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A GLANCE AROUND TOWN AND COUNTY

Ritz Theatrical Extravaganza, Summer Camps for Youth



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Dancers Studio Presents: Equilibrium
Sunday, June 2, 7 pm., Embark on an exhilarating journey through a multiverse teeming with art, drama, suspense, and power. Prepare to be dazzled by a groundbreaking performance featuring over 80 talented artists of all ages, showcasing a diverse array of dance styles. Get ready to be swept away where every moment pulsates with excitement and emotion. Don't miss this extraordinary experience that promises to leave you craving more. Tickets: \$36-\$50.

VM Ballroom Presents: Hollywood Nights
Tuesday, June 4 at 7PM

Step into the enchanting world of dance at VM Ballroom's Hollywood Showcase, where each move narrates tales of glamour, passion, and perfection. Witness world-class ballroom dancers grace the stage with elegance, captivating audiences with their dynamic choreography and dazzling performances. From the sultry samba to the fiery tango, immerse yourself in an evening of breathtaking entertainment that transports you to the golden era of Hollywood. Tickets: \$25-\$35

Annie The Movie: Sing-Along
Friday, June 14 at 7:30PM

Come sing along with the timeless movie all about an orphan in a facility run by the mean Miss Hannigan (Carol Burnett), Annie (Aileen Quinn) believes that her parents left her there by mistake. When a rich man named Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks (Albert Finney) decides to let an orphan live at his home to promote his image, Annie is selected. While Annie gets accustomed to living in Warbucks' mansion, she still longs to meet her parents. So Warbucks announces a search for them and a reward, which brings out many frauds. This event is a fundraiser for the Orlando Gay Chorus. Tickets: \$20

Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella
School Field Trip Days: June 19, 20 at 10AM
June 21, 22 at 7:30PM, June 22 at 2PM, June 23 at 3PM

Cinderella is a well-known story about a girl mistreated by her stepmother and stepsisters. Despite these challenges, Cinderella finds happiness and love with the help of her godmother. The tale is a classic fairy story, a rags-to-riches tale about a kind-hearted girl who suffers various hardships only to marry the prince of the kingdom. Sponsored by Orlando/Sanford International Airport, the Seminole County Arts Council, and in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts & Culture, and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. Tickets: \$15, call for school pricing.

One Woman Man
Saturday, June 29, 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. - Alonzo Stephon is a hard-working man trying his best to climb the corporate ladder of success. His loving and supportive wife Keisha doesn't let anything keep her from standing by her man's side. But what happens when a man who has it all, stares temptation dead in the eyes? Will he stay true to his wife, or will he jeopardize his marriage? There's only one

way to find out, join us for this entertaining traveling production. Tickets: \$40.

Sanford Jazz Ensemble: An Afternoon of Great American Music

Sunday, June 30, 3 p.m. - Get out of the heat! Come to our lovely Ritz Theater and check out the "COOL" sounds of the Sanford Jazz Ensemble. We're packing this concert full of songs by great American composers: from Gershwin to Miles Davis to Bruno Mars. Our vocalists Ron and Dianne will be there to thrill us all. We'll also feature some of Central Florida's finest soloists on heartbreaking ballads and blistering tempos. Tickets: \$25.

Summer Camps & Musical Delights for Youth - Embrace the magic of theater this summer with the Ritz Theater's exciting lineup of camps and musical productions, tailored especially for youth.

Junior Camp Directed by Barb Keller June 24 to 28, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Calling all aspiring performers in grades first through fifth. Join us for a dynamic 5-day Junior Musical Camp where creativity knows no bounds. Whether it's your first step onto the stage or you're a seasoned theater camper, this camp promises an unforgettable journey into the world of musical theater. From learning theater basics to mastering songs and dances from beloved musicals, our campers will shine like stars. Parents, pack those lunchboxes and get ready for a showcase performance on Friday, June 28th at 1pm. Tuition: \$200 per student.

Senior Camp Directed by Jamaal Solomon July 8 to 26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Step into the spotlight with our 15-day Senior Musical Camp, designed for students entering grades sixth through twelfth. Immerse yourself in the captivating world of theater production as we bring Anastasia the Youth Edition to life. From auditions to rehearsals, and technical assistance to the grand finale performance, this camp is your chance to shine on stage. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of something extraordinary. Tuition: \$400 per student.

Scholarships Available! The Ritz Theater is proud to offer scholarships to deserving youths from Seminole County. If you're a family residing in Seminole County and meet the Florida Income Eligibility Guidelines, apply now for a chance to subsidize camp tuition. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Scholarship funding is provided by Helpful Hands, Inc. and Sanford's PorchFest. Camp and scholarship details and forms at <https://ritztheatersanford.com/summer-camp/>

Let the curtains rise on a summer of creativity and wonder. Don't miss your chance to be part of the magic at the Ritz Theater this summer. For more information and registration, visit www.ritztheatersanford.com or contact 407-321-8111.

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Tickets and more program details are available on the Theater's website at

Sanford Fire Department celebrates New Fire Engine



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The fire department recently hosted an event to celebrate our new fire engine going into service.

City of Sanford Fire Department recently hosted a Push-In Ceremony at Station 31 for our new Engine 31, a 2023 Pierce/Enforcer. This traditional event is inspired by the days of horse-drawn fire equipment - where fire apparatus was washed and pushed back into the bay after fighting a fire.



Photos contributed

Our ceremony involved christening the new engine with a wash down and drying party where members of the Fire Department, Community, and City Government were in attendance, and concluded with "pushing" the Engine into the bay before it goes into service. This Engine will be replacing our 2016 Pierce Dash which will move into reserve status as Engine 138. The current reserve Engine, a 2007, will then be retired and sent to Auction.

Goodwill Industries partners with Resupply to offer home Pickup Service



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Donating home goods and furniture in Central Florida just became easier thanks to a new partnership between Goodwill Industries of Central Florida (GICF) and Resupply.

Resupply is a veteran-owned and operated company that provides pickup services for furniture, appliances and other home goods. Interested donors pay a small fee for Resupply haulers to come to their home, remove items they wish to donate and deliver them to a local Goodwill. Any items not selected by Goodwill will be brought to other local charities.

"We're always looking for ways to make the donation process easier and more accessible for our community," said Ed Durkee, president and CEO at GICF. "Not only does this service do all the heavy lifting - literally - for our donors, but it also provides jobs for veterans trying to re-integrate into the civilian workforce. Goodwill is proud to partner with Resupply to make the donation of larger household items easier and support our military members in the process."

Resupply has helped hundreds of veterans transition from active duty to civilian life. With GICF's participation, 80 of the 154 Goodwill organizations across the country now partner with Resupply to offer this service. Over seven years, Resupply has created more than \$20 million in value for charities through donations from 150,000 households and more than 25 million pounds of material saved from landfills.

"We're proud to deepen our relationship with Goodwill Industries, and to provide a

www.ritztheatersanford.com/calander or by calling the box office at 407-321-8111. The Theater, a 100-year-old restored performing arts center, is located at 201 S. Magnolia Av-

enue in historic downtown Sanford, FL. The box office ticket window is open weekdays from 9:30 to 5:30 and 2 hours before each performance.

priority donation pickup experience to Goodwill's donors throughout Central Florida," said Paul Tocci, Co-Founder and CEO, Resupply. "The vision of Resupply is to revolutionize charitable giving in America. Every day, we strive to make giving 'simple' and to provide the most convenient donation experience possible. It is an honor to partner with one of the most influential charities in the country, and we look forward to providing a new avenue for donors to support the incredible mission of Goodwill Industries of Central Florida."

Goodwill also offers veterans comprehensive training opportunities to assist those with disabling conditions, homelessness or other special needs to develop employability skills for the workforce and become self-sufficient again.

To schedule a Resupply pickup, call (407) 857-0659 and select the "Donation Pickup" option, or visit www.GoodwillCFL.org.

About Goodwill Industries of Central Florida, Inc. (GICF)

For 65 years, Goodwill Industries of Central Florida has provided vocational and job placement services to tens of thousands of people living in Central Florida. Through 31 retail/outlet stores and 16 Donation Xpress locations in Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Brevard, Lake and Volusia counties, Goodwill diverted nearly 24 million pounds of clothing and household items from landfills in 2023. Goodwill Industries of Central Florida directly channels more than 90 percent of its annual revenue into programs that enable individuals to secure meaningful employment, achieve their personal goals and thrive economically.

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