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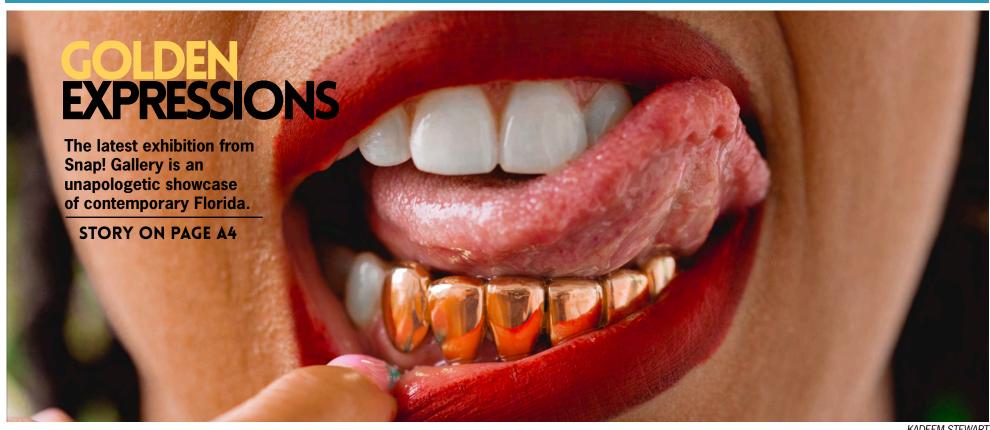
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### SEMI AUTONOMOUS BUS SERVICE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The (semi) autonomous bus shuttle service that was launched in downtown Orlando this past August has been put on temporary hiatus, according to the City of Orlando.

The SWAN Shuttle Service, powered by BEEP, an Orlando-based autonomous shared mobility solution company, was part of a pilot program in partnership with the Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (LYNX), and was meant to gather data on how shared, electric, and autonomous vehicles can be a part of Orlando's transportation future.

The fare-free (semi) autonomous vehicle shuttle started testing a route that connected Lynx Central Station and SunRail to the adjacent Creative Village on August 20, working a circular route around I-4 through Parramore. Just two days later, on August 22, it had its first crash, involving a LYNX bus. The crash was captured on video and has over 1 million views on TikTok.

At the time, it was reported that only the ont bumper of the BEEP was damaged in the crash and no injuries were reported. A second incident occurred on November 4, when a shuttle hit another LYNX bus at the intersection of Amelia and Garland Avenues, in which again, no injuries were reported.

According to a report by Scott Maxwell for Orlando Sentinel, BEEP CEO Joe Moye blamed the human attendant riding in the shuttle, for the incident. Which means, a) the autonomous shuttles aren't really autonomous, b) the driver was probably fired, and c) we're not going to call it an "autonomous shuttle" anymore.

City spokesperson Ashley Papagni shared that the city is working with its partners to resume SWAN Shuttle Service after a review of the in-cidents has concluded, in cooperation with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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### FROM THE EDITOR



Firstly, thank you to everyone who helped to make 2023 the amazing year that it was. We couldn't have done it without you, our readers and community partners, and we're so excited to jump into 2024 head first.

We've got a few things in the hopper already, including a new yoga series that we're cooking up called "YogaHigh" for medical marijuana cardholders. That's right, if you have a card, you'll be able to come hang out with us twice a month at The Acre in College Park to sample some new brands and get your stretch on in one of the prettiest venues in Central Florida. Don't have your card? Our friends at MCO Cannabis are raring to help you, so stay tuned for more information on that very soon - Bungalower Buddy members will receive a special early-bird heads up in their inboxes before tickets are made public.

Our friends at ConnectFord have signed up for another series of activations with us in 2024. Last year, we hosted a series of pop-up concerts powered by the all-electric Ford F-150 and this year we will be hosting a special Halloween film screening series in the month of October.

We're also the proud media sponsors of the upcoming Faded Kingdom beer festival in Baldwin Park. This year's event will take place on Noon-4 p.m. Saturday, January 27, on New Broad Street, at the center of Baldwin Park, and will feature over 50 participating breweries, including over 20 from the greater Orlando area. The fest will also include food pop-ups and vendors, as well as the return of armored MMA fighters from the Florida Rogue Knights and visiting armored combatants from all around the world. Buddy members can get access to a special VIP area by showing their keychains.

We can't wait to see your faces out and about in 2024, y'all!

#### — Brendan O'Connor

Editor in Chief Bungalower

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### THUMBS UP/ THUMBS DOWN

Sometimes reading is hard and you just want someone to tell you what to think about something (hopefully not how to vote, but you do you)

So here's our monthly list of Thumbs Ups and Thumbs Down. These aren't up for debate. They're just accepted truths.



There's a cat circus coming to town featuring cats available for adoption.

Piroshky Piroshky from Seattle is coming to town this month.





A French chef is opening a local macaron warehouse but you can't go in.





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## DOWNTOWN ROADWORK TO REPLACE BLM ROAD MURAL

"While this mural is impacted, reaffirming our commitment to equity and diversity is an important effort of the city's and we're committed to incorporating this collective commitment to inclusion into the new mural artwork that will be installed at the intersection of Rosalind Ave and Washington Street as part of the project. Like the creation of the previous mural, our intent is to engage the community in this process.

This project will not only support the goals of the City's Project DTO 2.0 Action Plan, but it will also further the city's Vision Zero goal to eliminate serious injuries and deaths on city roadways by 2040. Most of the intersections selected for the project are identified on the city's High Injury Network (HIN), which uses data and risk-based methodology to prioritize safety improvements."

- ASHLEY PAPAGNI, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF ORLANDO

The City of Orlando is working on a "holistic plan to address roadway infrastructure" in an effort to enhance public safety and further its placemaking efforts that will result in some big changes in the downtown core.

As part of those changes, the City of Orlando will be resurfacing Rosalind Avenue from South Street to Robinson Street which will replace the current Black Lives Matter mural adjacent to Lake Eola Park.

The Ćity of Orlando installed the Black Lives Matter mural on the surface of Rosalind Avenue in June 2020, following the lead of D.C. mayor Muriel Bowser. That section of road in Washington is now officially known as Black Lives Matter Plaza and has been made part of the capital's larger collection of civic landmarks.

City Hall will launch a Downtown Quick Build Infrastructure Project on January 2, which will add murals, curb extensions and



JIM HOBART, MACBETH STUDIO

bulb-outs, and formal crosswalks at key intersections along the corridor. Other improvements include separating the current green bike lane on Rosalind Avenue with bend-ins at Rosalind Avenue and Church Street, Rosalind Avenue and Washington Street, and Magnolia Avenue and Concord Street.

A total of five intersections will receive new street murals as part of the project, including: Orange Ave and Pine St, Orange Ave and Central Blvd, Orange Ave and Washington St, Orange Ave and Church St, and Rosalind Ave and Washington St.

According to City Hall, the designs for those murals will be created collaboratively with the community over the next few months. The project will be carried out in phases, with full project completion estimated for late February/March 2024.



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#### AMWAY CENTER IS NO MORE. LONG LIVE THE KIA CENTER

Kia America has been revealed as the new sponsor of the Orlando Arena, formerly known as the Amway Center, and they've named it "The Kia Center."

Late lat year, the signage was swapped out and social media channels were renamed to reflect the new branding partnership.

Changes include new indoor and outdoor signage, the installation of new EV charging stations, Kia vehicle displays onsite, and a hospitality lounge called the Kia Terrace.

"The Orlando Magic and Kia America have been proud partners for several years and we share in the excitement of Kia's success and growth," said Magic CEO Alex Martins. "We look forward to our expanded partnership which allows Kia to drive its brand forward and deliver a direct, impactful message to our fan base and beyond using the power of the NBA. Kia also becomes a 'Champion of the Community' partner and we look forward to working together to positively impact the Central Florida community."

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#### COUNCIL APPROVES FIRST READ OF NEW DISORDERLY CONDUCT UPDATE

Orlando City Council unanimously approved the first reading of a proposed update to the Code of Ordinances that would allow police officers to remove individuals obstructing vehicular or pedestrian traffic flow.

The updates to Sec. 43.06. – Disorderly Conduct of the City Code will allow police officers to fine or imprison any person deemed guilty of breaking the code, which also includes simply blocking the sidewalk or road, threats of violence, or exchanging "fighting words," someone who forces their company upon any other person, frequenting public places with the intent to obtain money from other persons, or acting in a "tumultuous"

manner" toward another. While it's not illegal to be homeless in America, laws like this certainly limit where you can assemble if you are experiencing homelessness in Orlando. Orlando Police are saying the changes are the results of countless complaints from downtown businesses and visitors blocking the right of way and that it's "important for the streets and sidewalks to stay clean and safe to allow everyone to travel freely."

## CITY OF ORLANDO PROVIDES UPDATE ON PULSE MEMORIAL

The City of Orlando issued the following update on the Pulse Memorial project shortly before Christmas. The announcement comes with a pledge to open a memorial and museum before 2026, ten years after the mass shooting took place at Pulse Nightclub, just south of downtown Orlando.

#### **History of Work Done to Date**

Part of the city's process to move the memorial forward involves understanding the history of the effort to create a memorial up until this point. To that end, on November 27, Mayor Dyer convened a meeting with the OnePulse Foundation Board to gain insight and information on work they've done to date toward the creation of a memorial. During that meeting, the board agreed to share memorial design work with the city.

#### Annual Remembrance Ceremony and the CommUNITY 5k Run

Another goal of the meeting with OnePulse Foundation Board was to understand the impacts of their organization's dissolution. In addition to leading the memorial process, the city has committed to ensuring the Annual Remembrance Ceremony and the CommUNI-TY Rainbow Run, both formerly organized by OnePulse, continue in 2024.

#### Establishing the Orlando United Pulse Memorial Fund

Mayor Dyer believes the best approach to creating a memorial at the Pulse site is for the City of Orlando to lead the process. To do this, the city will utilize its existing 501c3 status and establish the Orlando United Pulse Memorial Fund. This will allow for interested businesses, community organizations, and individuals to contribute financially towards the creation of the memorial.

#### Community and Stakeholder Engagment

Critical to the creation of a permanent memorial at the Pulse site that honors the victims, those impacted by the tragedy and pays tribute to the resiliency of Orlando is working with the victims' families and survivors. To further that effort, the city is finalizing a process for engaging and communicating with the victims' families, the survivors, and first responders for the memorial process. To start, the city has established a dedicated webpage to collect contact information that can be reached at cityoforlando.gov/pulsememorial.

#### **Continued Commitment**

The city remains committed to the development of the permanent memorial at the Pulse site and doing it in a thoughtful, planned, transparent, and timely manner. The city will continue to update the community as this work advances and there are more details to share.

#### WINTER PARK HOSTING 22ND ANNUAL UNITY HERITAGE FESTIVAL IN JANUARY

The City of Winter Park will host its 22nd Annual Unity Heritage Festival on Sunday, January 14, and Monday, January 14th.

The event series was launched in 2012 by Crealde School of Art founder, Peter Schreyer, to help share and promote the rich cultural history of Hannibal Square in Winter Park – which was originally founded by Black families in 1881, most of whom were in service to

wealthy white families who vacationed on the east side of the train tracks and owned a majority of land in the city.

Hannibal Square was incorporated into Winter Park in 1887 before being kicked to the curb in 1893 by the Florida Democrats to remove Black voters from local affairs because, at the time, most white Winter Park residents were snowbirds which made most of the full-time residents of the town Black, and a majority of them were registered Republicans.

Hannibal Square was returned to incorporated Winter Park once again in 1925 when city management needed to up the number of

residents to 300 registered voters to change its status from "town" to "city."

The annual festival will take place in Shady Park in Hannibal Square 1-5 p.m. on Sunday, featuring special children's programming and live entertainment. The Monday programming will be hosted 11 a.m.-5 p.m. in the same park with live gospel music and food. The festival continues the following day at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park for a special ground-breaking ceremony at the corner of Denning Drive and Morse Boulevard, where the city and the Community Redevelopment Agency will be installing a life-size bronze statue of Dr. King.

## ORLANDO CITY SHARES 2024 SEASON SCHEDULE

Orlando City Soccer will open its upcoming 2024 season on Saturday, February 24, against CF Montreal at Exploria Stadium.

After a successful 2023 season - Orlando City's 9th in the MLS - have quickly retooled their roster with new signings Ivan Angulo, Nocolas Lodeiro, and Javier Otero. The team also recently announced the return of Junior Urso, who played last season with Coritiba FC in the second tier of Brazil's professional football pyramid. Urso had previously played for Orlando City from 2020-2022 tallying up a total of 100 appearances and 14 goals in all competitions for the club.

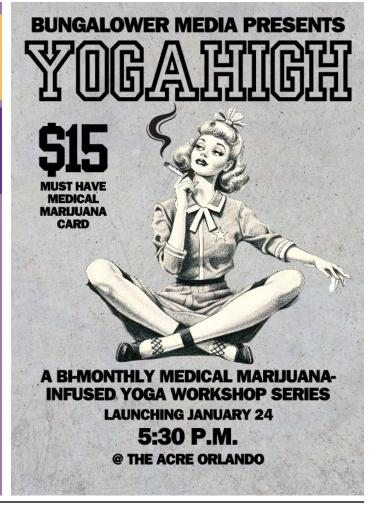
The match will kick off at 7:30 p.m. and will be available on Apple TV.

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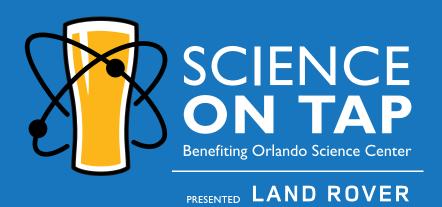


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#### DOWNTOWN ARENA DROPS AMWAY NAMING RIGHTS, AWAITING NEW SPONSOR

"The new name of the former Amway Center is expected to be announced sometime next week. The Downtown Orlando Arena has been known as the Amway Center since it first opened in 2010, but the Magic has been shopping for new naming partners for the better part of a year. The Amway's naming rights were originally inked for \$40 million for a 10-year deal but that obviously ran its course."

## ICONIC HOODS UP BUILDING IS HITTING THE MARKET THIS WEEK

"Milk District's other iconic building, not T.G. Lee, is hitting the market this week. The infamous "Hoods Up" property at 2400 E. Robinson Street has been sitting vacant for years at the corner of Robinson Street and Bumby Avenue, roped off from the world by a small chain, leaving most residents wondering what would ever happen with the lot as everything around it was purchased and gussied up."

## BASKETBALL WIVES ORLANDO PREMIERED THIS WEEK

"A new reality show following the lives of nine women living in Orlando has just premiered on VH1."

#### FORMER DOWNTOWN STEAK-HOUSE OWNER SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON

"The U.S. District Judge Roy Dalton, Jr. just sentenced the former owner of Spice Modern Steakhouse to spend four years and nine months in federal prison for failing to pay employment taxes for his staff."

## LOCAL BREWERY DECLARES BANK-RUPTCY

Award-winning Deadwords Brewing filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on October 1, 2023. Deadwords listed between \$500,000-\$1 million in assets during the filing process."

# DR. PHILLIPS CENTER RELEASES RENDERINGS FOR PHASE 3 AND NEW FRONT YARD

The Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts has just released renderings for the third phase of its, seemingly neverending, development."

#### NEW TEX-MEX RESTAURANT OPENING IN WINTER PARK

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### MOST-READ BUNGALOWER STORIES OF 2023

We've made it through another year, thanks to the help of our amazing readers. Bungalower Media is a social enterprise that believes strong cities are built with informed and engaged residents, and you validate our mission every time you click on our stories and share them with a friend. The following list is a collection of our top ten most-read posts in the past year, in order of clicks – not including our fancy new event calendar, House of the Day features, and our main landing page, which are the most-visited parts of our site.

#### NEW GERMAN RESTAURANT OPENING IN DOWNTOWN ORLANDO

"A new German concept is moving into the former home of Neon Beach at 131 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 104 in downtown Orlando."

## AUTONOMOUS SHUTTLE REAR-ENDS LYNX BUS

"The City of Orlando launched its new autonomous (driver-less) shuttle service on August 20, but it seems they've already had their first traffic incident in just two days on the streets."

#### HAMMERED LAMB OWNER BUYS INTO THORNTON PARK RESTAURANT

"Jason Lambert, owner/operator of The Hammered Lamb in Ivanhoe Village has bought out one of the partners at The 808 in Thornton Park and is bringing a new concept to the former Publix storefront."

## **ART/CULTURE**

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## GOLDEN EXPRESSIONS

#### BY MIKE DONOHUE

Walking past the Snap! Downtown Gallery on east Church Street, it's hard not to stop and stare. After all, the space has consistently hosted artwork of striking size and quality ever since it opened in late 2015. But since December, the views from inside the Gallery have never been particularly arresting. That's thanks to Snap! Orlando's Annual Florida Showcase which, since 2016, has provided a welcome alternative to the state's hundreds – if not thousands of beach-and-boat-centric art festivals.

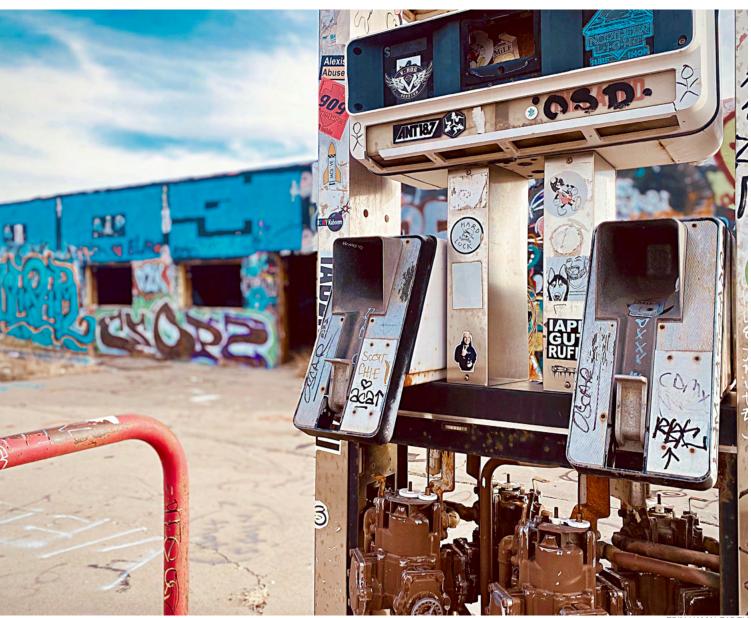
If you've not been before, the Florida Showcase is a jury-selected exhibition for multidisciplinary Florida artists, featuring a variety of artistic mediums including photography, sculpture, painting, and digital art. Fifty artists were selected for this year's exhibition from, according to a Snap! Orlando press release, an unprecedented number of submissions. The selected works which comprise this year's showcase are similarly without precedent in terms of quality and self-evident creative talent. It is also a profoundly eclectic collection, not only in terms of choice of medium, but also in creative direction and literal scale.

This is not to say that the exhibition doesn't offer something for those who still enjoy the conventional. Works like Paradise by Fengiang Liu, or the aptly titled Asses at New Smyrna by Xamara Maisonet provide that familiar serving of bright beaches and wetlands photography you'd find in most Florida-centric shows, though certainly with a higher degree of artistic talent than you might expect. But it is the scarcity of this type of aesthetic within the show that feels creatively significant. On display are works that are much more challenging and confrontational than your average sidewalk festival/beachside gallery fare. The result is an exhibition that is raw, bombastic, yet irrevocably and unapologetically vibrant. Sounds a lot like Florida to me.

Notable works include the Golden Expressions series by Kadeem Stewart and Desert Art by Erin Kamalzadeh which exude an unabashed confidence and unmistakable vision that will stay with you long after you've left the gallery. Speaking of confidence, Confianza Reflejada (Reflected Confidence) by Lisette Otero-Lewis (right), with its stoic and unphased subject, is another standout from the exhibition. Similarly unphased are the titular subjects in Sebastian Keller's Two Smiling Boys in Hurricane lan. With its high-water line, Universal Orlando employee badge, cookie-cutter apartment complex, and contrarian jov. the piece is so evocative of the real Florida experience that Visit Orlando should really consider using it is a billboard.

Contemporary exhibitions like the Snap! Florida Showcase and Orlando Museum of Art's Florida Prize underline the importance of providing platforms for artists and emerging creative talents who aren't interested in portraying Florida as it used to be, or how those in the panhandle or on the coasts wish it to be, but rather how it actually is now. There should be more spaces like Snap! And there certainly should be more exhibitions like the Annual Florida Showcase. But until that happens, I'll consider myself fortunate that Orlando is playing host to such a wide array of creative talent.

The 6th Annual Florida Showcase is on display through March 9, 2024 at Snap! Downtown Gallery (420 E. Church St. Orlando, FL 32801).



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HEY, BRENDA. I HAVE PROBLEMS WITH NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS. WELL, I HAVE PROBLEMS KEEPING THEM. SHOULD I EVEN BOTHER?

#### - COMPLACENT CHARLIE

Baby, if you're not gonna take the resolutions seriously, you're just setting yourself up for disappointment. There's some sort of science out there that suggests most people don't stick to resolutions and that it's better to just come up with some strategies to have healthier habits. Like, there ain't anything magical about January 1st, boo-boo. You can affect change at any time in your life, on any day. If you want to run more, start doing it when it's not stupid effing cold outside so you actually show up for yourself. Or set a target to do it like twice a week - without getting too focused on dates. I hear it helps to do this sort of shit with friends too. Find a communal target and work together on it. I'll be over here smoking and drinking beer and flirting with married men.

### BRENDA, I THINK I LOVE MY BOSS. SHOULD I TELL HIM?

#### - OFFICE ROMANCER

Depends on if they're cute or not. Just kidding. Girl, don't shit where you eat. If you're gonna date someone at the office, or even just fiddle their faddle in the supply closet, you'd best be prepared to find another job somewhere else - cuz things get complicated every single time. Especially if it's your freaking boss. That being said, I've slept with like, four bosses of mine, and it was fun every single time. Did those jobs all eventually dissolve into insane dumpster fires and fast forward to me holding a box full of my crap and a door hitting my padded ass on my way out of the building? Yes. Would I do it again? Probably. Because I'm a monster and I have no self control. Don't be a Brenda.

I'M TRYING TO CONQUER DRY
JANUARY BUT MY FRIENDS AREN'T BEING VERY SUPPORTIVE. WHAT DO YOU
THINK I SHOULD DO TO MAKE IT THE
WHOLE MONTH?

#### - THIRSTY BITCH

Well, if you're having that much of a struggle with not drinking this early in the month, then this challenge is definitely for you, girlfriend. Break the cycle and stand up for yourself. And if your friends aren't supporting you, then take a break and find some new friends or revive some relationships with people who are doing the same thing. There are tons of things you can do in Orlando that don't involve drinking. I mean, there's definitely more to do WITH drinking, but don't give up. Try our friends at Bandbox Orlando in Ivanhoe Village - they're a speakeasy-themed NA bar that can help support your sober struggle without making you stay home and eat pasta out of the pot. If your old friends miss you that much, then they'll figure out how to shut the hell up and support you so they can spend more time with you.

Side note: Don't be that nerd that never stops talking about not drinking though. That's so annoying. Be classy and keep it cool.

## BLUE BAMBOO LEAVING WINTER PARK FOR PACKING DISTRICT WAREHOUSE

The Blue Bamboo Center for the Arts closed up shop in Winter Park in late December citing rising rent costs and a clash with their new landlords.

Back in 2015, Blue Bamboo converted a 4,000 warehouse near Lombardi's Seafood at 1905 Kentucky Avenue into a live music venue where they hosted regular live concerts and performances. According to a story by Orlando Weekly's Matthew Moyer, the building was purchased in 2023, and the new owners increased the rent a reported three-fold.

Fast forward to December 2023 when Blue Bamboo announced on social media that it had secured a new home in the Packing District, just west of College Park, at 2586 N. Orange Blossom Trail. The last scheduled event in the Winter Park venue was December 23.

Dr. Phillips Charities owns the 6,000 SF building on OBT, which is currently being prepped to house Blue Bamboo sometime in mid-2024. In the interim, Blue Bamboo will be hosting programming at Casa Feliz, Crealde School of Art, and Winter Park Library.

Donations for the buildout of the new space are currently being accepted through the OR code below.

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## SNAP! ORLANDO TO REVEAL NEW AUGMENTED REALITY INSTALLATIONS

Snap! Orlando will share a new series of Augmented Reality installations around the City Beautiful next year, featuring the work of digital artists, Adriene Mondot and Claire Bardainne. The Lyon, France-based duo has been creating digital art since 2011, juxtaposing their digital creations with real-world locations. The new Faune exhibition, which means

"wildlife" in French, will see the installation of ten posters that each tell a different story, unlockedusing augmented reality with the City Unseen smartphone app. Each of those ten installations will be hosted in downtown Orlando, Creative Village, and Lake Nona, and art hunters can discover all of the installations as part of a citywide art safari. Guided tours will be available in Creative Village and via the Snap! Downtown Gallery at a later date so stay tuned for availability.

This will be the American premiere of Faune.

#### LAST MONTH ON BUNGALOWER & THE BUS



Bungalower and the Bus is the weekly podcast dedicated to Orlando's top headlines, new restaurants, and upcoming events. The show is co-hosted by Jon Busdeker and Bungalower's own, Brendan O'Connor. Tune in to Bungalower and the Bus every Friday on Real Radio 104.1 FM.

#### Episode 355 - Talkin' Tacos

Jon and Brendan were invited to dine at the new Talkin' Tacos restaurant in the SoDo District before heading over to RockPit Brewing, all while chatting about two blockbuster events taking place this weekend – Light Up SoDo at the SoDo Shopping Plaza and Krampusfest in The Milk District.

## **Episode 356 - The Castle Irish Pub** Topics include One Pulse Foundation having to pay a grant back

tion having to pay a grant back to the State, The Plaza Theater being fined \$5,000 for hosting a Christmas-themed drag show with kids in attendance, the lighting of the downtown Christmas tree, and DPAC opening a new live music venue downtown.

Episode 357 - SoDough Square WP Jon and Brendan visit their old friend Rob Bair at his restaurant Sodough Square in Winter Park. Topics include an update on Plaza Live, and the new name for Amway.

#### Episode 358 - College Park Gallery

Jon and Brendan are joined by local photographer and man about town, Jim Hobart, at the College Park Gallery. This episode includes a brief discussion on the Savannah Bananas and their similarities to the Harlem Globetrotters, Orlando's consumption of marijuana, a restaurant owner being sentenced to Federal jail for not paying employment taxes, and the suspension of the BEEP autonomous shuttle program.

#### Episode 359 - Bungalower Office

Jon is out of town enjoying a vacation, so Brendan invited his partner Scottie Campbell, his work husband Mike Donohue, and his girlfriend Victoria Goodall to talk about the top headlines of the year in the cramped Bungalower office.

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BRANDON WILLIS @the.funky.skunk

## 7QUESTIONS

#### 7 QUESTIONS WITH BRANDON WILLIS, THE "SKUNK GUY"

You've likely seen it slinking around town; a giant skunk-shaped vehicle, bringing smiles and concerned looks to bystanders across the City Beautiful. It's the special creation of Brandon Willis, and it's actually a moving work of art.

#### How long have you lived in Orlando, **Brandon?**

I was born and raised in Central Florida but moved away after graduating from UCF in '08. I moved back to Orlando about a year ago.

#### What do you do when you're not driving a skunk mobile around the country?

I'm a contractor and small business owner.

Cool, cool. So ... why a skunk? I wanted to build a fully mutated art car that was a cute animal that also had a built-in visual gag. It had to be a critter that could showcase multiple LED displays and needed to be the first of its kind. A Funky Skunk with illuminated stripes that can lift it's tail and blow bubbles out it's rear while playing funky music seems like a perfect fit to me.

#### Well when you put it that way, I have to agree! You went to Burning Man with this, right? Did you drive it across the country or ship it?

Yes, this version of the skunk has been to many events throughout the country including Burning Man. I typically tow it behind a motor home on a flatbed trailer for long journeys.

#### Have any other plans to do more art cars?

Yes! I have loads of ideas for many different sizes and styles; for myself and for others. They are fun to drive and can be used as advertising for businesses. I also hope to curate a proper Art Car scene here in Orlando. I've definitely spotted a few others already.

### What are your favorite things to do in

I've been having a blast biking to all the breweries and pour houses along the Orlando Ale Trail. Bungalower Bingo at Tactical Brewing is always a good time. I also like bringing my art car to local events like the recent Maker Faire and Longwood Holiday Parade. I hope to find more local events and private parties to bring The Funky Skunk to in the future.

#### What are your top three favorite places to go for dinner?

I live for tacos and Black Rooster is my current favorite spot for constantly good tacos in multiple locations around town. Santiago Bodega has tapas to die for and the best date night vibes.

Kaya is the "off the beaten path" spot when meeting friends for top-notch cocktails and Filipino food.







## FOOD/DRINK



@EATHUNGRYPANTS

#### **HUNGRY PANTS HAS CLOSED**

Popular local restaurant, Hugry Pants, has closed. The owner, Alex Marin, took to Instagram to share the sad news that he would be shutting down his restaurant for the "plant-curious" effective immediately. The award-winning restaurant specialized in plant-centric food with meat add-ons available and was ranked in the Top 100 Restaurants in the US by Yelp. The news of the closure was also accompanied by an appeal by Marin:

"If you have the money to spend, spend it locally. Spend it with a small creative business that is filling a void and building up on our community's creative fabric. Orlando will continue to grow into a more culture place to live and raise a family if we all bolster niche businesses."

Hungry Pants was located at 3421 S. Orange



VISIT ORLANDO

## MAGICAL DINING RAISED LOTS OF MONEY IN 2023

Visit Orlando's Magical Dining initiative raised \$269,272 this year. The annual fundraiser features three-course prix-fixe meals for either \$40 or \$60 per person at participating restaurants over roughly a month. \$1 of every \$40 meal and \$2 of every \$60 meal is then collected and added to a pot.

The organization announced the number at its annual year-end luncheon at the Holton Orlando, sharing that it was a 44% increase from what was collected last year through its 132 participating restaurant partners.

The bulk of this year's dollars will be donated to The Lifeboat Project, a Central Florida-based organization that works to fight against and raise awareness about human trafficking. An additional six organizations were each awarded \$2,000 apiece through the initiative, including Mustard Seed of Central Florida, Nuevo Sendero, One Heart for Women and Children, Salvation Army Orlando, Samaritan Village, and Wake Up Mentoring.

The top four participating restaurants this year, according to Visit Orlando, included Seasons 52, The Pinery, AVA MediterrAegean, and The Nauti Lobstah.



## DOWNTOWN'S DEBONAIR SUPPER CLUB NOW OPEN

We told you back in January 2022 that a fancy new concept would be moving into the former home of Chela Tequila and Tacos at 183 S. Orange Avenue on the bottom floor of the Plaza Building. And now, almost two years and plenty of construction and interior design magic later, that concept is open for business.

The Debonair Supper Club is a new restaurant and lounge from owner Mohammad Jalil, who believes in the concept so much he paid for the first five years of its 10-year lease upfront. Jalil also recently acquired the former London House membership club space in the same building for a new concept that will eventually tie in with its sister venue on the ground floor.

The 6,100+ SF space is one part restaurant and one part social club, that will be open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. It boasts a large collection of art, a wraparound patio area that's been sectioned off

from the public by a decorative fence, and bookended by two carved figures reminiscent of Te Fiti from Disney's Moana – wrapped in vines with gnarly wood-like bodies crowned with air plants and moss. It has a VIP lounge, wine lockers, a DJ booth, and a central stage which will be home to a piano for special occasions.

All of the furniture inside has been custom-made for the space and everything has been curated by Jalil and his executive team. A wall in one of the bathrooms features a framed collection of shoe boxes from Jalil's private shoe collection. The floor in the main lounge area is Versace and there's a giraffe holding a chandelierDebonair Supper Club is opening to the public on New Year's Eve, pending city approvals, on New Year's Eve with a special Homecoming 2024-themed party to ring in the new year and new business. Debonair Supper Club is accepting reservations now.





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#### **INGREDIENTS**

#### PINEAPPLE MANGO PICO

1 cup Pineapple, diced

1 cup Mango, diced 1/2 cup Tomato, diced

1 Jalapeño, diced (deseed if you don't want

1/2 cup Cilantro, rough chopped

3 T Lime juice (3-4 limes)

4 cloves Garlic, minced

3 T EVOO Salt and Pepper to taste (start with

1/2 tsp of both and go from there)

#### **FISH**

1 lb Firm white fish (Hula's uses a combo of pollack and cod), cut in 1-inch by 2-inch cubes Blackening seasoning (Hula's has a proprietary blend which will be sold soon!) Oil for pan

Flour tortillas (6-inch)

Butter

Shredded cabbage (choose your favorite

color)

Shredded jack cheese

#### **BAJA SAUCE**

2 Red bell peppers, deseeded

1 Red onion, diced

8 Garlic cloves

2 Jalapeños, diced (deseed if you don't want heat)

2 cups Mayonnaise

1/4 cup White wine vinegar

1 T Cumin

1/2 T Black pepper

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Place peppers, onion, and garlic on a sheet pan. Roast for 12 minutes or until veggies are moderately charred. Rest the vegetable in a large bowl until cooled and softened. Place in food processor and purée until smooth. In bowl, add remaining ingredients. Using a whisk, work in the purée mixture until smooth and creamy. This makes a lot of sauce. Feel free to cut in







After a few months of cool-ish weather, heavy food, and too many sweet treats, this is about the time of year when I start to look around for lighter, fresh fare. Luckily for us, there's plenty of that to be found as our food scene grows.

I recently stumbled into Jimmy Hula's for the first time and was blown away by what I found; great, well-priced, approachable food.

As I've gotten to know the local owners and management, I've come to love their perspective of cultivating a causal spot where guests can simply relax; much like your local beach bar or coastal kitchen. Their Winter Park location is a great place to hang on the patio, have a nice beer or two, and catch live tunes on the weekend. To me, this is chill, stressfree dining space, or, as Jimmy Hula's calls it, "Food Nirvana."

Diving a bit deeper into Jimmy Hula's, I continue to be delighted. Everything is made fresh in house. The sauces are flavorful and unique with lots of options to serve everyone's dining needs; Keto, paleo, pesca, veggie and so on. Here's a way to execute your version of

a Baja Fish Taco with their Baja Sauce. We stopped into our local Lucky's Market to stock up on all the supplies and banged this out in

#### **PREPARATION**

Throw all the ingredients in a bowl, add the seasonings and let rest for 5 minutes. Adjust seasonings and enjoy. Take time to cut everything small—it's worth the effort.

Generously coat cubes with seasoning. In a large pre-heated pan (I cast iron) on medium heat, add oil to coat and add in half the fish. Cook without moving for 90 seconds. Flip and cook 1-2 min on the other side, careful not to overcook. Put fish in bowl and repeat. You want to ensure the pan is large enough that the fish will cook without steaming and work in more batches if necessary.

Lightly butter one side of your tortilla. In a medium heated pan, place tortilla butter side down, and toast until lightly golden. Remove from pan and repeat. These are best when made right before eating.

Place generous layer of fish on tortilla, heap on cabbage, then cheese. Give a healthy drenching of Baja sauce (this stuff is fire) and top with pico. Trust me, you'll be impressed with yourself and want to Insta the hell out of

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BUNGALOWER JANUARY 2024



## FORMER B.NICE OWNER TAKES OVER ANN TEAGUE'S IN DOWNTOWN ORLANDO

The former owner of downtown Orlando's arguably smallest venue (other than Hen House on Wall St. Plaza), B. Nice Bar, has just announced the purchase of Team Market Group's antique lamp bar concept, Ann Teague's.

B. Nice Bar closed up shop in May 2023 and we told you that the owner, Victoria Nelli, had plans to open a new concept somewhere nearby called, "The Arena." Though, at the time Nelli could only disclose that it was larger and had air conditioning and a liquor license.

That paperwork has now been signed and the deal was sealed as of December 1. Nelli shared with Bungalower that she would continue to operate the bar as Ann Teague's for the time being but planned to completely shift to The Arena by early 2024.

"The concept has layers based on my grandparents. My grandfather was a boxing promoter and is in the Boxing Hall of Fame, and my grandmother was a vaudeville dancer. They were both orphans by the age of 15. When they met. my grandfather worked in a diner. He later owned Norm's Arena Diner and had some other entrepreneurial ventures that led them to a life they never imagined. I'm really proud of their story, so The Arena will incorporate a vaudeville feel with a mix of pop culture and sports history nods on one side of the bar. The other side of the bar will transition to a shiny disco, Andy Warhol's Factory, kind of energy. One window will have a boxing ring stage, and the other will have audio and podcast equipment."

- VICTORIA NELLI, OWNER, THE ARENA

Nelli also shared that she is planning to have a lamp sale in early February to get rid of all of the inventory left over from the previous concept. Ann Teague's Lamp Supply opened for business in September 2020 under Team Market Group, the parent company of The Robinson Room, Mather's Social Gathering, and Primrose Lanes. At the time of the opening, guests could bring in antique lamps to have them restored at the bar, and the space was filled with them, as evidenced in this video below.

Ann Teague's/The Arena is located at 22 S. Magnolia Avenue in downtown Orlando.

## GENTRY'S BBQ IS NOW PROUD SOULS BBQ AND PROVISIONS

Winter Park-based Gentry's BBQ was recently acquired by a Denver-based grill and smoker showroom company, which has plans to expand its footprint here locally.

Proud Souls Barbecue and Provisions specializes in equipment needed for smoking, grilling, searing, and roasting as well as topbrand cookers, accessories, fuels, spices, sauces, and meats.

Proud Souls will be hosting BBQ classes led by champion pitmasters at the new Winter Park location as well as courses ranging from the basics of BBQ to advanced outdoor cooking techniques.

Gentry's BBQ General Store was founded by award-winning pitmaster Christ Gentry in 2019 in Ivanhoe Village ahead of its move to Winter Park in 2022. Gentry has stayed on to manage the store under Proud Souls Barbecue and Provisions.

This is the fourth Proud Souls store, with locations in Denver and Littleton, CO, and Kansas City, MO.

#### FADED KINGDOM RETURNS WITH MORE BEER AND MORE BATTLES

Tactical Brewing is bringing back its hit beer festival, Faded Kingdom, this January, but rather than returning to Lake Eola Park, they'll be bringing the party home to Baldwin Park, with even more breweries, as the grand finale to Orlando Beer Week. This year's event will take place on Noon-4 p.m. Saturday, January 27, on New Broad Street, at the center of Baldwin Park, and will feature over 50 participating breweries, including over 20 from the greater Orlando area. The fest will also include food pop-ups and vendors, as well as the return of armored MMA fighters from the Florida Rogue Knights and visiting armored combatants from all around the world.

Orlando Beer Week kicks off on January 20 and runs through January 27 with a number of events to attend all that week, Tickets for Faded Kingdom start at \$50.

Roughly 4,000 people are expected to attend this year's Faded Kingdom event.

Companies and individuals interested in sponsoring this year's event can reach out to our editor at Brendan@Bungalower.com to ask for a sponsorship kit. Bungalower Media is a proud media sponsor of this year's event.











## FORMER DOWNTOWN STEAKHOUSE OWNER SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON

The U.S. District Judge Roy Dalton, Jr. just sentenced the former owner of Spice Modern Steakhouse to spend four years and nine months in federal prison for failing to pay employment taxes for his staff.

Manuel Tato owned several restaurants around Orlando between 2010 and 2017, including the aforementioned steakhouse by Lake Eola, which closed suddenly in the summer of 2017. According to court documents, Tato used a central entity, Core Food Group, to process payroll for his estimated 645 restaurant workers. The issue was, that even though his company withheld employment taxes from his workers' paychecks, he never actually sent those funds to the Internal Revenue Service. Which is obviously against the law. It's estimated that Tato's Core Food Group failed to pay over \$2 million in taxes to the IRS.

Tato was indicted in September 2022 and pleaded guilty in April 2023. Aside from jail time, Tato will also be ordered to pay a \$250,000 fine and \$93,690 to his former staff.

Spice was located at 407 E. Central Avenue where Osphere Neighborhood Grill and Bar is now located.

## EVENT CALENDAR

Section



#### — JAN. 5

#### "DEATH TRIP" AT THE ENZIAN

This filmi defined a new cinematic movement that would henceforth be know as "The Cinema of Transgression".

11:59 p.m. | Enzian Theater, 1300 S. Orlando Avenue | Maitland | \$11 | enzian.org

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#### SCHOOL OF ROCK HOUSE BAND JAM

School of Rock Miami students head to Orlando to share their talents with the City Beautiful.

1:30 p.m. | Conduit, 6700 Aloma Avenue | Winter Park | \$5 | ticketweb.com

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### LOVATARAXX, ORTROTASCE, EARTH FAULT

Kick off the new year right with the underground dance sound of LOVATARAXX, visiting us all the way from Lyon, France!

9 p.m. | Iron Cow, 2438 A E. Robinson Street | Milk District | \$15-\$20 | eventbrite.com

- JAN. 6

#### **PRATTFEST 2024**

Prattfest is dedicated to celebrating the life and legacy of the incomparable Neil "Pratt" Peart, who was taken from us far too soon on January 7, 2020, as performed by Ultimate Rush Tribute.

8 p.m. | The Abbey, 100 S. Eola Drive | South Eola | \$25-\$200 | abbeyorlando.com

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### "SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS"

The fairy tale comes to life in dance and staging by the State Ballet Theater of Ukraine. This ballet is a story about love, friendship, witchcraft, and the eternal struggle between good and evil.

2-4 p.m. | Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, 445 S. Magnolia Avenue | Downtown | \$55-\$85 | drphillipscenter.org

**–** JAN. 9

#### JESSE COOK

An accomplished guitarist, producer and equally prolific film maker, Jesse Cook has evolved his talents to create experiences that delight audiences both in concert, and online.

7:30 p.m. | Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, 445 S. Magnolia Avenue | Downtown | \$34-\$59 | drphillipscenter.org



#### — JAN. 10

### HOT TOPICS: HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES EQUAL A HEALTHIER DEMOCRACY

The League of Women Voters of Orange County presents its first Hot Topics of 2024.

11:30 a.m. | Winter Park Library and Event Center, 1050 W. Morse Boulevard | Winter Park | \$30-\$37 | Iwvoc.org

**—** JAN. 11

#### FESTN4

The Fringe Festival's winter fest is back but with a new name, featuring works from past festivals, new works from well-received Fringe artists, and brand new creatives scouted from the international and national Fringe circuit.

5 p.m. | Fringe Artspace, 54 W. Church Street, Suite 201 | Church Street | \$15 | orlandofringe.org

### "MEAN GIRLS" - A MOVIE-INSPIRED DANCE PARTY

Get ready to relive the magic of North Shore High School with an evening that promises to be totally grool. Attendees can expect an unforgettable night filled with themed decorations, DJ-spun tunes, and a chance to showcase their best Plastics-inspired dance moves.

8 p.m. | Conduit, 6700 Aloma Avenue | Winter Park | \$15 | ticketweb.com

### POPCORN FLICKS IN THE PARK: "INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS"

This film series features classic films for the whole family. We encourage you to bring a blanket, a picnic or snacks.

7 p.m. | Central Park, W. Morse Avenue and Park Avenue | Winter Park | FREE | enzian.org

#### **—** JAN. 12-15

### RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM AND BAILEY

The reimagined Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey® invites Children Of All Ages to a spectacle of superhuman feats, pushing the limits of possibility and thrilling families and fans of all generations.

Various times | Kia Center, 400 W. Church Street | Parramore | \$25-\$95 | kiacenter.com

## JAN. 13 2024 DOWNTOWN ORLANDO MLK

#### HOLIDAY PARADE

Southwest Orlando Jaycees presents 2024 Downtown Orlando MLK Holiday Parade.

10 a.m.-2 p.m. | Lake Eola Park, 195 N. Rosalind Avenue | FREE | downtownorlando.com



#### **ROBOTS ARE DIX**

Join Robots Are Dix with special guests Haze Over Hollywood and Catapult Ride.

7 p.m. | The Abbey, 100 S. Eola Drive, Suite 100 | South Eola | \$12 | abbeyorlando.com

#### ---- JAN. 14-15

#### 22ND UNITY HERITAGE FESTIVAL

This annual City of Winter Park festival celebrates the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and promotes community and family heritage.

10 a.m.- 2 p.m. | Hannibal Square Heritage Center, 642 W. New England Avenue | Winter Park | FREE | hannibalsquareheritagecenter. org

### CHASING THE DREAM 5K - MLK DAY

This event is an opportunity to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and unite our community. All proceeds benefit New Image Youth Center.

7:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. | Blue Jacket Park, 2501 General Rees Avenue | Baldwin Park | \$25-\$45 | runsignup.com

#### - JAN. 18

### APPROACHING 50: THE DIVERSE FACULTY OF CREALDE SCHOOL OF ART

As Crealdé School of Art approaches its 50th anniversary in 2025, this partnership with Downtown Arts District showcases the tremendous talent of Crealdé's teaching artists.

6-9 p.m. Opening | CityArts, 39 S. Magnolia Avenue | Downtown | FREE | crealde.org

#### \_\_\_\_\_ JAN. 19

#### **ORLANDO BEER WEEK KICKOFF PARTY!**

A La Cart will host the kickoff party to the 2024 Orlando Beer Week, with all 15 taps featuring brews that were made in The City Beautiful, with owners and brewers onhand to chat about their creations.

6-11 p.m. | A La Cart, 609 Irvington Avenue | Milk District | Various prices | @orlbeerweek

#### JAN. 20



#### SCIENCE ON SCREEN: "12 MONKEYS"

Enzian Theater will be hosting a special screening of Terry Gilliam's award-winning work, 12 Monkeys on Saturday, January 20, accompanied by a lecture about the realities of time travel.

The screening will feature a discussion led by Dr. James Cooney, an associate lecturer in the Department of Physics at the University of Central Florida. He studies cosmology and the large-scale structure of the universe and co-hosts a popular astronomy podcast called "Walkabout the Galaxy."

11 a.m. | Enzian Theater, 1300 S. Orlando Avenue | Maitland | \$11 | enzian.org



#### - JAN. 12



#### LUNCH AND LEARN: KILTS AND CABERS

Join us for a wee journey through 46 years of our Highland Games sharing Scottish history, clan research, "well tidy scran" (good food), and unforgettable celebrations with Central Floridians and visitors from all over!

Noon | Orange County Regional History Center, 65 E. Central Boulevard | Downtown | \$5-\$14 | historycenter.org



#### **JAN. 20**

#### SCIENCE ON TAP

This event features over 30 local breweries from around Central Florida who will be sampling some of their best brews. Sip your way through interactive science demos, enjoy live music, challenge your friends at fun lawn games, and enjoy a few of our favorite local food trucks offering tasty treats available for purchase.

1-4 p.m. | Loch Haven Park | Ivanhoe Village | \$24 | osc.org

#### \_ JAN. 26

#### **YOGA HIGH**

Bungalower Media is teaming up with one of Orlando's top yoga teachers, Sarah Burnett, and medical marijuana mentor Mandy Harlan to host a series of guided yoga experiences centered around cannabis and good vibes. YogaHigh is open to Medical Marijuana cardholders who can order their medicine ahead of the event from our sponsoring dispensary, to be ready for pickup (and consumption) at the event, but you're also welcome to bring your own preferred brand, as long as it is in it's original, labeled container with your prescription being clearly visible. MCO Cannabis will be on hand the week previous to help those who do not have their Medical Marijuana card to apply remotely, ahead of the event, on a reservation basis.

5:30 p.m. | The Acre, 4421 Edgewater Drive | College Park | \$15 | bungalower.com

#### JAN. 26

#### "THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE FELLOW-SHIP OF THE RING" LIVE IN CONCERT

Composer Howard Shore brings J.R.R. Tolkien's literary imagination to vivid life with his Academy®- and Grammy® Award-winning score to The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring.

7 p.m. | Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, 445 S. Magnolia Avenue | Downtown Orlando | \$59-\$125 | drphillipscenter.org

### FADED KINGDOM BEER FESTIVAL

Faded Kingdom is a celebration of the Orlando Beer Scene. Tactical Brewing and Brewed Events have invited breweries from all over the country to join forces with local Orlando breweries to deliver a festival the amazing beer fans of Orlando deserve for the second year!

Noon-4 p.m. | Tactical Brewing, 4882 New Broad Street | Baldwin Park | \$50-\$80 | bungalower.com

#### FC SERIES FRIENDLY - ORLANDO CITY VS. CLUBE DE REGATAS DO FLAMENGO

Orlando City Soccer Club will face off against Clube de Regatas do Flamengo in an FC Series friendly match at Exploria Stadium. The match is the second time the clubs have played each other since 2015, when the Lions lost 1-0 to the Brazilian team on their home turf in Rio de Janeiro.

2 p.m. | Exploria Stadium, 655 W. Church Street | Parramore | \$25-\$186 | ticketmaster.com

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#### "QUARTER LIFE/CRISIS!" ART OPENING

An activation of kinetic sculpture and interactive installations in a celebration of an uncertain shared future featuring the works of artists Mar Martinez and Leah Sandler, in a collaborative exhibition.

6 p.m. Opening Reception | Casselberry Sculpture House, 120 Quail Pond Circle | Casselberry | FREE

#### **SOLAR BEARS WHITE-OUT GAME**

The Sola Bears will be wearing a white-out uniform which will include white helmets, gloves, jerseys, pants, and socks. Fans in attendance will receive a white Solar Bears T-shirt (while supplies last) and are encouraged to wear the shirt during the game to match the players.

7 p.m. | Kia Center, 400 W. Church Street | Parramore | Various prices | orlandosolarbearshockey.com

#### **— JAN 27-28**

#### TET FESTIVAL

The Parish of Philliphe Phan Van Minh is gearing up for the anticipated Year of the Dragon celebration this year at the Central Florida Fairgrounds celebrating Vietnamese cuisine, arts, and culture.

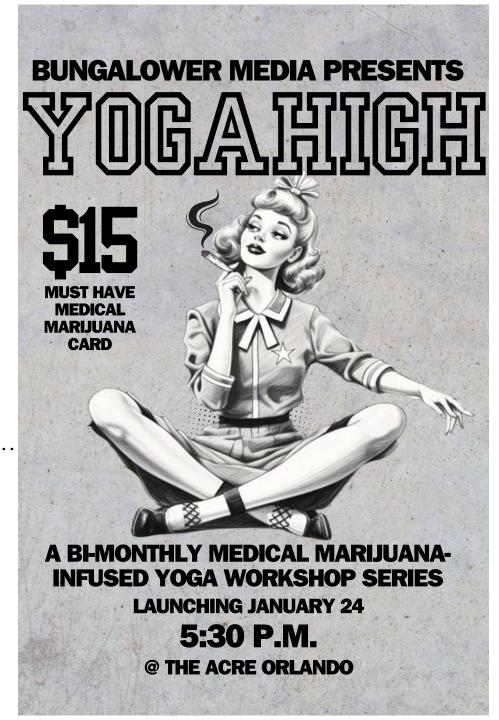
10 a.m.-5 p.m. | Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 W. Colonial Drive | West Orlando | Various prices | facebook.com

#### \_\_\_\_\_ JAN. 28

#### NORSEKOREA'S 13-YEAR ANNIVERSARY PARTY BENEFIT

Norsekorea's 13 Year Anniversary Party Benefit for The Fish and Wildlife Foundation of Florida, and Wildpath, featuring Timothy Eerie, Someday River, Here Here, Panther Camp, Matthew Lowry, and more.

2 p.m. | Will's Pub, 1040 N. Mills Avenue | Mills 50 | \$20-\$23 | @norsekorea











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