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DeVos Family Room • Steinmetz Hall • Alexis & Jim Pugh Theater • Walt Disney Theater • Seneff Arts Plaza • Della Phillips Grand Lobby  
 \*FREE event; registration required

**ONGOING EXHIBITS**

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 2**

\*National Young Composers Challenge • Noon – 6 PM

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\*Architecture Showcase & Awards • 5:30 PM

\*Storytelling and Writing with and for the Cherokee Nation • Online 6 PM

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\*Book Discussion with Luis Martínez-Fernández • 7 PM

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\*Workshop: With More than Words • 1 PM

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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12**

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Reach for the Stars: UCF Alumni Showcase • 7:30 PM

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\*WONDERLAND: A Scavenger Hunt Adventure • 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

*Home of the Brave* – Theatre for Young Audiences • 11 AM

\*PBS Kids! A Conversation with Sonia Manzano • 1 PM

\*Art & Incarceration: Discussion of Prison-Based Arts Programs • 2 PM

\*A Conversation with Judy Woodruff • 2:30 PM

\*Behind-the-Scenes with PBS MASTERPIECE • 4 PM

\*Character Animation and Animation/Visual Effects Premieres • 5 PM

Broadway's Brightest Lights • 7 PM



## Welcome to UCF Celebrates the Arts 2023!

Welcome to UCF Celebrates the Arts – my favorite two weeks of the year! This festival makes literal our university’s promise to extend the cultural reach and impact of UCF upon our community. It is an ideal opportunity to experience the talents and creativity of our students and faculty. I encourage you to join us for as much as you can; UCF Celebrates the Arts is a perfect time to try new things!

This festival provides a performance experience in a world-class facility for more than 1,000 UCF artists and practitioners annually. It showcases collaborative activities and community partnerships. It is also a convenient and affordable way for the community to access the final product of the educational process that occurs year-round on the UCF campus.

This year, UCF Celebrates the Arts comprises forty events and countless pieces of visual art. It is a monumental undertaking! We owe thanks to many people and organizations for helping it come to fruition: our skilled faculty and staff, university administration, the staff of Dr. Phillips Center, our patrons and supporters, and especially our accomplished student artists and technicians.

If you like what you see here, please join us throughout the year on campus. UCF Celebrates the Arts is just one point of pride for the UCF College of Arts and Humanities, and I welcome you to join us for more!

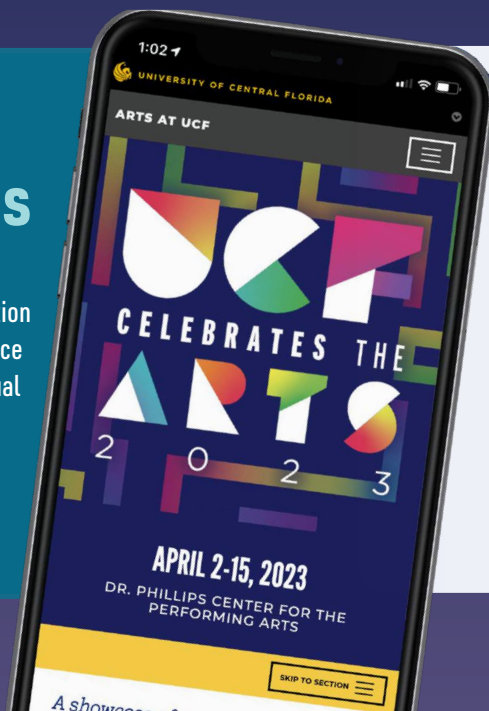
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**JEFF MOORE**, *Dean, College of Arts and Humanities*

### Online Programs

We’re going green!  
Find detailed information about each performance and exhibit on individual event pages at

[arts.ucf.edu/celebrates](https://arts.ucf.edu/celebrates)



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# EVERYONE CAN CELEBRATE THE

Since 2015, UCF Celebrates the Arts has showcased the talents, skills and creativity of UCF artists, providing a playground for interdisciplinary ideas, new collaborations and friendship. More than 1,000 UCF students and faculty members are involved annually on stage, in exhibits or behind the scenes. In addition to the UCF artists and technicians, the event has also showcased the creativity of thousands of K-12 students through visual art exhibitions, workshops and invitationals. We have hosted world-renowned professionals including composers Hans Zimmer and Patrick Doyle, physicists Brian Greene and Kip Thorne, actress Kate Mulgrew, author Emily St. John Mandel and chef Lidia Bastianich. In 2023, we're welcoming Broadway powerhouse Megan Hilty, *Sesame Street*'s Sonia Manzano and PBS anchor Judy Woodruff.

Regardless of age, interest or budget, everyone can find something to love at UCF Celebrates the Arts. We've hosted concerts for infants with their parents, plays for seniors with their caregivers and events for every age in between. Concerts and exhibitions focused on inclusivity provide access to people who are less likely to be welcomed to traditional events, like people in prison and those who have disabilities. Through art and thoughtful discussions, we showcase the beauty of life, but also tackle tough topics, like the devastation of Hurricane Maria, childhood hunger and the loneliness of war. Half of the events are free to attend, and the remainder always have affordable tickets and student discounts.

UCF Celebrates the Arts brings the culture, creativity and innovation of the university to the Central Florida community. We are glad you have come to experience it!



## YOU MAKE IT POSSIBLE

UCF Celebrates the Arts would not be possible without the gracious and generous support of our patrons, donors and sponsors. Thank you to those who have given to the UCF College of Arts and Humanities in the past year! For a list of donors, visit [cah.ucf.edu/supporters](https://cah.ucf.edu/supporters).

## SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

UCF's College of Arts and Humanities is where university students nurture creativity and discover how culture shapes their lives and communities. By supporting UCF Celebrates the Arts and other initiatives offered by the College of Arts and Humanities, you are supporting the talented artists, researchers and technicians that you see here today!

Every dollar makes a difference for our students and faculty. Whether you give \$5 or \$50,000, we ask for your support of our students, our programs and this festival.



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### DID YOU KNOW...

- \$10,000 provides assistantship support for a graduate student
- \$3,500 purchases a high-quality cello for a music student
- \$2,500 purchases a drone for mapping historical sites
- \$1,000 sends one student to the National Ethics Bowl
- \$500 pays for a student's art supplies for one semester
- \$300 allows one student to participate in UCF Celebrates the Arts
- \$150 pays for a prospective student's audition
- \$100 pays for the production rights for one performance in the Black Box, a door for a set, or a standard handheld microphone
- \$65 provides a year of access to research-quality digital sources
- \$25 pays for one dancer's costume, a roll of gaff tape or one bulb for the stage lights
- \$12 pays for two students to park at UCF Celebrates the Arts

# EXHIBITION MAP

**E** ELEVATOR



COSTUME DISPLAY:  
HARRIETT LAKE COLLECTION



ARTWORK FROM  
ANIMATORS SKETCH CLUB



JEWEL OF PARRAMORE:  
THE WELLS' BUILT HOTEL



BRINGING DOWN  
THE HOUSE

**B** BAR



ARTFUL MOMENTS



SVAD BANNERS



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PERCEPTION: MFA STUDIO ART  
& DESIGN SHOWCASE



ORLANDO'S 2+2+2  
ARCHITECTURE EXPERIENCE



NARRATIVE SCULPTURE:  
VISUAL STORYTELLING



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ART & AUTISM: CREATURES  
OF IMAGINATION



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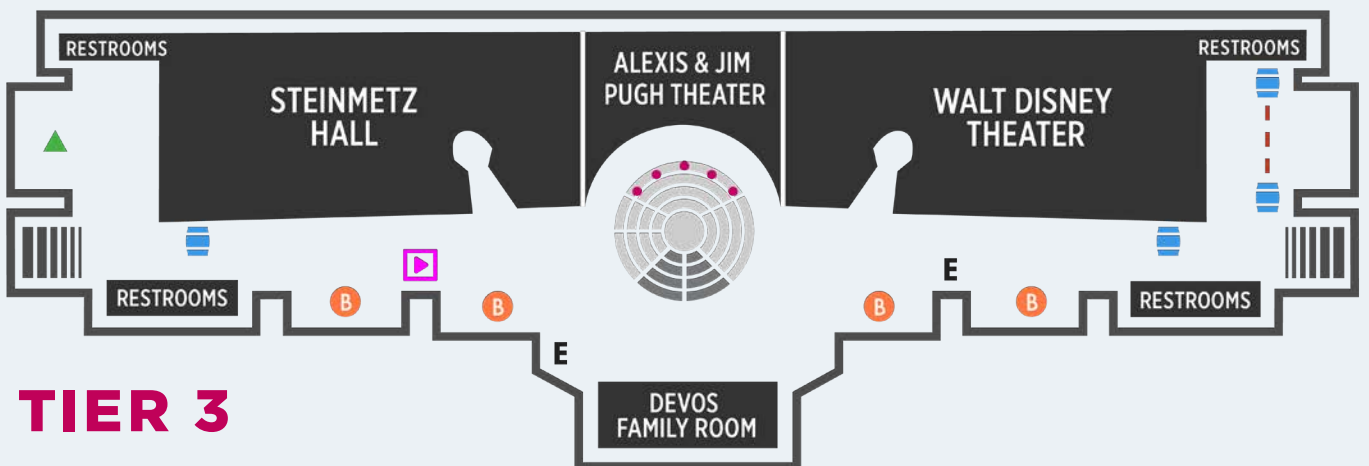
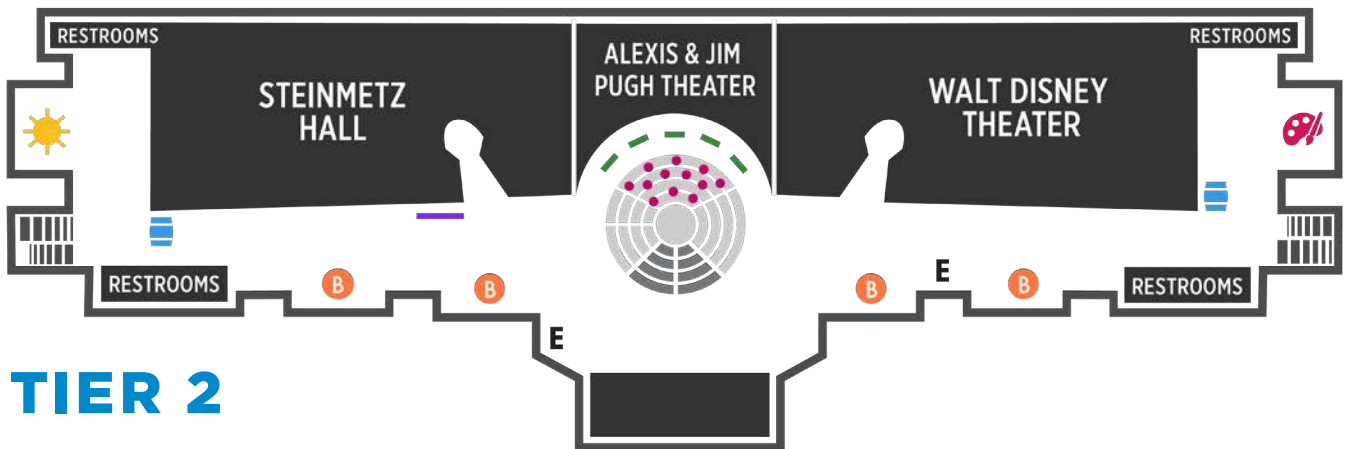
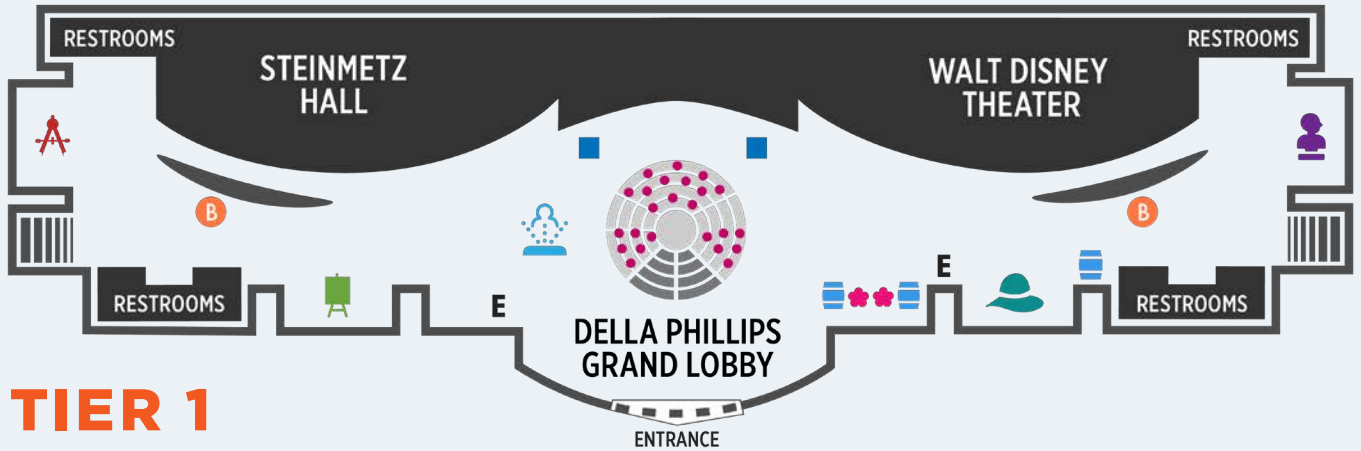
2022 CREATIVE CLASH



CHARACTER ANIMATION  
POSTERS



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Orlando Downtown Development Board.  
Visit [arts.ucf.edu](https://arts.ucf.edu) for additional information.

## Artful Moments

Explore a selection of curated clips, interviews, photos, exhibitions, events and more from the School of Visual Arts and Design. Each feature showcases SVAD and the exceptional work that students, faculty and alumni are creating.

## Artwork from UCF Character Animators Sketch Club

View a selection of artwork and sketches from members of the UCF Character Animators Sketch Club! This exhibit illustrates how these artists visually translate their observations from world to page.

## ART & AUTISM: Creatures of Imagination

Presented by the UCF Center for Autism & Related Disabilities (UCF-CARD), this exhibit features exciting creative projects from artists with autism and related disabilities.

# ONGOING EXHIBITIONS

## Art from the Inside

Over 2 million people are incarcerated in the United States today, yet the prison system remains largely invisible to the majority of Americans. This exhibition presents a selection of work from incarcerated students taking classes with UCF faculty as part of the Florida Prison Education Project.

## UCF Animation Shorts

Select animation shorts and reels from the animation tracks at UCF will be shown before various events in the Alexis & Jim Pugh Theater throughout the week.

## Character Animation Posters

A collection of work created by Emerging Media BFA – Character Animation track students for the 3D animated short films *Frostbyte* and *Superstitious*. Included in the collection are visual development illustrations from pre-production and 3D-rendered images from production and post-production. Both films will be released in May of 2023.





## Costume Display Highlights from the Harriett Lake Collection

Orlando fashion icon Harriett Lake was known for everything from furs to feathers to capes. Curated by Kristina Tollefson, professor of theatre and co-author of *Too Much is Not Enough: The History in Harriett's Closet*, this exhibit will feature memorable fashions from the Harriett Lake Collection.

## 2022 Creative Clash

View the fantasy- and fable-themed pieces created at UCF Celebrates the Arts 2022 on display throughout the festival! The artists were teams of students and alumni of the graphic design and illustration disciplines. The judges were also alumni!

## Bringing Down the House

Created by teams of students in 3D Design Fundamentals classes, this one-of-a-kind sculpture installation on the Harvey & Carol Massey Family Grand Staircase celebrates the Dancing Houses of Amsterdam.

## Dr. Hologram

Throughout the week, guests can see the creative side of Dr. Hologram, a patient simulation tool initiated by the College of Health Professions and Sciences through its Innovation Center.

## Jewel of Parramore: The Wells' Built Hotel

This video produced by the Honors Advanced Documentary Workshop serves as an orientation for visitors to the Wells' Built Museum of African American History and Culture in downtown Orlando.

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for full event details.



## 2+2+2 Architecture Showcase

This exhibition is a showcase of work from the 2+2+2 architecture program featuring UCF, UF and Valencia architecture students.

*Presented in partnership with the University of Florida and Valencia College.*

## Rain Barrels from OUC's Water Color Project

Through a partnership between OUC and Orange County Public Schools, K-12 students learn about the importance of water conservation through art. The students create artwork for OUC's Water Conservation Calendar and paint rain barrels that can be purchased by the public through an annual silent auction to benefit the schools' art programs.

Learn more at [ouc.com/environment-community/for-teachers-students](https://ouc.com/environment-community/for-teachers-students)

## Perception: MFA Studio Art & Design Showcase

This show is a collection of selected works from the Emerging Media MFA, Studio Art & Design track. The current cohort of students is extremely diverse, and each offer a different skill set. Painting, drawing, printmaking, photography and sculpture are represented in this showcase.

## Narrative Sculpture: Visual Storytelling

View artwork created by students in Narrative Sculpture courses during the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters.



# SCHEDULED EVENTS *Alphabetical within venue*

## WALT DISNEY THEATER

### Broadway's Brightest Lights Featuring the American Pops Orchestra and Megan Hilty

Saturday, April 15, 7 p.m. • Walt Disney Theater • \$25-\$250

Tony Award-winning Broadway star Megan Hilty (*NBC's Smash*, *Wicked*, *Annie Live!*) is joined by Michael Maliakel (*Disney's Aladdin*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Monsoon Wedding*), Nikki Renée Daniels (*Company*, *Hamilton*), and Luke Hawkins (*Annie Live!*, *Xanadu*, *Singin' in the Rain*) to perform some of the greatest showtunes of all time with the American Pops Orchestra under the direction of Luke Frazier. This star-filled performance is being recorded for national broadcast.

*Presented in partnership with WUCF.*

### Inclusive Knights Concert Series: Terrific Beasts and Mythical Creatures Featuring the UCF Concert Band

Friday, April 14, 11 a.m. • Walt Disney Theater • FREE

This concert provides a safe and welcoming environment for people who may not typically be able to attend live concerts. Support will be offered for families and members of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities, people on the autism spectrum and with intellectual disabilities, and the Central Florida community at large. Balloons, visual representations and opportunities to move will be provided to support the enjoyment of music. Patrons are encouraged to bring hearing protection, fidget toys, manipulatives, cushions and support objects to the concert. 50 minutes without intermission.

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for full event details.



## TECH-nique: A Dance Concert

Saturday, April 8, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.  
Walt Disney Theater • \$15-\$60

This dance concert showcases the incredible talents of student, alumni and faculty choreographers and dancers. It features original dances across genres including tap, ballet, jazz and contemporary. Student choreographers have themed their pieces around technology and how it impacts our daily lives, and faculty choreographer Judi Siegfried is collaborating with Carolina Cruz-Neira, founder of the immersive virtual reality CAVE system, to coordinate dancers' movements and projections.





# STEINMETZ HALL

## Faith, Hope and Love: UCF Choirs

Thursday, April 13, 7:30 p.m. • Steinmetz Hall • \$10–\$25

The UCF Chamber Singers, SoAl and TeBa choruses, University Singers and UCF Community Choir share songs of inclusion, strength, hope and love under the direction of Kelly Miller and Jeffery Redding. Guest soloists, members of the UCF music faculty and the UCF Symphony Orchestra join in the second half for a performance of Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass* (Hob. XXII/11).

## Music for All UCF-Orlando Concert Band Invitational presented by Excelcia Music Publishing

Wednesday, April 12, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. • Multiple venues • \$10

Twelve middle and high school bands from across Florida perform and receive feedback from a panel of nationally recognized educators/clinicians. This is a unique opportunity for young musicians to improve their skills and gain insights from experienced educators, while performing in world-class venues.

## National Choir Festival Concert

Saturday, April 8, 7:30 p.m. • Steinmetz Hall • \$10

High school choirs and their directors work with world-renowned conductors, participate in solo performances and experience mass choirs. The day of workshops will conclude with a public performance at 7:30 p.m.

## National Young Composers Challenge Composium

Sunday, April 2, Noon–6 p.m. • Steinmetz Hall • FREE

The Composium is an amazing afternoon of excitement and music conducted by Maestro Christopher Wilkins and performed by Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra. Composers ages 13-18 are selected from a national competition to have their original pieces workshopped, performed and recorded. Doors will be open during the event so patrons can be inspired by one composer or stay for the whole event. After the performance, everyone is invited to mingle with musicians, judges and of course the talented young composers.

[YoungComposersChallenge.org](http://YoungComposersChallenge.org)

Generously supported by the Goldman Charitable Foundation.

## Reach for the Stars: UCF Alumni Showcase

Friday, April 14, 7 p.m. • Steinmetz Hall • \$15–\$50

Travel back in time with Theatre UCF alumni as they share songs from their time at UCF and their professional careers. Emceed by Cheryl Hines '90, the evening features musical theatre superstars who have graced stages on Broadway, national tours, regional theatres, cruise ships, theme parks... and the humble UCF campus.



## Swingin' and Singin' with the Flying Horse Big Band

Friday, April 7, 7:30 p.m. • Steinmetz Hall • \$15–\$60

UCF's chart-topping jazz ensemble, the Flying Horse Big Band, swings under the direction of Jeff Rupert. The band will be joined by vocalist Lucy Yeghiazaryan, trombonist Wycliffe Gordon, and The Jazz Professors.

## UCF New Music Ensemble presents /'ha:mə.foun/ with Guest Artists line upon line percussion

Tuesday, April 11, 7:30 p.m. • Steinmetz Hall • \$10–\$20

The UCF New Music Ensemble and the UCF composition studio present an evening of world-premiere music exploring the ambiguity and richness of language. Guest ensemble line upon line percussion will join UCF's finest contemporary performers for this unique and intriguing performance.

## UCF Percussion Ensemble

Monday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.

Steinmetz Hall • \$10–\$20

This concert features performances by the UCF Percussion Ensemble and guest artist line upon line percussion in a thrilling and dynamic showcase of percussion music.



## UCF Symphony Orchestra: When in Rome

Thursday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.

Steinmetz Hall • \$15–\$60

The UCF Symphony Orchestra shines under the baton of guest conductor Eric Jacobsen, performing Dvořák's *Carnival Overture* and Respighi's *Pines of Rome*. Singers from Orlando Opera join for select songs from Alex Burtzos' new opera, *HE Who Gets Slapped*.

Presented in partnership with Opera Orlando and Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra and generously supported by the Judith & David Albertson Endowment for the Arts.

## UCF Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band Concert

Wednesday, April 12, 7:30 p.m. • Steinmetz Hall • \$10–\$20

Experience the power and passion of live music performed by the university's two premier concert bands. The Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band present an evening of music by some of today's most impactful composers. The program will feature works that shine light on important historical and cultural themes and will include a performance by the winner of the 2022-23 UCF Concert Competition. Nora Lee Garcia will join the Symphonic Band for a flute concerto.

# DEVOS FAMILY ROOM

## Architecture Showcase & Awards

Wednesday, April 5, 5:30 p.m. • DeVos Family Room • FREE

Enjoy a discussion with Brooks + Scarpa, presentations from UCF, UF and Valencia architecture students, scholarship awards, and a gallery of artwork from students and local architects, including designs for Orlando's Milk District.

*Presented in partnership with the University of Florida, Valencia College and the Orlando Foundation for Architecture.*

## Behind-the-Scenes with PBS MASTERPIECE

Saturday, April 15, 4 p.m. • DeVos Family Room • FREE

Learn more about and get an exclusive sneak peek into what's coming up on the iconic PBS drama series *MASTERPIECE* with executive director Susanne Simpson, two-time Academy Award® nominee and two-time Emmy® winner for her documentary and dramatic films for television and theater.

*Presented in partnership with WUCF.*

## Book Discussion: *When the World Turned Upside Down: Words and Images on Politics, Culture and the Unimaginable Events of 2019-2022*

Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m. • DeVos Family Room • FREE

UCF Pegasus Professor and nationally-syndicated columnist Luis Martínez-Fernández talks about recent momentous developments in the United States and across the world. His collection of essays stands at the intersection between opinion journalism and history, offering a dialogue between past and present.

## A Conversation with Judy Woodruff

Saturday, April 15, 2:30 p.m. • DeVos Family Room • FREE

Veteran broadcast journalist Judy Woodruff discusses her successful career in broadcasting and how the journalism field has changed over the past few decades. Drawing from major national and international stories, Woodruff will provide an inside perspective about current events and issues.

*Presented in partnership with WUCF.*

## First Look and Discussion of *War Unfolding\**

Friday, April 7, 7 p.m. • DeVos Family Room • FREE

Experience an exclusive "first look" at *War Unfolding*, an upcoming documentary by award-winning filmmaker John Benitz and historian Andrew Carroll. The film follows Carroll on a journey around the world to find and preserve letters written during wartime. This personal and often emotional journey into war correspondence uncovers stories of profound loss and suffering, but also of our shared humanity. A Q&A with Carroll and Benitz will follow the viewing, and actors from Theatre UCF will read passages from select letters.

*Supported by Florida Humanities.*

## Graphic Design & Experimental Animation Showcase

Saturday, April 8, 6:30 p.m. • DeVos Family Room • FREE

A showcase of work from graduating seniors in the emerging media tracks! Spend the evening networking and leave creatively inspired by the next wave of Orlando's ever-growing design community as they showcase their creative works. End the night hearing from an alum who will discuss their creative process and career path.

*This event is generously supported by Adobe.*

Visit [arts.ucf.edu/celebrates](https://arts.ucf.edu/celebrates)  
for full event details.



## Mind Matters: New Plays for Teens

Thursday, April 13, 6:30 p.m. • DeVos Family Room • FREE

High school theatre students read three new plays focused on mental health and wellness, which were developed over the last year through a partnership between UCF, local organizations and playwrights from around the country. Paired with a panel discussion from educators, students and artists involved in this exciting and relevant program, we'll explore how theatre can be used to explore mental health and wellness with youth.

*"Mind Matters" is developed with support from the 2021 Pabst Steinmetz Arts and Wellness Award.*

## PBS Kids!

### A Conversation with Sonia Manzano

Saturday, April 15, 1 p.m. • DeVos Family Room • FREE

Are you a fan of PBS KIDS programs like *Alma's Way* and *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood*? Sonia Manzano, author and *Sesame Street* actress, will share insights into the making of children's media and discuss the importance of family involvement during a child's formative years.

*Presented in partnership with WUCF.*

## REALity of ARTificial Intelligence

Monday, April 10, 6 p.m. • DeVos Family Room • FREE

What is AI, or Artificial Intelligence? What's the connection between AI and art, and how does that challenge our values around creativity and content? It's legal, but is it ethical? Experts in ethics, visual art, industry and computer science will help you better understand this quickly evolving technology and how it impacts the creative process. Before and after the talks, enjoy demonstrations of visual art and written word created by AI and see how UCF students are working in this area during a poster session.

*Hosted by the UCF Center for Ethics, in collaboration with the UCF Center for Computer Vision and UCF School of Visual Arts and Design.*

## Theatre for Very Young Audiences

### The Day I Danced with Dinosaurs

Saturday, April 8, 11 a.m. • DeVos Family Room • \$10

Get ready to party, because everyone knows dinosaurs love to dance! The 30-minute celebration of dinosaurs, music and movement was written by Jennifer Adams-Carrasquillo '11MFA and is created specifically for 1- to 5-year-olds as an interactive, multi-sensory, developmentally accessible experience that encourages caregiver interaction and creative play.

*Presented by the Orlando Repertory Theatre*

## Writers Go Wild!

Friday, April 14, 7 p.m. • DeVos Family Room • FREE

Writers Go Wild! showcases the work and talent of the Spring 2023 graduating students of UCF's creative writing MFA graduate program. This reading will feature works by Steven Archer, Brandon Bradley, Madison Brown, Kayla Cayasso, Wendy Dye, Alex Gurtis, Charlie Klenk, Tammy Komoff, Ian Lindsay and Veronica Silva.

Arrive early to enjoy a showcase of other projects from the UCF English Department.



# ALEXIS & JIM PUGH THEATER

## Art and Incarceration: A Panel Discussion of Prison-Based Arts Programs\*

Saturday, April 15, 2 p.m. • Alexis & Jim Pugh Theater • FREE

UCF's Florida Prison Education Project hosts a one-hour panel discussion featuring Baz Dreisinger, David Gussak, Curt L. Tofteland and Omari Booker. Speaking from their diverse positions as an English professor, an art therapist, a theatre practitioner and a practicing visual artist, they discuss the value of arts-based prison education.

Supported by Florida Humanities.

## Brassapalooza

Monday, April 10, 7 p.m. • Alexis & Jim Pugh Theater • \$15

The UCF brass student studios, quintets and faculty perform a joint concert. Travel back in time as students play repertoire from the Renaissance to Modern periods. In the second half of the evening, the UCF Faculty Brass Quintet takes the stage for a program of varied works.

## Character Animation and Animation/Visual Effects Premieres

Saturday, April 15, 5 p.m. • Alexis & Jim Pugh Theater • FREE

Enjoy a series of award-winning, animated short films from students in graduate and undergraduate programs in the School of Visual Arts and Design. Six short films that have already garnered hundreds of awards in film festivals around the world will be screened first, followed by screenings of the thesis works from students who have earned an Animation and Visual Effects MFA.

## Film: *The Biggest Dream*

Friday, April 14, 7 p.m. • Alexis & Jim Pugh Theater • FREE

The Arecibo Observatory operated one of the world's most powerful radio telescopes until its collapse in 2020. Now, experience the legacy of the iconic instrument on a 57-year journey that takes you from the small island of Puerto Rico, past near-Earth asteroids, and to the deepest regions of space. Directed by Andrew Hernandez Sepulveda.

## Home of the Brave – Theatre for Young Audiences

Saturday, April 15, 11 a.m. • Alexis & Jim Pugh Theater • \$10

Inspired by interviews with military children from all branches of service, *Home of the Brave* showcases the joys, anxieties, pride and struggles of navigating life within a military family. Composed of scenes and monologues that explore home, belonging, friendship and change, *Home of the Brave* is a touring production directed and designed by graduate students in the Theatre for Young Audiences program.



## Inspired: An Evening of Chamber Music for Strings, Piano & Clarinet

Saturday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.  
Alexis & Jim Pugh Theater • \$15

The Pegasus String Quartet, UCF's elite graduate string quartet under the direction of Ayako Yonetani, performs Rachmaninoff's *Unfinished String Quartet No. 1* and the Florida premiere of a quintet arrangement of Chausson's *Concerto for Violin, Piano and String Quartet*, featuring pianist Sun-A Park. The second half of the concert features UCF professors Ayako Yonetani (violin), Keith Koons (clarinet), David Bjella (cello) and Sun-A Park (piano) performing Messaien's *Quartet for the End of Time*, inspired by a passage in the Book of Revelation.



## Knight to Shine: A Musical Theatre Showcase

Thursday, April 13, 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.  
Alexis & Jim Pugh Theater • \$15-\$25

The spotlight is on the graduating musical theatre students as they take the stage for an evening of cabaret style performances! This show will include songs from popular Broadway musicals like *Mean Girls*, *Dear Evan Hansen*, and *Six*.

This event is generously supported by LIFE at UCF.

## Project Spotlight presents *Race to Infinity*

Tuesday, April 11, 7 p.m. • Alexis & Jim Pugh Theater • \$15-\$25

Project Spotlight presents *Race to Infinity*, a play that unpacks a young woman's shaky upbringing and struggle to find her worth when faced with expectations that seem impossible to reach. All her life, Sara recalls being second to her brother, Samuel. However, when she discovers a new version of the video game she played with him growing up, Sara begins a quest to prove herself to those around her. Written by UCF student Gian Arellano. This play involves mature language and themes.

## UCF Opera Presents *Speed Dating Tonight!*

Friday, April 7, 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 8, 1 p.m.  
Alexis & Jim Pugh Theater • \$15-\$25

Under the direction of Thomas Potter and Robin Jensen, UCF Opera performs *Speed Dating Tonight!* by Michael Ching based on a concept by Dean Anthony. This modern, comedic, one-act opera combines a variety of musical genres to explore the human desire for connection. Through each brief date, you'll get a peek into the characters' lives and approaches to dating.

This event is generously supported by the Thow Family Opera for Young Audiences Endowment.



# OUTSIDE THE VENUE

## Creative Clash

Saturday, April 8, 5 p.m. • Seneff Arts Plaza • FREE

Armed with markers, students and alumni race against the clock to create artwork in front of a crowd. The theme will be announced seconds before the start of the event, so come cheer on the artists and help choose a winner at the end of the competition. The designs will be displayed inside the center for the duration of the festival.

## Play! A WUCF Salute to Fred Rogers

Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m. – Noon • Seneff Arts Plaza • FREE

Drop in and play, it's your job today! The Seneff Plaza will be filled with yard games including the all-new Donkey Hodie: A Hee-Hawesome Adventure. The playscape is an unstructured, free experience and encourages families to engage with each other, because just like Fred Rogers said, "play is serious learning."

## "Where Bright Thoughts Like Rivers Flow" Storytelling and Writing with and for the Cherokee Nation\*

Wednesday, April 5, 6 p.m. • Online • FREE

Through a careful weaving of traditional Cherokee stories, Cherokee cultural practices of SG'AḶḶ (duyuk'ta; balance), and archival recovery work, this virtual presentation by Emily Legg will illustrate the participatory nature of Indigenous storytelling and the ways this serves as a lived and embodied act that builds and sustains a community of knowledge-makers across time and place.

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## Workshop: With More than Words Exploring Material Rhetorics and Social Change\*

Saturday, April 8, 1 p.m. • Union West Creative Village • FREE

Curious about what quilting, activists' speeches, writing, and truth have in common? A team of writing and rhetoric scholars will host a series of free and engaging community workshop sessions and explore the intersections of storytelling, art and activism. Come to one session or stay for all four!

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\*Funding for Art and Incarceration: A Panel Discussion of Prison-Based Arts Programs, First Look and Discussion of *War Unfolding*, *Where Bright Thoughts Like Rivers Flow*, and *With More than Words* was provided through grants from the Florida Humanities with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in these events do not necessarily represent those of Florida Humanities or the National Endowment for the Humanities.



Visit [arts.ucf.edu/celebrates](https://arts.ucf.edu/celebrates)  
for full event details.



# HOW TO CELEBRATE

UCF Celebrates the Arts is most fun when you attend many events and easiest when you reserve your tickets in advance.

All events and exhibitions— even the free ones — require a ticket or reservation for admission.

Visit [arts.ucf.edu/celebrates](https://arts.ucf.edu/celebrates) before coming to Dr. Phillips Center to avoid delays in entrance to the center.

If a free event is showing “sold out” on the website, there will be a wait line at the door to fill unclaimed seats.

## Camera, Video and Audio Recording

Ticketholders are not permitted to take videos or photographs or use recording devices, cellphones, tablets or other electronic equipment during performances, unless otherwise specified by the show.

Production elements are considered intellectual property and may be copyrighted. Please refrain from using mobile devices during the performances, as they are a distraction for the performers and other guests.

Any unpermitted use of a device by a guest may result in the device being confiscated by Dr. Phillips Center staff for the duration of the event or expulsion from the event or performance. Please check with UCF staff about where official photos will be available for viewing after the events.

## Accessibility

Reach out to the Dr. Phillips Center guest services team with any requests—or visit the concierge desk before your show. 407-992-1754 | [guestservices@drphillipscenter.org](mailto:guestservices@drphillipscenter.org). Information about accessible seating policies, parking, mobility assistance, assistive hearing devices and more at [drphillipscenter.org/explore/visit/accessibility](https://drphillipscenter.org/explore/visit/accessibility).

## Restrooms

On every tier, all wheelchair accessible. All family restrooms have changing tables.

## Concierge Desk

This hub for helpful info and services is located on tier 1 behind the Harvey & Carol Massey Family Grand Staircase in Della Phillips Grand Lobby.

## Program

To reduce paper waste, no paper programs are being distributed. Program information for events can be found at [arts.ucf.edu/celebrates](https://arts.ucf.edu/celebrates).

## Get Social

Have photos to share or just want to say hello? Tag [#ArtsAtUCF](https://twitter.com/ArtsAtUCF) and [@ArtsAtUCF](https://twitter.com/ArtsAtUCF) to join the fun from wherever you are.

## Late Seating

Please arrive **at least 30 minutes prior** to the scheduled show time. Latecomers and those who exit during a performance may not be admitted until an appropriate interval.

*There will be no admittance to the April 15 evening concert once recording has started.*

## Snacks & Nearby Restaurants

Many restaurants are within walking distance. You'll also find light bites and drinks on every tier.

Note: You can now bring your purchased food and drink into the theaters.

[drphillipscenter.org/menu](https://drphillipscenter.org/menu)



## About Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts

We believe a performing arts center should be more than a beautifully designed building. We believe in creating experiences that educate as much as entertain. And we believe in inspiring creativity with programming our entire community can enjoy. We believe in making the arts accessible to people from all walks of life—all over the world. And we invite you to join us on this journey.

## Overview

To support our vision, Arts For Every Life®, Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts has become a hub for the best international, national and local artists, for community outreach and for arts education.

## School of the Arts

The Dr. Phillips Center's arts education programming is a mission-driven activity that regularly engages tens of thousands of individuals per year. It provides a myriad of high-quality professional experiences for students to pursue artistic excellence at our AdventHealth School of the Arts.

## Annual Luminary Donors

They deliver Arts For Every Life® on a yearly basis, supporting things like educational programs, scholarships and community outreach efforts. Annual luminary donors get special privileges like early access to show tickets.

# Celebrate With Us All Year!

UCF Celebrates the Arts happens just once a year, but you can enjoy the arts and humanities at UCF any time. Join us on campus and in the community for an engaging talk, exhibit or performance!

## TAKE IN SOME ART

The UCF Art Gallery serves as a catalyst for visual art experiences and education, culture and community engagement. The on-campus gallery hosts free exhibitions and programming that includes faculty, students and internationally-known artists in a wide range of media and artistic styles.

### Upcoming Exhibitions • [gallery.cah.ucf.edu](http://gallery.cah.ucf.edu)

*Considering Carbon* by Kathleen Thum • Aug. 24 – Sep. 29  
Opening Reception: Aug. 24, 5–7 PM

*SVAD Faculty Exhibition* • Oct. 19 – Nov. 3  
Opening Reception: Oct. 19, 5–7 PM

*BFA Exhibition* • Nov. 17 – Dec. 5  
Opening Reception: Nov. 17, 6–9 PM (coincides with *Art Knight!*)

UCF School of Visual Arts & Design presents *Art Knight!*  
Nov. 17, 6–9 PM

## THINK AND DISCUSS

The arts and humanities offer ample opportunities for engagement with the community and consideration of new ideas. With regular lectures, workshops, readings and presentations from students, faculty and visiting researchers, there will be an event that interests you on campus. Most events are free and can be found at [cah.ucf.edu](http://cah.ucf.edu).

## SEE A SHOW

Theatre UCF presents plays and musicals year-round on campus. Subscriptions and single tickets are available at [arts.ucf.edu/theatre](http://arts.ucf.edu/theatre).

**Pegasus PlayLab** • June 2–17

A mini-festival dedicated to developing new works by emerging playwrights! Workshops and a full production of *Bite Me* by Eliana Pipes.

*Chicken and Biscuits* by Douglas Lyons • Sep. 21 – Oct. 1

*The Prom* by Matthew Sklar, Chad Beguelin & Bob Martin • Oct. 12–22

*Metamorphoses* by Mary Zimmerman • Nov. 9–19

*Peter and the Starcatcher* by Rick Elice & Wayne Barker • Jan. 25 – Feb. 4

*The Cherry Orchard* by Anton Chekhov • Feb. 22 – Mar. 3

*Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*  
by Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler • Apr. 11–13

## ENJOY A CONCERT

The School of Performing Arts hosts concerts from September through April, and camps in the summer. Concerts are held at UCF and in schools, places of worship and other community venues. Some annual highlights include:

- The Flying Horse Big Band and other jazz ensembles
- UCF Choirs
- UCF Symphony Orchestra
- UCF Opera
- Chamber ensembles
- Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band and Concert Band
- Faculty, guest artist and student recitals

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### ABOUT THE UCF COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

*Amplifying the power of knowledge and discovery, the University of Central Florida unleashes the potential of our students, faculty, staff and community. As a next-generation public research institute, we are an inclusive community of thinkers, doers, creators, innovators, healers and leaders striving to shape the future and solve the world's most challenging problems. In the College of Arts and Humanities, we embody the heritage of human learning, advancing and disseminating knowledge in the humanities and visual and performing arts.*

*We pursue significant opportunities for interdisciplinary activities and recognize the impact that traditional and innovative approaches in the arts and humanities can have across all disciplines. The college comprises the disciplines of English, history, modern languages and literatures, performing arts, philosophy, texts and technology, themed experience, visual arts and design, women's and gender studies, and writing and rhetoric, and is host to a multitude of centers, journals and publications.*

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