

EVENTS

OCTOBER

Please visit www.OrlandoFamilyMagazine.com for a complete list of daily fun activities for the entire family.

OCT 2nd - 7th Beauty and the Beast

Disney's Beauty and the Beast has become an international sensation that has played to over 35 million people worldwide in 21 countries. It is the story of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped in a spell placed by an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed to his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity. For play times, visit www.BeautyAndTheBeastOnTour.com.



Bob Carr Performing Arts Centre

Central Florida NatureFest

Welcome Wildlife Enthusiasts! This event offers something for everyone and the unlimited beauty of nature is yours to discover. Participate in activities including birding, hiking, kayaking, butterfly and wildflower viewing, nature photography, star gazing, and air boat tours. This nature weekend is packed with excursions led by area wildlife experts. A registration fee of \$20 is required to participate in the event and includes a NatureFest event T-shirt, water bottle, and drawstring bag. An additional \$20 fee is required for each excursion, www.visitcentralflorida.org/nature-fest

OCT 4th - 7th

LEGALLY BLONDE: The Musical

Garden Theatre

OCT 5th - 28th

College sweetheart and homecoming queen Elle Woods doesn't take no for an answer. Beauty, brains, and a Chihuahua named Bruiser - this girl has it all. The verdict? This much fun shouldn't be legal! Tickets: \$29 (\$25 students/seniors). Fri & Sat at 8pm, Sat & Sun at 2pm. www.gardentheatre.org

ORLANDO HOME SHOW

Orange County Convention Center

Get ideas and investigate new products, gather information, and meet the professionals to help you make your next remodeling, renovation, landscaping or decorating project a breeze! Get the tools you need to make your house a home and your garden or yard the retreat you have always dreamed of! www.OrlandoHomeShow.com

OCT 5th - 7th

Jazz'n Blues Stroll

Harry P. Leu Gardens

Oct 13th

Enjoy the amazing talent of some of Central Florida's best blues and jazz bands, featuring the soulful sounds of Beautiful Bobby Blackmon, the smooth jazz of Robert Harris, and get your groove on with Thom Chambers under a starlit sky. Pack a dinner picnic basket full of your favorite foods/drinks and bring chairs or a blanket for this outdoor event. Garden vendors will be selling coffee and desserts. Advance tickets available starting Oct 3rd (407) 246-2620 / www.leugardens.org

39th Annual Winter Park Autumn Art Festival

Downtown Winter Park

The Winter Park Autumn Art Festival is the only juried art show to feature Florida artists exclusively. Held annually on the second weekend in October, this community-oriented sidewalk show presents quality visual art, live entertainment, children's activities, and more. The festival is open from 9 am - 5 pm both days and admission is FREE. www.winterpark.org

OCT 13th - 14th

A Year with Frog and Toad

ORLANDO SHAKESPEARE THEATER

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UCF

This Tony Award Nominee for Best Musical is a whimsical story about an unlikely friendship between an optimistic Frog and a very grumpy Toad. Watch as their friendships flourishes through an array of triumph and challenges, sending a heart-warming message to the whole family. Tickets: \$9 - \$12. (407) 447-1700 / www.OrlandoShakes.org

OCT 20th - 21st

Chasing George Washington

Orlando Repertory Theatre

Oct 18th - Nov 18th

Field trips are fun, especially when your destination is 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue- the White House! Dee Dee, Jose, and Annie accidentally knock George Washington out of his portrait and into real life, turning their tour into an unexpected adventure! (407) 896-7365 www.orlandorep.org

Bob Carr Theatre VAMPIRE'S BALL

ORLANDO BALLET

As the nights grow longer and a chill cools the air, the creatures of darkness return to Orlando Ballet's stage. The nightmare of Vampire's Ball is once again brought to life, even more terrifying than before. Back by popular demand, you won't want to miss the most ferocious and haunting dance event of the fall which everyone will be talking about all season long. Remember, you're not alone in the dark... (407) 426-1739 www.orlandoballet.org

Oct 19th - 21st

Hansel & Gretel

OCT 20th

Good overcomes evil in this ageless tale of two children who triumph over the evil witch and learn a valuable lesson about obedience. Conceived and choreographed by Dierdre Miles Burger and Robert Hill, and featuring the memorable musical score by Engelbert Humperdinck. Performance at 11 am. Tickets start at \$25. (407) 426-1739 / www.orlandoballet.org

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Cannonball Pumpkin Limited

October 20, 21, 27, 28, 30

ORANGE BLOSSOM

Enjoy family fun on the Cannonball Pumpkin Limited! Ride vintage coaches pulled by our 1907 steam locomotive as it travels to Farmer Brown's Pumpkin Patch. Hop off the train and meet Farmer Brown. "Pick" your perfect pumpkin to take home. Candy and refreshments will be served at the Patch by Mrs. Brown. Adults \$25, children \$20 (ages 2 to 12). Departure times vary by date. (352) 742-7200 www.orangeblossomcannonball.com/special-events

Lukas Nursery AND Butterfly Encounter

OCT 20th - 21st

Join us as Florida's largest garden shop and nursery celebrates 100 years in agriculture. Bring the kids and enjoy free face painting and hay rides, plus receive a 20% discount on any Lucas Nursery purchase. From 10 am to 4 pm. Food trucks will be available on Saturday from 11 am to 2 pm. www.lucasnursery.com

Centennial Celebration Festival - Oviedo

2012 Southwest Fall Festival

Holy Family Catholic Church

Oct 25th - 28th

For over a decade, this yearly event has allowed families and friends to reconnect, escape their hectic schedules or daily challenges, and enjoy being a part of the Southwest Orlando community. Unlimited ride wristbands available for purchase. For location and hours, please call (407) 876-2211 or visit www.southwestfallfest.com.

Modern Masterworks

Knowles Memorial Chapel

Oct 27th - 28th

Let there be light! Join us on a journey of works by some of the world's greatest living composers as they explore the themes of peace and light. Featuring music by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Paul Moravec, and world-renowned composers Martin Lauridsen and Eric Whitacre. Tickets: \$25 - \$55. www.bachfestivalflorida.org