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The Cade's annual Inventivity Bash and new exhibition get 'animated' this spring

If you love all things animated, *toon* into an annual event and new exhibition taking over the Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention this May.

Inventivity Bash: Get Animated at the Cade! kicks off after museum hours on Saturday, May 14. The festive annual gala provides a sneak preview of ***Animationland***, a new interactive exhibition premiering the public on Thursday, May 19.

A **VIP Exclusive Lounge** gets the party started in the Petty Family Gallery from 6 to 7 p.m. Signature cocktails and a cash beer and wine bar will be featured, capped off with a Champagne Toast by **Stephanie Bailes, CEO of the Cade Museum**. A caricature artist will entertain the crowd.

The main event takes place from 7 to 10 p.m. with heavy hors d'oeuvres, a beer and wine cash bar and an exclusive preview of ***Animationland***. The entire museum will be a-buzz with themed programming and science demonstrations. If that weren't all, acclaimed **DJ Elio Piedra** will spin tunes from his vast library that encompasses every genre, from country to jazz to rock and R&B.

Popcorn, candy and dessert bars sweeten the fun while a **silent auction** entices bids for a prizes at different price points. A **photobooth** will capture memorable moments while demonstrations and experiments wow onlookers in the Creativity Lab.

Tickets to the event cost \$125, and the VIP Lounge is a \$75 add-on. Proceeds from ticket sales and silent auction support the operation of the Cade Museum, including critical community outreach.

Examples of the Cade's outreach over the past year include the Cade Museum's Invent Possible Project: Community Connectivity and Education, providing internet to Gainesville Housing Authority (GHA) residents and giving children invaluable access to online learning resources.

"Through Operation Full STEAM, an equity in education initiative provided in partnership with ACPS, we reached 905 children from three elementary schools totaling in 3,888 interactions over the last few years," effused Stephanie Bailes, CEO of the Cade Museum. "The funds we raise provide free community memberships to low-income families, with 977 community partner members currently enrolled. We also provide complete and partial scholarships to summer camps."

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Since opening in 2018, the Cade has hosted more than 9,015 children for field trips and hosted 121,619 visits to the museum for exhibits and events. In addition to the GHA, the Cade has partnered with the Southwest Advocacy Group (SWAG), YMCA, Boys & Girls Club, and Episcopal Children Services (ECS).

With so much fun and inspiration sparking wonder at the Cade this spring and all year long, both the new *Animationland* exhibition and Inventivity Bash are sure to draw record numbers to the museum this spring and afterward.

For more information about the museum's programming and outreach, visit cademuseum.org.

About the Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention

The mission of the Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention in Gainesville, Florida, is to transform communities by inspiring and equipping future inventors, entrepreneurs, and visionaries. Named after Mary Cade and her husband, Dr. James Robert Cade, the lead inventor of Gatorade, the project has been spearheaded by their daughter, Phoebe Cade Miles, and her husband, Richard Miles, since 2006. They encourage the development of innovation ecosystems through the Cade Prize for Innovation, the Cade's proprietary Innovation Education learning framework, and the 2018 opening of a 21,000 sq. ft. hands-on learning museum designed to promote the development of an inventive mindset which the Cade calls Inventivity™. The Cade believes every person should have access to the right to invent and innovate inherent in the DNA of the United States and works diligently in outreach efforts to bring this understanding to all, with an emphasis on the underserved. To learn more about the Cade Museum visit cademuseum.org.

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