



UCF Celebrates the Arts

UCF Celebrates the Arts, an annual festival showcasing creativity, innovation and collaboration from Orlando's hometown university, returns to Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts for its sixth year.

The annual festival runs April 7-19, 2020 and includes events and exhibitions that shine the spotlight on the performing and visual arts. Highlights this year include a symphony concert themed around ocean conservation, a dance concert with fifteen original dances, a *Twilight Zone*-inspired jazz concert and artwork by UCF students throughout the center.

Tickets are free or low-priced, with most events starting at \$5 or \$10. All exhibitions are free. Tickets are available starting March 2 at noon. [Learn more about UCF Celebrates the Arts.](#)



Eclectic Knights XI

The College of Arts and Humanities Alumni Chapter hosted its 11th annual Eclectic Knights event on January 9, 2020 at the Orlando Museum of Art. This event was held in affiliation with the museum's already existing 1st Thursdays monthly event, where patrons have the opportunity to listen to live music, mingle, connect with local organizations, and view the work of local artists. [See photos from Eclectic Knights XI.](#)

Alumni Highlights



Roland Williams '71 '78MS and Wiletha Williams '70 look back at the start of UCF's Black Student Union. As they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year, Roland and Wiletha Williams share their experience as some of the university's first students. [Read more...](#)



A “whole new world” for theatre alumnus [Cornelius Davis '13](#) touring with Aladdin



Alumnus [Mike Diaz '06 '10MFA](#) begins CBS' Writers Mentoring Program



T&T alumna [Wendy Givoglu '19PhD](#) appointed Valencia College's Interim President for East and Winter Park campuses



Get to know [Harry Foreman '18](#), the grad behind UCF Downtown's new mural



Learn about the work of photography alumna [Clarissa Bonet '08](#)



[Henry “Cody” Miller '11](#) leads professional development focused on creating affirming classrooms for LGBTQ youth



BFA Studio Art grads [Titus Thomas '19](#) and [Rex Hammack '19](#) defy odds, expectations



SVAD alumna [Teresa Falcone '14](#) on working on "Toy Story 4"



From an Off-Broadway John Belushi tribute to an L.A. comedy group - see what [Theatre Studies alumni](#) have been up to



Five alumni, two current students and one faculty member from the School of Visual Arts and Design are finalists for the 2020 ArtFields competition. The eight candidates are in the running for a variety of awards totaling over \$145,000 in prize money during the April 24-May 2, 2020 art competition and festival in Lake City, South Carolina. [Learn more about the finalists.](#)

Arts at UCF



[GAUDNEKOLOR POP](#)
by [Walter Gaudnek](#)
Jan 10 - Feb 14, 2020
UCF Gallery



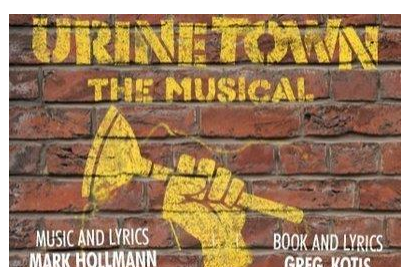
[UCF Symphony Orchestra Concert](#)
Feb 15, 2020, 7pm
St. Luke's Lutheran Church



[2020 Annual MFA Exhibition](#)
Feb 27 - Mar 20, 2020
UCF Gallery



[UCF-Orlando Jazz Festival](#)
Feb 28-29, 2020, 8pm
UCF Main Campus



[Urinetown](#)
Mar 26 - Apr 5, 2020
UCF Main Stage Theatre



[Spring 2020 Biannual BFA Exhibition I](#)
Mar 31 - Apr 7, 2020
UCF Gallery



[Spring 2020 Biannual BFA Exhibition II](#)
Apr 14 - 21, 2020
UCF Gallery



[See a Full Listing of Events Here](#)



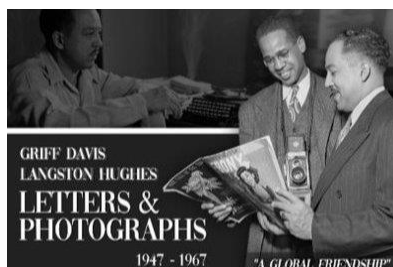
Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Cyrus Zargar

Cyrus Zargar is the Endowed Al-Ghazali Distinguished Professor in Islamic Studies, who is currently teaching Medieval Philosophy. The Al-Ghazali Distinguished Professorship was created from the donations of hundreds of members from Central Florida's Islamic community, with the intent of promoting the understanding and appreciation of Islam and Muslim communities. These funds enabled Zargar to advance his work, especially by building the Islamic Studies program through guest speakers, frequent events, and vehicles for interfaith dialogue. [Learn more about Dr. Cyrus Zargar.](#)

Upcoming Events



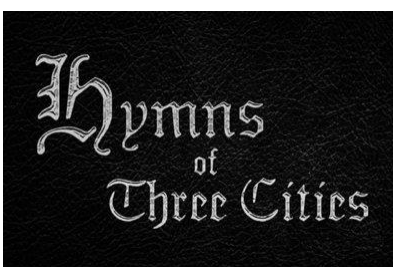
[Zora Neale Hurston's 'Native Village': Historic Eatonville Remembered](#)
Jan 7 - Feb 28, 2020
John C. Hitt Library



[Griff Davis and Langston Hughes, Letters and Photographs 1947-1967: A Global Friendship](#)
Jan 17 - Apr 19, 2020
The Florida Museum of Photographic Arts



[Faculty Book Talk: "A Satellite Empire: Romanian Rule in Southwestern Ukraine, 1941-1944" presented by Dr. Vladimir Solonari](#)
Feb 5, 2020, 4pm
Trevor Colbourn Hall, Rm. 351



[Film Screening: Hymns of Three Cities](#)
Feb 13, 2020, 6:30pm
Lake Mary Community Center



[VR Middle Passage Experience](#)
Feb 16, 2pm
Hannibal Square Heritage Center



[John T. Washington Lecture Series - Overcoming Injustice: Why Women's Constitutional Citizenship Still Matters](#)
Feb 18, 2020, 5:30pm
Teaching Academy



[The Perils of Partnership: Corporate Influence in Public Health, a conversation with Jonathan H. Marks](#)
Feb 24, 2020, 11am
Global UCF, Rm. 101



[Will Cotton Master Artist Community Outreach](#)
Feb 26, 2020, 11:15am
UCF Student Union



[For Freedoms Town Hall: Rebranding Patriotism, A UCF/Rollins College Event](#)
Mar 3, 2020, 12:30pm
Cornell Fine Arts Museum

CAH Alumni Chapter

The [UCF College of Arts & Humanities Alumni Chapter](#) enhances the lives of graduates from the college by helping them stay connected to their alma mater. If you would like to learn more about the chapter, available board positions and other opportunities, please contact Azela Santana, Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement, at azela.santana@ucf.edu or 407.823.1744.



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