THINGS TO DOWNTOWN

May 29 - June 4, 2012

Featured Events

ARTS AND CULTURE:

Summer in Sanctuary

Al Letson, noted poet, playwright and host of NPR's State of the Re:Union, tells through monologue, song, poetry and multimedia the story of one man's attempt to connect with disadvantaged youths at the Sanctuary on 8th Street.

June 1 to June 3 | MOCA Jacksonville

Bobby Collins

Enjoy a night of laughter with this award-winning comedian, who has starred in his own Showtime special, was the host of VH1's "Stand Up Spotlight," and most recently has been seen on the "Joy Behar Show."

June 1 | 8 p.m. | Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts

LIVE MUSIC AND NIGHTLIFE:

Minorcan with Katie Grace Helow, Yo Soybean! and Screamin Eagle

Underbelly is back with its first show at its new Downtown location -- before it officially opens its doors!

June 2 | 8 p.m. | Underbelly

Live Music and Nightlife

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Major Upcoming Events

First Wednesday Art Walk

Join us June 6 for the next Art Walk, "Mad About Art." Experience live music, plenty of art on display and much more 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Downtown. See the highlights and map here.

Downtown Craft Beer Crawl

This bar hop June 23 will highlight the numerous nightlife options Downtown has to offer. For more information,

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k.d. lang and The Siss Boom Bang

See this rare performer who, with more than 25 years as a major-label artist launched her career with a blend of country-rock stylings and playfully punk-like attitude.
May 29 | 8 p.m. | Florida Theatre

Black Cobra, Gaza, Dethlehem and Nisroch
One of the heaviest metal shows Burro Bar has ever hosted, this concert has it all from doomy sludge to crust to fantasy metal to blackened punk.
May 30 | 8 p.m. | Burro Bar

Frank Smith, Rickolus, Ghost Light Road and Grammatical Errors
Frank Smith returns to share its Americana-tinged rock and roll with RickoLus and two newcomers.
May 31 | 9 p.m.| Burro Bar

The Twins Birthday Party! featuring Greenhouse Lounge and Sir Charles
Celebrate the Downtown live music scene with a night of electronica from these two outstanding acts.
May 31 | 1904

Antique Animals, Circus and Jacksonvegas
Come check out hometown heroes Antique Animals and Jacksonvegas as they join Circus from Orlando with its folky, blusey indie-pop.
June 1 | 9 p.m. | Burro Bar

M.V.P. Presents Fundustry Friday's at Mark's
If you're in the bar or restaurant business, enjoy drink specials and no cover charge. The largest bar/restaurant turnout gets a free bottle next Friday!
June 1 | 9 p.m. | Mark's Downtown Club/Lounge

Hot Graves, Porter, Occultist, Nahkiel and Rhythm of Fear
Rock your Saturday night with this metal show featuring Gainesville's Hot Graves, the hardcore of Massachusetts' Beartrap, the brutality of Nahkiel and sludge from Porter.
June 2 | 8 p.m. | Burro Bar

click here.

Summer Movie Classics
The line-up is now out for this summer's series of movie classics at the Florida Theatre. For a list of movies, click here.

Fourth of July Celebration

Celebrate Independence Day with a bang Downtown at the annual July 4 fireworks event. Learn more here.

Ongoing Events

Jacksonville "Top to Bottom" Walking Tour is held every Tuesday at 10 a.m., departing from The Jacksonville Landing.

Every Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. is Open Mic Night at Northstar "The Pizza Bar." Mad Cowford Comedy Improv performs Fridays and Saturdays.

Monday's at Mark's Downtown is Open Mic Night. For more information, click here.

The Jacksonville Landing Farmers' Market is held every Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Each Friday, the Museum of Science and History hosts Cosmic Concerts in its planetarium. Visit for

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Yacht (with Onuinu)
Electrify your night out with electro pop from these two bands taking the stage at Downtown's newest music venue.
June 3 | 7 p.m. | Underbelly

Ustad Rahat Fateh Ali Khan
Hear the beautiful music of this Pakistani singer, primarily of *Qawwali*, a devotional music of the Muslim Sufis.
June 3 | 7 p.m. | Florida Theatre

Left & Right, AC Deathstrike and TBA
Indie-punk invades the Burro Bar stage for a Sunday evening of music and drinks with friends. More sets to be announced.
June 3 | 9 p.m. | Burro Bar

Boxwood and TBA
Enjoy the lo-fi, experimental and indie sounds of this band from South Florida, plus more bands to be announced.
June 4 | 9 p.m. | Burro Bar

Family

A T. Rex Named Sue
Take a bite out of science and history by visiting Sue, the largest, most complete Tyrannosaurus rex ever discovered.
May 29 to Sept. 23 | MOSH

Voice of the People: Audio guide showcase and reception
S.P. Livingston Elementary School program participants, their friends and family, and community members are invited to tour the galleries and utilize the Guide by Cell service to listen to the audio interpretations developed and recorded by the students.
May 31 | 5:30 p.m. | MOCA Jacksonville

Arts and Culture

Hands, Toes and Faces
Stop in and see the latest member exhibit from The Art Center Cooperative.

www.themosh.org for more information.

For information on this week's Beat the Heat Movie Series showing, Movie Madness and the Talking Books movies at the Main Library, click here.

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Jaguars.com

Jacksonville Suns
904-358-2846
milb.com

Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra
904-354-5547
jaxsymphony.org

Veterans Memorial Arena
904-630-3900
jaxevents.com

Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts
904-633-6110
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CENTER Cooperative, Inc. **May 29 - June 21 | Premier Gallery**

Victory Begins at Home: Florida During World War II
This signature exhibit transports visitors back to the war years to learn about Floridians in service, military recruitment and training, the German U-boat threat, rationing and more.
May 29 - July 8 | MOSH

The Florida Fallen Heroes Quilt Project
In this collection of nine quilts, each block contains the name of a fallen service member from Florida who lost his or her life while serving in Iraq or Afghanistan.
May 29 - July 22 | MOSH

Sails of Reformation Exhibit
Works by Meredith Fordham Hughes, Barbara Holmes Fryefield, Joanelle Mulrain and Deborah Reid will be displayed.
May 29 - July 31 | Maritime Heritage Center

Amateur Night
Modeled after Harlem's "Amateur Night at the Apollo," the best talent in the Jacksonville area presents on stage and needs you to be the judge!
June 1 | 7:30 p.m. | Ritz Theatre and Museum

Beethoven's Fifth
Opening with the Fidelio Overture and rounding out the symphony's season tribute to Beethoven is a performance of this master's iconic Fifth Symphony.
June 1 and June 2 | Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra

Sports, Fitness and Health

Jacksonville Suns vs. Mobile Baybears
Don't miss out on an exciting season of Suns baseball! Take the family out to a ball game to root, root, root for the home team.
May 29 to June 1 | Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville

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Hale & Hearty 7K Race
Lace up your shoes for a good cause! Presented by the Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida, this event celebrates healthy communities and happy and healthy places.
June 2 | 8 a.m. | Riverside Arts Market

Jacksonville Sharks vs. the Tampa Bay Storm
May the force be with the Sharks as they take on a Florida rival at Star Wars night.
June 2 | 7 p.m. | Veterans Memorial Arena

Business and Networking

Downtown Council Meeting
Network and enjoy the company of fellow locals passionate about Downtown as the groups hears from Michael Butterman of the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra.
June 1 | 7:30 a.m. | University Club

2012 EVE Awards
Started in 1969, local women are recognized for their efforts and accomplishments in the areas of education, volunteer service and employment at an annual luncheon ceremony.
June 1 | Noon | Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront

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