bells”
- “Babes In Toyland” Selections
- “Minor Alterations”
- “A Home Alone Christmas”

For information: Call 390-0491 or visit the website at <http://kingdomofthesunband.org>

The Kingdom of the Sun Concert Band is a 501(C)(3) designated all-volunteer organization.

Friends of The Villages Library Book Sale

On December 4 & 6, 2021, the Friends of The Villages Library will hold a Book Sale at the Belvedere Branch of The Villages Library, 325 Belvedere Blvd, The Villages, 32162, Conference Room. This will be a Mix of Library & Public Donations, Fiction & NonFiction Books including Sports & Foreign Language never shown in the FOVL Bookrooms.

Saturday, December 4, 11am to 4pm - You fill our bag \$5.00.

Monday, December 6, 9am to 2pm - You fill our bag \$3.00 or \$4.00 Pick & fill a box
Free FOVL cloth bag per customer

Cash only, public welcome, conference Room Max 20.

Its a Wonderful Life

“Every time a bell rings...” The beloved Christmas classic It’s A Wonderful Life is live on stage November 26 through December 19 to ring in the holidays at Ocala Civic Theatre!

Retold as a 1940s radio play, this faithful adaptation of the 1946 film is the heartwarming holiday story you know and love, told “on the air.” Five actors and a Foley artist bring to life dozens of characters through the magic of their versatile voices, special sound effects, and your imagination.

It’s A Wonderful Life is directed by Trudy Bruner. Scenic designer is William Elliott. Costume designer is Eryn Brooks Brewer. Lighting designer is Erin Miner. Sound, music, and Foley props designer is Jazmine Whipple. Dialect coach is Lori Engler. Stage manager is Madison Raabe.

The show opens November 26, the night after Thanksgiving, and runs through December 19. Performances are Thursdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for ages 18 and younger. Purchase tickets over the phone at (352) 236-2274 or in person at the box office Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information or to buy tickets online at any time, visit www.ocalacivictheatre.com.

Winter Wonderland At WEC

Enter a world of holiday enchantment at the Winter Wonderland spectacular at the World Equestrian Center (WEC)! Holiday season spirit is taking over the Grand Plaza with more than a million Christmas lights, larger-than-life ornaments, a Christmas tree 40 feet tall and an ice-skating rink.

The day after Thanksgiving, Nov, 26 at 6 pm will be the lighting ceremony and the events will last through Christmas Day. Bring the whole family to meet Santa, listen to carolers and other live music, and meet Santa’s live reindeer.

There will be special holiday events, concerts, foods and more, so make sure to check out WecWinterWonderland.com for all the festive details!

Festival At Fort King

The Festival will be held, Saturday, December 4 and Sunday, December 5, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Step into the 1800s at the Festival at Fort King! This two day event will feature historic themed crafts, games, workshops, activities, living historians, vendors, food, drinks and much more. The pinnacle of the event is a re-enactment of the event that fueled the start of the Second Seminole War.

Admission is \$5 per person. Veterans and children 5 and under are free.

The Nutcracker At Reilly Art Center

Dance Alive National Ballet is presenting its 55th year of The Nutcracker at three regional venues - the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts in Gainesville, the Legacy Park Multipurpose Center in Alachua and the Reilly Arts Center in Ocala.

Performances:

Dec. 18 & 19, 2 and 7:30 pm at the Phillip Center in Gainesville. Box office 352-358-359-ARTS, purchase online at <https://tickets.performingarts.ufl.edu/> or visit the box office between 12 and 6 p.m. weekdays.

Dec. 9, 7p.m. at Amphitheatre at Legacy Park Multipurpose Center, Alachua, Fl. Tickets No Charge. Bring a lawn chair or blankets to sit on the field.

Dec. 14, 7pm at the Reilly Arts Center..

Tickets: <http://www.reillyartscenter.com/events>

The amazing cast features award winning dancers from Brazil, Cuba, Russia, Ukraine, Japan and the United States. Expect dazzling dancing and a magical evening.

Cut Down Your Own Christmas Tree

You can actually cut down your very own Christmas tree in the Ocala National Forest. During daylight hours and anytime through Christmas Eve.

Prior to cutting down the tree, make sure to purchase a permit, which costs \$10, by visiting Recreation.gov/tree-permits/ocala. Make sure to print and bring your permit and a map. *The use of chainsaws is not permitted.



“The Ferguson Family”

Presents

A Christmas Music Concert

Sunday, Dec. 5,

at 11 am

First Baptist Summerfield

14550 SE 65th Ct.

(behind the Post Office)

Summerfield



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