



Artful Ways to Celebrate the Month of Love

February is full of romance-inspired arts and culture

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A wide array of romance-inspired cultural options in February means there's no need to limit your Valentine's celebration to just the 14th.

"Love and marriage, love and marriage, go together like a horse and carriage ..." If you remember those old lyrics and identify them with the theme song of the hit TV comedy series "Married with Children," you'd be right, but Frank Sinatra topped the charts with the song in 1955. Having said "I do" four times, old blue eyes can vouch for the lyrics. And if you have a sense of humor about relationships, buckle up for some funny musicals. If concerts are more your speed, there are a few of those, too.

Take your pick from options at the Adrienne Arsht Center or Aventura Arts & Cultural Center along the Biscayne Corridor, travel a short way up I-95 to the Broward Center for a classic Broadway or lesser-known musical romp, or take a drive south down Old Cutler Road for a night under the stars and the annual Garden D'Amore at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden.

Why not try them all?

Something Different

Garden D'Amore

Valentine's Day at the Garden

Feb. 14, 4:30-9 p.m.

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

Tickets: \$24-\$235

FairchildGarden.org

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden has been welcoming romance lovers to its Valentine's Day at the Garden concert event for the past 25 years, and it's worth the drive. Whether you spread out a blanket or choose lawn seating, you'll enjoy lush gardens and tropical foliage while listening to the sounds of Madd Jazz and enjoying a variety of available food and drink pairings.

"Valentine's Day is a day to celebrate love with your significant other, friends and family," said Nannette M. Zapata, Fairchild's deputy director. "Here at Fairchild, we can't think of a more romantic way to spend the evening than under the stars, cozily nestled among the beautiful gardens and enjoying live jazz music, and an intimate dinner with cocktails and Champagne."



(Courtesy of Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden)

Couples set the mood with rose petals, candles and wine during Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden's annual Valentine's evening outdoor concert.