

# APRIL IN ATLANTA

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## ATLANTA FILM FESTIVAL April 4-14 in Atlanta

The 43rd Atlanta Film Festival is the region's preeminent celebration of cinema. The organization offers entertainment, networking, education, and professional development year-round. The festival itself is one of the largest and longest-running in the region. Over 11 days, the festival will present 180+ feature films, short films, special presentations, and creative media, including an array of music videos, virtual reality, and episodic pilots. This year's feature and short films hail from over 45 countries across the globe. Among the selected films, 20 percent were born and bred through production or filmmaker(s) from Georgia. In addition to a spectacular lineup of film programming, this year's special presentations include a live screening of the highly anticipated premiere of the final season of HBO's *Game of Thrones* on the big screen on Sunday, April 14 at the Plaza Theatre. Be sure to check out the website for the film lineup, venues, and parking. [atlantafilmfestival.com](http://atlantafilmfestival.com)

## ATLANTA STREETS ALIVE April 7 on Peachtree Street

Atlanta Streets Alive opens streets for people by temporarily closing them to cars to create a whole new healthy, sustainable, and vibrant city street experience. The Atlanta Bicycle Coalition is activating 3.1 miles of Atlanta's signature Peachtree Street for Atlanta Streets Alive - Central, connecting South Downtown to Midtown through the heart of the city. The street will be closed to cars and open for people to walk, roll, bike, and play! The fun kicks off in Midtown, at the intersection of Peachtree Street and 16th Street at 1:30 p.m. where you can join in the official opening of the street followed by a parade of the route. Explore the Open Street from end to end or enter and exit the route at any cross-street at any time during the four-hour activation. Free and fun for all ages. Bring your friends and family and share in the experience of enjoying our city streets as public space! 2:00-6:00 p.m. [atlantastreetsalive.com](http://atlantastreetsalive.com)



Atlanta Streets Alive opens the streets to bikers and pedestrians to enjoy life sans automobiles. Photo courtesy Steve Eberhardt. [SteveEberhardt.com](http://SteveEberhardt.com)



## SARGE

### April 7 in Dunwoody

Sarge is an extraordinary entertainer. A triple threat. A musical piano savant, amazing improvisational comedian and singer. He is also an author. *I'm Still Standing Up* traces his hilarious, inspirational life of twists and turns, ups and downs, which will leave you exhilarated and entertained. His sidesplitting comedy and display of dexterity as a pianist have wowed crowds for decades. Two shows only on Sunday, April 7, at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the The Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta's Morris & Rae Frank Theatre. 5342 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody. MJCCA Members: Adult ages 18 and up \$25, Community: Adult \$36. Not recommended for children. 678.812.4002. [atlantajcc.org/sarge](http://atlantajcc.org/sarge)

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Callanwolde Fine Arts Center hosts an egg hunt in the spring gardens on April 20. Photo courtesy [callanwolde.org](http://callanwolde.org). (See page 8).

## ATLANTA DOGWOOD FESTIVAL

### April 12-14 in Piedmont Park

Spring is in the air, the dogwoods are in bloom, and hundreds of artists from around the country will set up their tents for the 83rd Annual Atlanta Dogwood Festival. There is something for everyone at this Atlanta staple! Virtually every kind of art imaginable is represented, with a nationally renowned, juried Fine Artist Market that includes sculpture, paintings, pottery, jewelry, photography, and much more. A Kids Village featuring huge inflatables, arts, crafts, and face painting for all ages, as well as the ever-popular 24-foot rock-climbing wall, is sure to not disappoint. Sponsor booths are located throughout that will have everything from live radio remotes to great prizes and interactive games. A wide array of diverse musical offerings will fill the air throughout the weekend! And when you get hungry, follow the delicious smells, of funnel cakes, gyros, crab cakes, onion rings, kettle corn, and much, much more! Piedmont Park, 400 Park Drive NE, Atlanta. Fri. 12:00 - 11:00 p.m., Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m., Sun. 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Artist market closes at 7:00 p.m. on Friday & Saturday. [dogwood.org](http://dogwood.org)



Courtesy The Rock Ranch facebook page.

## EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

### April 13 at The Rock Ranch

Children can hunt for more than 55,000 eggs. This event will include a presentation of the Easter story from the Bible just before the egg hunt. Kids can also get photos with the Easter Bunny at this popular Georgia event. Don't forget your camera! Concessions available. 5020 Barnesville

Highway, The Rock, Georgia. 11:00a.m.-5:00p.m. [therockranch.com](http://therockranch.com)