



2024 GUIDE TO
ARTS & CULTURE
TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY



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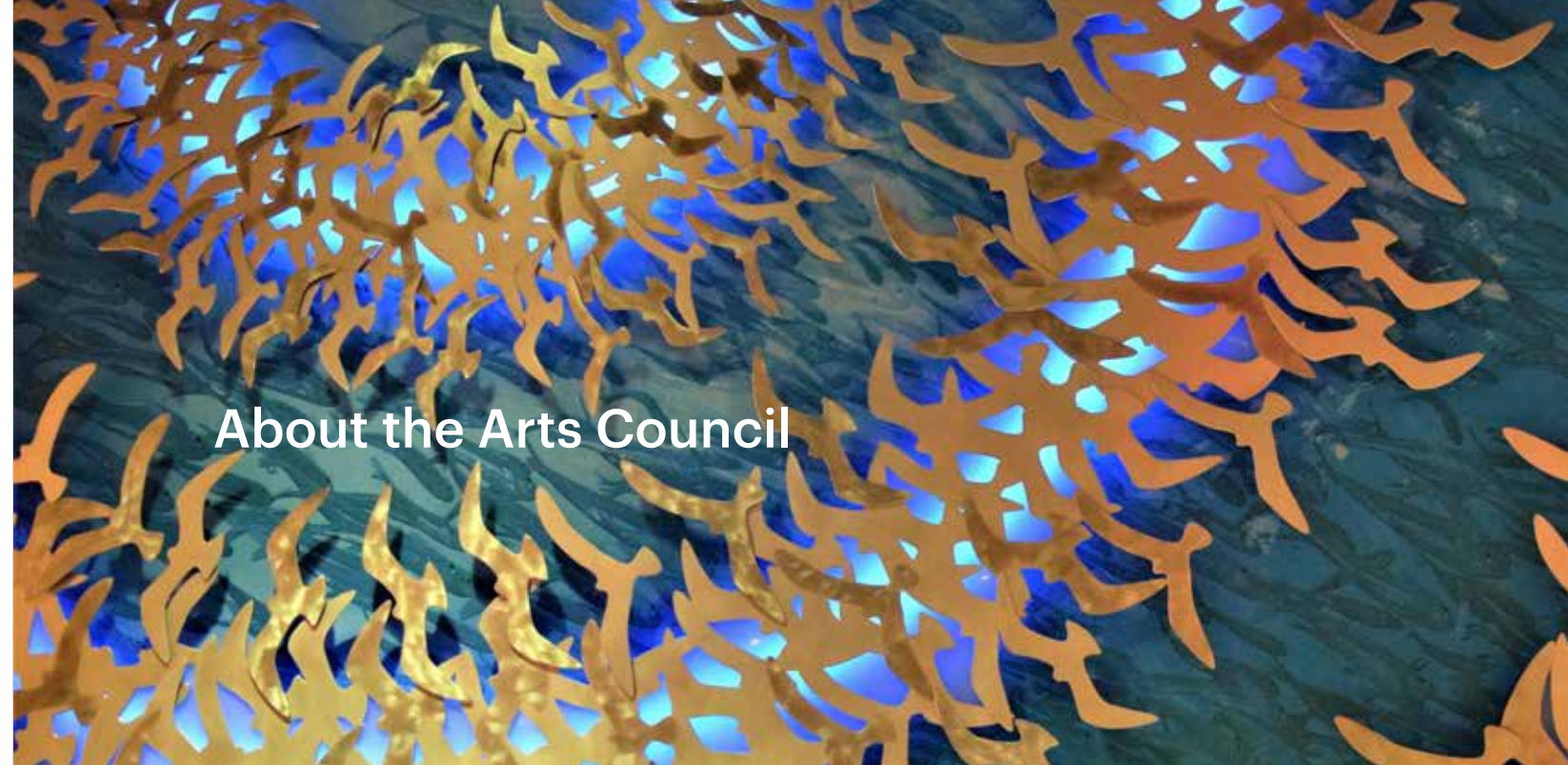
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About the Arts Council

Our Mission

Our mission is to support, promote, and advance arts and culture in Hillsborough county.

What We Do, Why We Matter:

As the designated local arts agency by the State of Florida, the Arts Council of Hillsborough County provides a unified voice for all cultural organizations and activities in the Tampa and Hillsborough County region. We promote the good news about the cultural vitality of our community to a national audience while providing grants, unified marketing efforts, research, and advocacy to help our entire cultural community thrive.

“Understanding and acknowledging the incredible economic impact of nonprofit arts and culture, we must always remember their fundamental value. They foster beauty, creativity, originality, and vitality. The arts inspire us, soothe us, provoke us, involve us, and connect us. But they also create jobs and contribute to the economy.”

— **Robert L. Lynch**
Americans for the Arts

Culture Creates a Community

Our nonprofit arts and culture is a **\$387.5 million** industry that supports **6,746 full-time jobs** and generated \$76.1 million in tax revenue to local, state, and federal governments.*

*Source: Arts and Economic Prosperity 6, Hillsborough County



2023-24 Festival Schedule

Events listed are in Tampa unless otherwise noted. Due to the ongoing pandemic, some scheduling changes may take place. Please check local calendars for specific dates.

SEPTEMBER

2023 Multicultural Family Festival Day
Heritage and Traditions – Latin and Latin American Youth
Hyde Park Fall Festival
MegaCon
Summer of Rum Festival
Tampa Bay Theatre Festival
UnDead in the Water

OCTOBER

5th Annual Taste of Latino Festival
10th Tampa Tattoo Arts Convention
12th Annual Fantasmafest & Big Monsters Bed Race, Ybor City
East West Music & Dance Festival
Florida Birding and Nature Festival, Ruskin
Florida Orchestra POPS in the Park
Hyde Park Art Festival
Little Monsters Promenade & Pumpkin Patch, Ybor City
Oktoberfest 2023
Riverwalk Trick or Treat 2023
Tampa Bay Coffee & Art Festival
Tampa Jewish Arts & Culture Festivals
Tampa Pig Jig
YCCC Halloween Parade, Ybor City
Tampa Bay's Tailgate Taste Fest
Tampa International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, Tampa and St. Petersburg
Viva Tampa Bay Hispanic Heritage Festival

NOVEMBER

36th India Festival Tampa Bay
46th Pioneer Heritage Day, Plant City
50th Temple Terrace Arts & Crafts Festival, Temple Terrace
Conga Caliente Festival
Festival de Bomba y Plena en Tampa Repticon
River Tower Festival, Temple Terrace
Riverwalk Holiday Spectacular
SouthShore Seafood & Arts Festival, Ruskin
Straz Live! in the Park
Tampa Bay Veg Fest
Tampa Greek Festival

DECEMBER

24th Annual Hillsborough River Holiday Boat Parade
33rd Annual Ruskin Seafood Festival, Ruskin
40th Annual Alafia Lighted Boat Parade and Chili Cook-Off, Riverview
5th Annual Santa Fest & Christmas Parade
Apollo Beach Lighted Boat Parade,

Apollo Beach
Cigar Heritage Festival, Ybor City
Light Up Tampa Bay New Year's Eve Celebration and Block Party
OnBikes Winter Wonder Ride and Concert
Outback Bowl New Year's Eve Parade and Band Blast, Ybor City
Snow on 7th Avenue Holiday Parade, Ybor City
Tampa Riverwalk Holiday Boat Parade of Lights
Whingel a performing arts scratch festival

JANUARY

Gasparilla Children's Extravaganza & Fireworks Extravaganza
Gasparilla Pirate Invasion & Parade
Tampa Bay Black Heritage Festival
USF McCormick Marimba Festival
Uttarayan Kite Festival
Winter Jam

FEBRUARY

77th Annual Fiesta Day Celebration, Ybor City
Bay Area Renaissance Festival
Beer, Bourbon & BBQ Festival
Carmada en Ybor
Florida State Fair
Gasparilla Music Festival
Krewe of Knights of Sant' Yago Illuminated Knight Parade, Ybor City
Tampa Jewish Arts & Culture Festivals
Tampa Taco Festival
Tampa Theatre Hollywood Awards Night
Tampa Theatre WineFest
Yogi Fest at The Lotus Pond

MARCH

15th Annual Winthrop Arts Festival & Artisan Market, Riverview
19th Annual emPower Music & Arts Posi(tive) Music Festival
4th Annual Apollo Beach Manatee Festival of the Arts, Ruskin
Florida Brewers Guild Craft Beer Festival
Florida State Thespian Festival
Florida Strawberry Festival, Plant City
Gasp! The Gasparilla Fringe Festival
Gasparilla Festival of the Arts
Gasparilla International Film Festival
Holi, Indian Festival of Color
International Cuban Sandwich Art & Food Festival, Ybor City
James E. Rooster Parade & Fat Tuesday Crawl
Mayor's River O'Green Fest

Rough Riders' St. Patrick's Day Parade, Ybor City
Sunshine Grand Prix
Tampa Bay Jewish Film Festival
Tampa Pride Festival & Parade

APRIL

17th Annual Aficionado Taste of Ybor, Ybor City
16th Annual Blueberry Festival, Plant City
19th Annual Tampa Bay Caribbean Carnival
27th Annual Festa Italiana, Ybor City
Bern's Winefest No. 27
EcoFest
Mayor's Mac n Cheese Throwdown
PhilFest
Tampa Bay Design Week
Tampa Bay Wine and Food Festival
Tampa-Hillsborough County Storytelling Festival
Taste of Carrollwood
TASTE @ The Straz

MAY

13th Annual International Cuban Sandwich Festival
Big Guava Music Festival
Riverfest
Sunset Music Festival
Tampa Bay LibCon
Tampa Bay Margarita Festival
Tampa Jewish Arts & Culture Festivals
Tropical Heatwave

JUNE

10th Annual Tampa Bay Gospel Music Festival
Tampa Bay Bloody Mary Festival
Tampa International Fringe Festival
Tampa Natsumatsuri Japanese Summer Festival

JULY

4th of July Fireworks - Various Locations
Aethertopia
MetroCon
Red, White and Blue Festival
Riverwalk July 4th Boat Parade
SharkCon
Tampa Theatre BeerFest

AUGUST

9th Annual Vibes of the Bay
48 Hour Film Project
Bolts Brew Fest
Countdown Improv Festival
Tampa Bay Comic Con

Seminole Hard Rock Gasparilla Pirate Fest
GasparillaPirateFest.com

Every January, the world's only fully-rigged pirate ship, the "Jose Gasparilla," sets sail for Tampa. Hundreds of pirates aboard the vessel travel with an accompanying flotilla across the Bay before taking the Gasparilla Invasion on land. With the smell of cannons filling the air, the Krewe docks at the Tampa Convention Center, where they force the Mayor to surrender the Key to the City of Tampa into the hands of Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla's fearless Captain. Victory firmly in their grasp, Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla celebrates with a festive Parade of Pirates along Tampa's famed Bayshore Boulevard.

Since 1904, Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla has presented the famous annual event, which features more than 150 units of krewes, brightly-decorated floats, bands, spirit teams, and social organizations. Each marches along the 4.5-mile-long route, sharing their treasured beads, coins, and other Gasparilla treasures with more than 200,000 excited visitors and locals.

EventFest Inc., 1200 W. Cass Street
 Tampa, FL 33606 • 813.251.3378



Gasparilla Music Festival
GasparillaMusic.com

Thousands flock to the Gasparilla Music Festival each year to see top artists from around the country perform in Tampa's picturesque downtown. Now in its 13th year, GMF 2024 will settle into a new home at Julian B. Lane Park this February where audiences can choose from multiple stages featuring Tampa Bay's best local musicians, as well as national headliners, during the weekend-long festival. Some of the area's best restaurants, chefs, brewers, and visual artists are also on display. Throughout the rest of the year, the power behind the festival, the Gasparilla Music Foundation, operates Recycled Tunes which provides new and used instruments to youth music programs, and provides support and gigs for local musicians.

PO Box 172986, Tampa, FL 33672 • 813.708.8423



FESTIVAL SPOTLIGHTS



Gasparilla Festival of the Arts
GasparillaArts.com

Gasparilla Festival of the Arts is among the top open-juried fine arts festivals in the United States with more than \$98,000 in prize money awarded. It draws tens of thousands of art lovers to our beautiful Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park. Enjoy the creative talents of not only visual artists from throughout North America, but also local musicians and performers.

The festival features more than 250 accomplished visual artists, supports 15 emerging artists, and includes live entertainment, art cars, a children's activity area, chalk walk, and a wide range of food and beverage vendors. Gasparilla Festival of the Arts also hosts an "Art Collectors in Training" area where young art lovers have a chance to purchase specially priced art donated by exhibiting artists. Proceeds benefit local charities.

P.O. Box 10591, Tampa, FL 33679 • 813.876.1747



Gasparilla International Film Festival
GasparillaFilmFestival.com

The Gasparilla International Film Festival is an annual celebration of film that has expanded to include year-round events, community outreach, and social awareness initiatives. The film competition offers a wide array of Grand Jury and Audience Choice awards in a variety of categories. GIFF has hosted thousands of filmmakers, talent, producers, and film buffs along with countless world, national, and Florida premieres. Carefully curated, these screenings bring diversity, education and a quality cinematic experience to the Tampa Bay area.

GasparillaFilmFestival.com • info@gasparillafilmfestival.com



Tampa Bay Black Heritage Festival
TampaBlackHeritage.org

The Tampa Bay Black Heritage Festival is a ten-day cultural event that features live entertainment, exciting events, relevant health and business advising seminars, renowned speakers, a music fest with national recording artists, food vendors, craft vendors, and more. This family-friendly festival traditionally begins the weekend before and concludes the weekend after the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday and commemorates the many contributions and influences African Americans and the African Diaspora have made in our society. The TBBHF's many events also include a heritage gala, golf tournament, 5K walk/run, and inter-faith services.

P.O. Box 16622, Tampa, FL, 33687 • 813.218.6633



FESTIVAL SPOTLIGHTS

Tampa Bay International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival
TIGLFF.com

Tampa Bay International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival (TIGLFF) curates a selection of compelling cinema by, for, or about the LGBTQ+ community that entertains, enlightens, and empowers its viewers. TIGLFF is one of the longest running LGBTQ+ film festivals in the U.S., and one of the longest running film festivals in Florida. Screenings include narrative features, documentaries, and short films that explore a range of topics including sexuality, gender roles, transgender lives, and societal impacts upon the LGBTQ community.

The yearly festival is held in October at several venues, with some virtual screenings. Throughout the year monthly screenings continue to help the organization fulfill its mission of providing world class LGBTQ+ cinema to Tampa Bay. Visit tiglff.com for all festival and monthly programming information.

P.O. Box 17816, Tampa, FL 33682 • 813.879.4220



PhilFest 2024
PCFITampa.org

PhilFest, the biggest Filipino-American festival in Southeast USA will be celebrated from April 5 to 7, 2024. It offers non-stop entertainment, Filipino food, cultural exhibits, competitions, and parades, all in a three-day weekend of fun, Philippine style! PhilFest takes place at the Philippine Cultural Enrichment Complex (Bayanihan Arts and Events Center and PhilFest Grounds) and is expecting more than 15,000 guests celebrating the vibrant cultural heritage of the Philippines!

14301 Nine Eagles Drive, Tampa, FL 33626
813.925.1232



FESTIVAL SPOTLIGHTS



Tampa Pride

Each year, Tampa Pride strives to expand their Street Festival and Diversity Parade, held on March 27 in Ybor City—also known as the GayBOR District. Though Pride takes place mostly in March, it begins with the selection of Mr. & Miss Tampa Pride on the last weekend in January.

On the 3rd week of February, the Grand Marshal GALA follows, with the Tampa Pride & Tampa Bay Pride Band Community Concert jamming on the 1st weekend in March at the HCC Performing Arts Center Theatre. On the Sunday before Tampa Pride, the Tampa Pride Interfaith Service will be held at MCC Tampa. The Tampa Pride VIP Sponsors Party on March 25 will commence the main events on Saturday, March 27.

3510 E 8th Ave, Tampa, FL 33605 • 813.777.4832



Tampa Museum of Art
TampaMuseum.org

Founded in 1920, the Tampa Museum of Art inspires visitors with engaging exhibitions and innovative educational programs that emphasize ancient, modern, and contemporary art. The museum houses one of the largest Greek and Roman antiquities collections in the southeastern United States and a growing permanent collection devoted to the art of our time, including sculpture, photography, painting, new media, and more. The Museum's Vinik Family Education Center offers year-round studio art classes, lectures, and tours that give children, teens, and adults opportunities to discover new perspectives and learn different art-making techniques.

Located in the heart of downtown Tampa, the Tampa Museum of Art leads as both a cultural institution and a community museum dedicated to celebrating its home city's diversity. In 2021, the Museum embarked on an ambitious renovation and expansion to increase exhibition space and education facilities to accommodate growing community partnerships and allow more hands-on, up-close experiences for students and adults. The renovated spaces opened in 2022 and the Museum continues campaigning for its 51,000 sq. ft. expansion plan.

120 W. Gasparilla Plaza, Tampa, FL 33602 • 813.274.8130

Mon. – Sun.: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thurs.: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.



The Florida Aquarium
FLAquarium.org

With more than 8,000 animals, including river otters, sharks, alligators, seahorses and more, you're sure to have a fin-tastic experience. A wonderful destination for all ages, there's plenty to see and do! Experience all the Aquarium has to offer, touch moon jellies; take a voyage on the Bay with a Wild Dolphin Cruise; become part of the exhibit with an in-water experience; meet African penguins up-close; and so much more! Be sure to bring a swimsuit and towel for the Splash Pad, a kids' outdoor water fun. Located on the waterfront of the Channel District within walking distance to Sparkman Wharf and other area attractions, The Florida Aquarium is a nonprofit organization with a mission to entertain, educate, and inspire stewardship of the natural environment.

701 Channelside Drive, Tampa, FL 33602 • 813.273.4000

Daily Aquarium Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Splash Pad Hours: 10 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas

MUSEUM & THEATRE **SPOTLIGHTS**



Glazer Children's Museum
GlazerMuseum.org

The Glazer Children's Museum creates and fosters impactful play experiences for children and families to learn and thrive. The interactive museum, spanning all three levels of the building, inspires child-led play, where kids are in the driver's seat and lead their adults on a play journey. Thoughtfully curated exhibits encourage imaginative play, where children can think creatively and explore the world around them—from shopping in Publix to performing in Twinkle Stars Theater and more.

The Glazer Children's Museum is now home to Big John, the world's largest Triceratops skeleton, in an immersive and playful exhibit that welcomes all ages. The museum is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization located in Downtown Tampa and serves as an innovative educational, cultural, and accessible resource for Tampa Bay and Central Florida.

110 W. Gasparilla Plaza, Tampa fl 33602

Tues. – Sun.: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Summer Hours from Memorial Day to Labor Day:
Mon. – Sun.: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.



MUSEUM & THEATRE **SPOTLIGHTS**



Florida Museum of Photographic Arts
FMOPA.org

The Florida Museum of Photographic Arts is one of fewer than 8 museums in the United States dedicated exclusively to photography. Located in the heart of historic Ybor City in Tampa, the Museum offers over 3000 square feet of exhibition space dedicated to important photographic work by local, national and internationally known photographic artists. FMOPA also enriches the community by operating outreach programs for under-served children and senior adults and by offering an extensive array of photography classes and engaging events.

Located in historic Ybor City, FMOPA is reachable by the Teco Line Streetcar and close to the Port of Tampa and Riverwalk downtown.

1630 E 7th Avenue, Tampa, FL 33605 • 813.221.2222

Tuesday – Saturdays: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sundays: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Closed for major holidays



Jobsite Theater
JobsiteTheater.org

Jobsite Theater is the award-winning, professional resident theater company at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Tampa. Jobsite produces a full season of quality, innovative performances that cross all genres and tastes. In addition to a six-show mainstage season that takes place between the 99-seat Shimberg Playhouse and the 320-seat Jaeb Theater, Jobsite does upwards of 75 educational outreaches a year that include daytime school matinees, in-school visits, master classes, public forums, and more. Jobsite hopes to inspire their community to be citizens, not just consumers.

The 2023-24 season is Jobsite's 25th and features Tom Stoppard's *Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead*, Nick Dear's *Frankenstein* adapted from the novel by Mary Shelley, Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, Martin McDonagh's *The Beauty Queen of Leenane*, Federico Garcia Lorca's *El Maleficio de la Mariposa*, *The Rocky Horror Show*, and Ronan Noóné's *The Smuggler*.

1010 N. MacInnes Pl., Tampa, FL 33602
813.229.7827



Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI)
MOSI.org

Learning meets fun at MOSI! Packed with more than 100 fully-interactive STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) exhibits that encourage learning, innovation, and a whole lot of smiles, your general admission ticket grants admission to one of the coolest science centers in the galaxy!

Go back in time and live among marine dinosaurs in virtual reality and learn about their lifestyle in the all-new Dinovations Lab exhibit, featuring a 30-foot-tall Diplodocus skeleton! Drive a Lunar Rover and learn about space travel in Mission Moonbase, then go lie on a real bed of nails! Discover the story of the night sky in The Saunders Planetarium and challenge your senses on our 34-obstacle, 3-story SkyTrail Ropes course. Experience hours of fun and stimulate your mind at this one-of-a-kind scientific playground.

4801 E. Fowler Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33617 • 813.987.6000
Mon. – Sun.: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas



MUSEUM & THEATRE SPOTLIGHTS



ZooTampa at Lowry Park
ZooTampa.org

As the #1 cultural institution in Florida and 11-time winner of the TripAdvisor Traveler's Choice Award, ZooTampa offers one-of-a-kind experiences that connect people to wildlife and each other in fun and immersive ways. Come nose-to-nose with an endangered Florida panther. Witness life-saving care at our David A. Straz, Jr. Manatee Critical Care Center. Go on a safari through Africa. And so much more! Every visit supports our commitment to rescue, rehabilitate, and care for animals and continue to inspire future generations to join us in saving animals and preserving the world we share.

1101 W. Sligh Avenue, Tampa, FL 33604 • 813.935.8552
Open 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., 7 days a week
(except for Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day)



Stageworks Theatre
StageworksTheatre.org

Stageworks Theatre, an intimate 99-seat theatre in the heart of Tampa's Channel District, is dedicated to creating theatre that respects, ignites, and celebrates the human spirit. Each season they typically produce six shows of high quality, entertaining, and socially conscious theatre. Offstage, Stageworks' highly awarded educational programs provide arts education in under-served communities.

Stageworks: creating and producing stories that matter.
1120 E. Kennedy Blvd, West Building Suite 151, Tampa, FL
813.374.2416
Pictured: Betty-Jane Parks in *Wait Until Dark*.





Straz Center for the Performing Arts StrazCenter.org

The David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts is one of the largest performing arts complexes in the country. The 335,000 square-foot Straz Center provides an environment for a wide variety of world-class events. It boasts one of the nation's leading Broadway series and is nationally respected for producing grand opera, as well as presenting a wide variety of concerts, performances, and events. In a typical season, more than 600,000 patrons attend 1,500+ events at the Straz Center. The Straz is also home to the Patel Conservatory which annually serves nearly 65,000 students with a variety of educational activities and classes as well as its resident theatre company, Jobsite Theater.

1010 N. MacInnes Pl., Tampa, FL 33602 • 813.229.7827



Tampa Theatre TampaTheatre.org

Built in 1926, the historic Tampa Theatre hosts more than 700 shows and events each year, including daily screenings of new independent and foreign films, classic movies, live concerts, corporate events, educational programs, weddings and tours. The majestic building, which is a passionately protected landmark and one of America's best-preserved movie palaces, is owned by the City of Tampa and operated as a dynamic film and cultural center by the not-for-profit Tampa Theatre Foundation.

Tampa Theatre is a proud member of the League of Historic American Theatres, the Art House Convergence, the Sundance Institute Art House Project, and Film Florida.

711 N. Franklin St., Tampa, FL 33602 • 813.274.8981



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Tampa Bay History Center TampaBayHistoryCenter.org

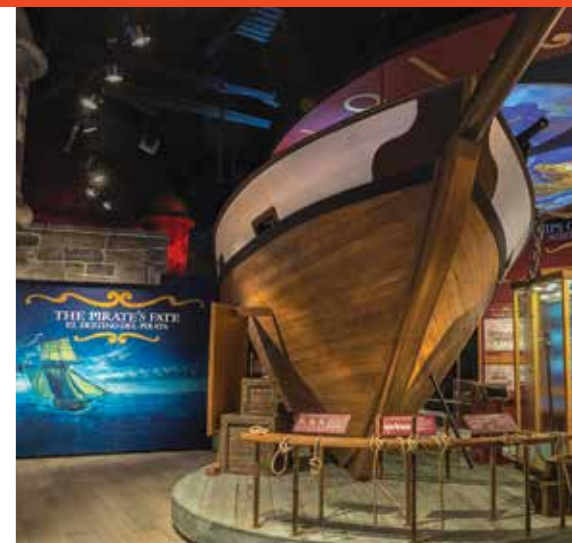
Set sail with explorers and pirates, ride along with a Florida cattle drive, or explore the everglades with Seminole Indians at the Tampa Bay History Center.

Located on Tampa's Riverwalk, the History Center features three floors of permanent and temporary exhibition space focusing on 12,000 years of Florida's history and culture. A Smithsonian Affiliate museum and accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, the History Center includes the Touchton Map Library and Florida Center for Cartographic Education and the Witt Research Center, and is home to the Columbia Cafe.

One of Tampa's premier cultural venues, the History Center's immersive exhibits and theaters provide an entertaining and educational experience for visitors of all ages. For more information, visit TampaBayHistoryCenter.org.

801 Water St., Tampa, FL 33602 • 813.228.0097

Open daily 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Open 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Christmas and New Year's Eve
(closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day)



Ybor City Museum State Park YborMuseum.org

Begin your exploration of Ybor City's rich cultural heritage at the Ybor City Museum State Park, where you can visit exhibits located in the 1923-era Ferlita Bakery, including original wood-burning brick ovens where some of Tampa's first Cuban bread was baked.

The museum's exhibits begin with the early days, when Vicente Martinez-Ybor established the cigar industry that led to Tampa's reputation as the "Cigar Capital of the World." You will also find remarkable stories of five immigrant-groups — Spanish, Sicilian, Cuban, Romanian Jews, and Germans. Step out into the lush museum garden for a peaceful and quiet respite.

1818 E. 9th Avenue, Tampa, FL 33605 • 813.247.6323

Visit the website for updates on the museum's programs and events





Tampa Baseball Museum at the Al Lopez House
 TampaBaseballMuseum.org

A new museum in Ybor City serves as a place for inspiration, education, and the celebration of a game that became the fabric of an immigrant community — in a town that is known for developing a wealth of baseball talent at every level. Commemorating more than 135 years of Tampa’s baseball heritage, the museum weaves a story of the first team formed by the Cubans in 1887, the early factory, municipal, Negro, and Inter-Social leagues, Minor League teams, and the spring training tradition. With 90 local MLB players, to-date, the museum recognizes key roles that notable managers, coaches, and youth, high school and college baseball have played on Tampa’s iconic baseball traditions.

2003 N. 19th Street, Tampa, FL 33605 • 813.400.2353
 Visit the website for updates on the museum’s programs and events.

Carrollwood Cultural Center
 CarrollwoodCenter.org

The Carrollwood Cultural Center is a place where strangers become friends and friends become family. Located in northwest Hillsborough County in the heart of Carrollwood Village, the campus includes the 26,000 sq. ft. main building complete with a stage, dance floor, art studios, computer lab, and conference rooms as well as a sister building. The Studio, which provides additional space for classes, performances, room rentals, and gallery displays.

Programs and classes in art, ceramics, dance, music, and theatre are held year-round as well as art and cultural camps each summer. The Center also hosts an array of entertainers, both local and touring talents, for concerts and performances. Visit CarrollwoodCenter.org for in-person and virtual class and event information.

The Center began several years ago with a partnership between Hillsborough County and the Friends of Carrollwood Cultural Center (FCCC), a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents through arts and culture. Their partnership continues to this day. Together, they have brought the community together through the arts.

4537 Lowell Rd., Tampa, FL 33618 • 813.922.8167
 Mon.-Fri.: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
 Sat.: 9 a.m. – noon



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International Independent Showmen’s Museum
 ShowmensMuseum.org

As the name suggests, this beautiful museum houses amazing artifacts, countless photographs spanning more than a century of traveling shows in America, and eclectic memorabilia from the colorful carnival and circus midways of the past.

Simply put, there is nothing like the Showmen’s Museum, showcased under one roof, anywhere in the world. Come visit the Showmen’s Museum and take a walk back in time and see for yourself those rides, games, sequined costumes, and colorful wagons of a bygone era.

6938 Riverview Drive, Riverview, FL 33578 • 813.765.7031
 Sat. – Sun.: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.



Firehouse Cultural Center
 FirehouseCulturalCenter.org

As a new fire station was being built in the town of Ruskin, the Firehouse Cultural Center became a reality to make use of the unique architecture of the old fire station that opened to the public in 2013. To its core, Ruskin is founded on creative roots— heavily influenced by the writings and philosophy of John Ruskin. Wearing many hats as an art critic, social thinker, poet, and artist, John Ruskin wanted to implement the arts as a tool for understanding, knowledge, and appreciation.

Serving as a multi-use cultural and educational facility, the Firehouse Cultural Center offers a variety of programming including workshops, classes, summer camps, and lectures. They host an artist-in-residence program that provides direct access to a diverse spectrum of significant artists. In addition, their Firehouse Pub is a great venue to enjoy live entertainment along with drinks and snacks.

101 1st Ave. NE, Ruskin, FL 33570 • 813.645.7651
 Mon. – Fri.: 9a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Office opens 2 hours before performances or special events.

CULTURAL CENTER SPOTLIGHTS



Hillsborough Community College

Visual and Performing Arts
HCCFL.edu

The students and faculty of Hillsborough Community College (HCC) are developing a distinctive community for the arts. Located on the Ybor City Campus, the rich history, culture, and architecture of the area provides a colorful backdrop for their contemporary arts curriculum of dance, music, theatre, studio art, photography, and graphic design. HCC features art galleries on two of its ten campuses, where exhibits showcase masterpieces from the community and around the world.

Performing Arts, Ybor Campus

The Ybor City campus features a performing arts complex that includes a 246-seat main stage theatre, 60-seat studio theatre, and state-of-the-art dance studio. Student, community, and professional performances can be seen there throughout the year.

Visual Arts Galleries, Dale Mabry Campus

Two visual art galleries on the community college's Dale Mabry campus are dedicated to adding educational and cultural value by exhibiting regional, national, and international artists in all media.

Visual Arts Gallery, Ybor Campus

The Ybor campus gallery presents high-quality changing exhibitions with related educational programs and promotes local, regional, national, and international artists.



University of South Florida

College of the Arts
Arts.USF.edu

The USF College of the Arts is a nationally and internationally recognized center for the study, creation, and research of the arts. The College is home to the Schools of Architecture & Community Design; Art & Art History; Music; and Theatre & Dance, as well as the Institute for Research in Art, which includes the USF Contemporary Art Museum and Graphicstudio. In addition to the 21 degrees and four certificate programs available, the College hosts more than 350 events annually.

INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN ART

USF Contemporary Art Museum

USF Contemporary Art Museum organizes and presents significant investigative exhibitions of contemporary art from around the world. Changing exhibitions are designed to introduce the USF and Tampa Bay communities to current cultural trends by underwriting new projects by emerging national and international artists. CAM maintains the USF art collection, and ongoing programs include Arts for Community Engagement, Art in Health, and Inside Art.

USF Graphicstudio

USF Graphicstudio is a university-based atelier committed to working with leading artists from around the world. Graphicstudio is a collaborative environment dedicated to aesthetic and technical research in the visual arts, and the application of new and traditional techniques for the production of limited edition sculptures and works on paper. Graphicstudio editions have been acquired by leading museums including the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.





University of Tampa

College of Arts and Letters
UT.edu

The University of Tampa is a private university located on the river in downtown Tampa offering more than 200 programs of study. Its College of Arts and Letters offers 21 degree programs, 11 minors, eight certificate programs across its seven departments, and a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing.

UT's Meridian Scholar Program (formerly known as STUDIO-f) is an innovative, 10-day visiting artist residency program which introduces nationally and internationally known artists to University students and the Tampa Bay community. Since 1990, participants have included such prominent artists as Louisa Chase, Sam Messer, Ed Paschke, and most recently, Audrey Flack.

Henry B. Plant Museum

The Henry B. Plant Museum is housed in the 1891 Tampa Bay Hotel, the Victorian railroad resort that defined the elegant frontier, now a National Historic Landmark. Unlike most museums dedicated to lifestyles of the past, it contains the actual furnishings enjoyed by the first guests to visit here. The Museum accurately reflects the opulence of turn-of-the-century America and the vision of American transportation pioneer, Henry B. Plant.

Scarfone/Hartley Gallery

This teaching gallery exhibits art as an extension of the classroom in all media. The gallery provides an opportunity to meet artists and view and study original works created by contemporary national, international, and regional artists including students and faculty. Events, lectures and performances that are intrinsic to the arts are included in the program.

The Tampa Press

Founded in 1952, The University of Tampa Press has been dedicated to the publication of books and periodicals featuring poetry, fiction, and non-fiction from Florida and around the globe for more than 50 years. The University launched its literary journal UT Poetry Review in 1964, which evolved into Tampa Review in 1988. It is the oldest continuously published literary journal in Florida and the nation's only hardback literary journal.



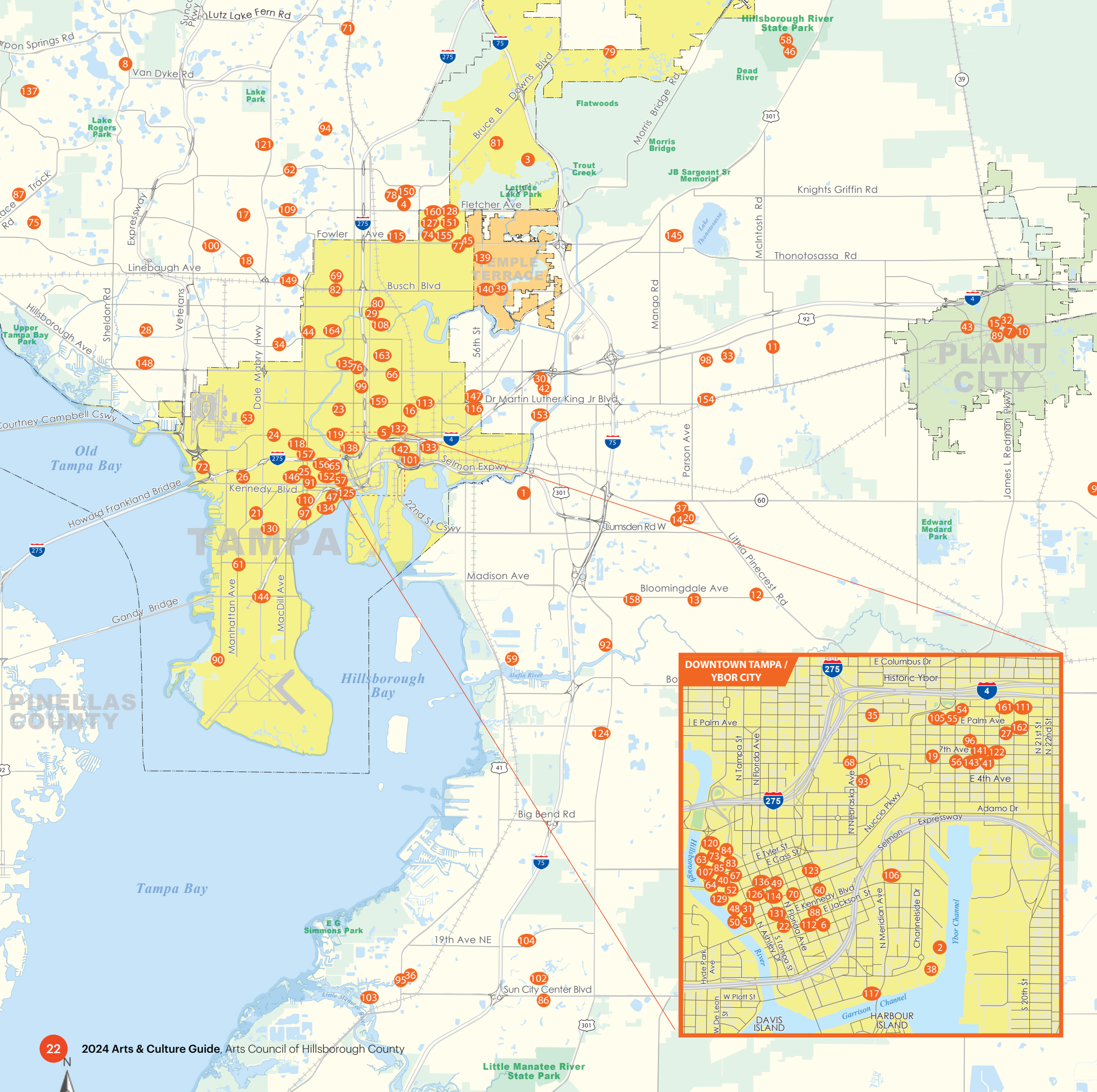
Supporting the Arts Supports the Community

When you attend an art or cultural event, the dollars you spend help grow our community. Audiences at arts and cultural events contributed **\$234.4 million** to our local economy over and above the cost of admission.*

*Source: Arts and Economic Prosperity 6, Hillsborough County

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Culture Connects Us

More than **90% of arts and culture attendees** agree that the activity or venue where they were surveyed "is inspiring a sense of pride in this neighborhood or community."*

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**American Institute of Architects
Tampa Bay Chapter**
AIAtampabay.com • 813.229.3411

AIA Tampa Bay is a professional association for architects providing education, professional development, networking opportunities, and serving as the voice of the architecture profession.

Arts Council of Hillsborough County
HillsboroughArts.org • 813.571.6991

The mission of the Arts Council is to ignite, advance, and promote arts and culture in every region of Hillsborough County. Our efforts play a role in making our area more appealing to residents, tourists, and businesses. We also provide a unified voice for cultural organizations and activities in Tampa and Hillsborough County.



Arts Council of Plant City
PlantCityArts.com • 813.245.2244

The Arts Council of Plant City promotes visual and performing arts in the Plant City area by sponsoring art and dance teachers in local schools, providing art field trips for underprivileged children, and hosting musical events for both adults and children.

Florida State Fair Authority
FloridaStateFair.com • 813.621.7821

The Florida State Fair Authority produces the annual Florida State Fair in February of each year. In addition, the Florida State Fairgrounds hosts many other events throughout the year, from horse shows to fossil shows and everything in between.

South Shore Arts Council
Facebook.com/SouthShoreArtsCouncil • 813.846.2000

The South Shore Arts Council promotes and nurtures the practice of the arts in southern Hillsborough County. The council supports, encourages, and promotes activities in the visual arts, music, theater, dance, film, and literature.

Tampa Arts Alliance
TampaArtsAlliance.org • 813-401-6534

Tampa Arts Alliance, Inc. will provide leadership to the arts and cultural community by promoting the following: the establishment of endowments and program funds for all arts and cultural organizations and projects; assisting individual artists and arts/cultural organizations in establishing locations; promoting Tampa as a tourism, convention, festival and event destination for arts and cultural activities in all forms; supporting the creation of housing, gallery, venue, performance, and related spaces for artists, theatres, and related cultural organizations.

Tampa Bay Businesses for Culture and the Arts
TBBCA.org • 813.221.2787

The Tampa Bay Businesses for Culture and the Arts (TBBCA) is a nonprofit organization that unites area businesses to champion arts and culture for a prosperous community through innovative partnerships and sustainable programs. TBBCA is one of 11 national "Business Committees for the Arts," of the pARTnership Movement and Private Sector Network of Americans for the Arts.

Temple Terrace Arts Council
TempleTerraceArtsCouncil.org • 813.988.2787

This volunteer organization promotes the arts and supports art education and awareness throughout the City of Temple Terrace. Its community arts festival, a juried, outdoor show now in its 48th year, is held annually the second weekend in November. It also produces the annual fundraiser Art en Blanc each spring, as well as public art projects throughout the year.

Arts4All Florida
Arts4AllFlorida.org • 813.974.0721

A private not-for-profit organization, Arts4All Florida conducts art education programs in schools, Department of Juvenile Justice facilities, and community centers; promotes the accomplishments of artists with disabilities through our artist registry, exhibitions, and performances; and increases access to the arts through professional development workshops. Arts4All Florida is a member of the VSA Affiliate Network (a program of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.) and is headquartered at the College of Education at the University of South Florida.

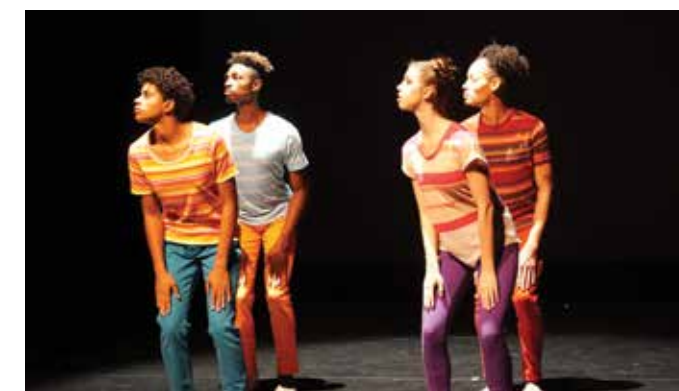
ARTS EDUCATION AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY

Arts Conservatory for Teens
ArtsConservatoryForTeens.org • 727-346-8223

Arts Conservatory for Teens' mission is to educate, empower, and enrich the lives of youth and teens in order to foster healthy, productive, and responsible citizens. This organization provides the tools for self-improvement, leadership development, and arts and cultural enrichment, especially for under-served and at-risk youth, creating a lasting and measurable impact on high school graduation rates and opportunities for college placement.

Broadway Theatre Project
BroadwayTheatreProject.com • 813.766.1014

Broadway Theatre Project is a musical arts education program for high school and college students, where emphasis is placed on the individual art forms, the collaborative process, and the collective creation of art.



Carrollwood Cultural Center
CarrollwoodCenter.org • 813.269.1310

The Carrollwood Cultural Center provides cultural and educational programs and events to the region that enhance learning, creativity, and a sense of community across groups and generations. The Center has hosted an array of local talents from visual artists, instrumentalists, singers, dancers, and theatre groups. Located in the heart of Carrollwood Village, the campus includes a 26,000 sq. ft. main building complete with a stage, dance floor, art studios, computer lab and conference rooms. A sister building, The Studio, provides additional space for classes, performances, room rentals, and gallery displays.

Center Place Fine Arts and Civic Association
CenterPlaceBrandon.org • 813.685.8888

Center Place Fine Arts and Civic Association is dedicated to the promotion of the fine arts and civic involvement. Center Place offers cultural enrichment opportunities for all ages through a variety of programs including original art exhibits, art education, and the performing arts.

Community Stepping Stones
CommunitySteppingStones.org • 813.515.4429

Community Stepping Stones is a nonprofit learning center located in Sulphur Springs at Mann-Wagnon Park on the Hillsborough River. Community Stepping Stones offers after-school, arts-inspired curriculum to prepare at-risk youth to become successful adults.

Firehouse Cultural Center
FirehouseCulturalCenter.org • 813.645.7651

The Firehouse Cultural Center is a multi-use, cultural and educational facility that is a vital catalyst and a resource for the diverse South Shore community. Its offerings focus on a full spectrum of arts, educational, and cultural programs for all ages and experience, from beginner to professional. The Firehouse is located on two historic acres bordering Marsh Creek in the center of Ruskin.



Florida Academy of Performing Arts
FAoPA.org • 813.490.2787

The Florida Academy of Performing Arts is a non-profit organization dedicated to music education and enrichment by offering music programs for all ages. Programs include musical theatre, rockestra, rock band, showchoir, group violin, group guitar, computer music classes, summer camps, workshops, mini-musicians, and more.

Florida College Department of Music and Fine Arts
FloridaCollege.edu • 813.988.5131

The Department of Music and Fine Arts resides within Florida College, a small private school in the heart of Temple Terrace. They host a wide array of shows and events, from student-sponsored events to department-wide productions.

HCC Visual and Performing Arts
HCCFL.edu/Campus-Life/Arts • 813.253.7000

The Hillsborough Community College School of Visual & Performing Arts features guest artists and events in all fields including dance, jazz, theatre, visual arts, music, and film as well as student productions from our Visual & Performing Arts.

Life Enrichment Center
LECTampa.org • 813.932.0241

The Life Enrichment Center is an arts education center for adults, operating in North Tampa's Forest Hills neighborhood. It is one of only a few centers across the country focused on redefining and reshaping retirement and the experience of aging.

MacDonald Training Center Fine Arts
MacDonaldCenter.org • 813.870.1300

The MacDonald Training Center provides opportunities for artistic expression to people with disabilities, positively changes the perception of people with disabilities through art, and makes MTC Fine Arts a self-sustaining enterprise. They have two locations, with one in Tampa and the other in Plant City.

Patel Conservatory at the Straz Center
PatelConservatory.org • 813.222.1040

The Patel Conservatory provides performing arts training in an inspirational setting by giving students the tools to create the performing arts, integrate them into everyday life, and contribute to the community. Its three-story facility adjoins the Straz Center where the Patel offers more than 100 performing arts classes in dance, theater, and music for students of all ages and experience levels. It is accredited by the Southern Association of College and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement under the division of AdvancED.

Tampa Bay Triple Threat Theatre
TBTTT.org • 813.969.0240

Tampa Bay Triple Threat Theatre is a not-for-profit organization in residence at Mary Jo's Performing Arts Academy. Together they share the vision of educating, promoting, and empowering students through the arts.

Tampa Pride
TampaPride.org • 813.777.4832

Tampa Pride produces events year-round in support of LGBTQ community and includes festivals, entertainment venues, education seminars, health fair clinics, and a diversity parade. Tampa Pride season begins with a Grand Marshal's Gala in February and continues into March for the Street Festival and Parade.

University Area Community Center
UACDC.org • 813.558.5212

The University Area Community Center is a public/private partnership whose primary focus is the redevelopment and sustainability of the at-risk areas surrounding the Tampa campus of the University of South Florida. One of their highlights is the Prodigy Cultural Arts Program, which is a research-based prevention and diversion program for at-risk youth. Prodigy uses visual and performing arts as a way to help young people develop life skills like communication, leadership, problem solving, anger management, career aspirations, and goal setting.

Voice T.H.E Movement, Inc.
VoiceTheMovement.org • 813.644.2624

VTM is a nonprofit organization that cultivates and encourages quality of life development and advocates positive change by providing opportunities that enlighten and empower through health, education, the arts, entertainment, and technology.

Winthrop Arts
WinthropArts.org • 813.758.5161

Winthrop Arts creates a bridge between the arts and community with a focus on developing and inspiring the next generation of artists and patrons. Its Arts Factory is an after school art program for children of all abilities and provides a creative environment for children to experience a diverse range of artistic expressions ranging from drawing and painting to woodworking and welding. The Winthrop Arts Festival and Artisan Market is an outdoor event held each Spring.

DANCE

Brandon Ballet
BrandonBallet.org • 813.684.4282

The Bay Area's pre-professional ballet company offering training to aspiring ballet dancers and providing the opportunity for students and professional dancers to perform for the community in at least two major ballets per year.

Moving Current Dance Collective
MovingCurrent.com • 813.237.0216

Moving Current produces known professional choreographers and annual programs for young professionals and pre-professional choreographers. They also create education programs that provide people of all abilities, ages, and gender, cultural, and economic backgrounds the opportunity to express themselves through dance, without compromising the artistic integrity of dance.



Rudram Dance Company
RudramDanceCompany.com • 352.697.0452

The vision of Rudram Dance Company (RDC) is to bring the extraordinary, creative form of Bharathanatyam to the stage through original and high-quality productions, allowing audiences to experience the grandeur of Indian classical dance. The RDC, guided by its founder and director Tara Bikkasani, aims to present audiences in the Tampa Bay area and throughout the United States with enjoyable, artistic dance performances that enrich and entertain. They offer year-round classes and summer camps for children and adults with regular performance opportunities, as well as special workshops and performances by accomplished artists from India.



Tampa City Ballet
TampaCityBallet.org • 813.558.0800

The Ballet is a nonprofit organization committed to creating and presenting dance works of extraordinary artistry, while promoting an appreciation for all forms of movement.



FILM

Gasparilla International Film Festival
GasparillaFilmFestival.com • 813.693.2367

The Gasparilla International Film Festival, now in its 17th year, is an annual celebration of film that has expanded to include year-round events, community outreach, and social awareness initiatives. GIFF has hosted thousands of filmmakers, talent, producers, and film buffs along with countless world, national, and Florida premieres. Carefully curated, these screenings bring diversity, education, and a quality cinematic experience to the Tampa Bay area.

Second Screen Cult Cinema
CultCinema.org • 813.999.8700

Launched in February 2015 as a nonprofit organization by a collective of friends and film aficionados entrenched in the local arts scene, Second Screen Cult Cinema is currently the only curated monthly film series in the Tampa Bay area that presents unconventional and unforgettable cult films geared towards adult movie-goers looking for a refreshingly unique cinematic experience. Second Screen's goal is to enrich the Greater Tampa Bay cultural arts community and to enhance Tampa's flourishing downtown district.

Screen Door: An Ybor City Microcinema
YborMicrocinema.org

Screen Door is a microcinema dedicated to building community through visionary moving-image work of all kinds. They are Tampa first microcinema and offer a theater that holds 38 seats and a collection of available films. Tickets for screenings are offered online.

Tampa Hillsborough Film & Digital Media Commission
FilmTampaBay.com • 813.218.3302

The Tampa Hillsborough Film & Digital Media Commission markets the Tampa Bay region as a filming destination. It is a not-for-profit, public-private partnership division of the Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation (EDC).

Tampa International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival
TIGLFF.com • 813.879.4220

This is the sixth largest gay and lesbian film festival in the United States. The annual festival attracts nearly 16,000 attendees who view more than 70 films and celebrate at events on both sides of the Bay. A business expo accompanies the festival.

Tampa Theatre
TampaTheatre.org • 813.274.8981

The quintessence of grand movie palace architecture, the Tampa Theatre was chosen by LIFE magazine as one of "America's 21 Wonders." Designed by famed theater architect John Eberson, it is a superior example of his "atmospheric" style of design -- a lavish, romantic Mediterranean courtyard, replete with old-world statuary, flowers, and gargoyles. Today it hosts more than 700 events annually including first-run and classic films, concerts by touring artists, community events, summer camps, and school field trips.

GALLERIES

Center for Architecture and Design
AIATampaBay.com • 813.229.3411

The Center exhibits work by local and regional architects/artists including photography, paintings, sculpture, and furniture. AIA Tampa Bay is the regional chapter of The American Institute of Architects.

HCC Art Galleries, Dale Mabry Campus
HCCFL.edu/gallery221 • 813.253.7386

Two visual art galleries on the community college's Dale Mabry campus are dedicated to adding educational and cultural value by exhibiting regional, national, and international artists in all media.

HCC Art Gallery, Ybor Campus
HCCFL.edu/YborGallery • 813.253.7674

The Ybor campus gallery presents high-quality, changing exhibitions with related educational programs and promotes local, regional, national, and international artists.

Kotler Art Gallery, John F. Germany Public Library
HCPLC.org • 813.273.3652

The Louise and Arnold Kotler Gallery is located in the John F. Germany Public Library, featuring local and regional artists, who exhibit on a monthly basis.



Silver Meteor Gallery

Facebook.com/Silver-Meteor-Gallery-329269416494/
813.300.3585

Founded in 1995, Silver Meteor Gallery is a multi-disciplinary art space with a combination visual art exhibition gallery and 36-seat, black box performance space located in Ybor City.

Tempus Projects

Tempus-Projects.com • 813.340.9056

Tempus Projects is an artist-run project space dedicated to nurturing both established and emerging local, national, and international artists via exhibitions and events. Tempus promotes artists working in all media and while its space functions primarily as a visual arts exhibition space it also holds sponsored workshops, movie lectures, group critiques, music performances, and project planning.

USF Carolyn M. Wilson Gallery

Arts.USF.edu • 813.974.2360

The Carolyn M. Wilson Gallery is a new gallery located in the fine arts building of USF dedicated to providing opportunities for art students to exhibit their work in a permanent, professional-grade space with a new lighting grid and wall system that will allow for easy reconfiguration of the gallery.

USF Centre Gallery

USF.edu/Student-Affairs/MSC/Building-Amenities/
Centre-Gallery.aspx • 813.974.5464

The Centre Gallery, established in 1984, is the only fully student-run, nonprofit exhibition space in the state of Florida. The gallery provides the USF community artists the opportunity to experiment with new ideas while gaining a complete educational gallery experience.

UT Scarfone/Hartley Gallery

UT.edu/ScarfoneHartleyGallery • 813.253.6217

The Scarfone/Hartley Gallery exhibits works of art as an extension of the classroom, providing an opportunity to view and study significant original artwork by contemporary national, international, and regional artists. The Gallery also features work by fine arts faculty, alumni, and students during scheduled exhibitions, receptions, lectures, and performances.

HERITAGE AND HISTORY

Bealsville

Bealsville.com • 813.737.1352

The history books document the Bealsville community as a community settled by freed slaves in the year 1865. After the abolition, these freed men and women gathered at the plantation of Sarah Hopewell. She provided them with horses, hoes, a mule, and a plow and allowed them to stay on her property until they completed the town they named Howell's Creek on December 24, 1865. Bealsville currently maintains the William Glover School campus, and is developing alternative uses for the buildings that have been the center of the community and a source of pride for more than 60 years.

Cracker Country

CrackerCountry.org • 813.627.4225

Cracker Country is a rural Florida living history museum located on the Florida State Fairgrounds. It was founded with the purpose of preserving Florida's rural heritage. The museum recreates an 1890s rural Florida town. Its collection of 13 original buildings dating back from 1870-1912 were relocated from across the state of Florida beginning in 1978 when Cracker Country was established by Mr. and Mrs. Doyle E. Carlton, Jr. Today, the historically furnished buildings recreate the lifestyles of the past, and costumed interpreters portray daily living as Florida pioneers and share the stories of early Floridians' experiences.

East Hillsborough Historical Society

EHHSoc.org • 813.757.9226

The East Hillsborough Historical Society is dedicated to the preservation of the historical and cultural heritage of Plant City and eastern Hillsborough County. The Society maintains a museum and the Quintilla Geer Bruton Archives Center that contains an extensive collection of books, census records, newspapers, and other documents, as well as historic photographs.

Florida History & Genealogy Library

HCPLC.org • 813.273.3652

The Florida History & Genealogy Library is home to one of the largest genealogy collections in the State of Florida. In addition, this Library has a Florida History Collection, which includes the historic Burgert Brothers Photographic Collection and one of the largest collections of Florida city directories. It is located in the John F. Germany Public Library in downtown Tampa.

Philippine Cultural Foundation

PCFITampa.org • 813.925.1232

The Philippine Cultural Foundation is the umbrella organization for Filipino-American organizations based in the Tampa Bay area including the Philippine Performing Arts Company, Philippine Choral Group, and Philfest. The Foundation preserves and presents Philippine heritage and cultural programs for future generations and contributes to the diversity of this region and the State.

Philippine Performing Arts Company

PCFITampa.org/PPAC • 813.925.1232

The mission of the Philippine Performing Arts Company is to educate succeeding generations of Filipino Americans and the general public by introducing, instructing, and presenting the culture, customs, and traditions of the Philippines through art, dance, music, and costumes.

Shruti Foundation

ShrutiFoundationTampa.org • 813.549.9252

The Shruti Foundation is a non-profit organization that aims to preserve and promote classical Indian music and dance through showcasing high-quality musicians in public concerts, workshops, and outreach programs.

Tampa Bay Black Heritage Festival, Inc.

TampaBlackHeritage.org • 813.218.6633

The Tampa Bay Black Heritage Festival is a ten-day cultural event that features live entertainment, exciting events, relevant health and business advising seminars, renowned speakers, a music fest with national recording artists, food vendors, craft vendors, and more. This family-friendly festival traditionally begins the weekend before the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday and includes a heritage gala, golf tournament, 5K walk/run, and inter-faith services.



Tampa Bay History Center

TampaBayHistoryCenter.org • 813.228.0097

Located along Tampa's Riverwalk, the Tampa Bay History Center interprets 12,000 years of Florida's history, highlighting Florida's first people, Florida's maritime history, including the history of conquistadors, pirates and shipwrecks, and the cigar and cattle industries. As a Smithsonian Affiliate museum, the History Center's three floors of interactive exhibits and theaters focus on the Gulf Coast, from prehistoric times to the present through artifacts, artwork, textiles, documents, and furniture. Collections include more than 100 rare shipwreck artifacts recovered from Florida waters, items depicting the history of Tampa's cigar industry, and a collection of Seminole Indian artifacts including tools, clothing, and ceremonial items. After visiting the museum, you can dine at the waterfront Columbia Cafe or shop in the Museum Store before taking a stroll along the Riverwalk.

Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc.

TampaHispanic.org • 813.598.3950

Tampa Hispanic Heritage serves as an umbrella for Tampa Bay Area Hispanic groups and other interested parties that want to share the rich Spanish language, culture, and traditions. Its annual educational events and entertaining festivities generate tremendous community involvement and excitement.

Tampa Historical Society

TampaHistoricalSociety.com

The Tampa Historical Society is Tampa's oldest history society, a not-for-profit organization, housed in the historic landmark Peter O. Knight Cottage in Hyde Park. The Society specializes in Tampa history during the Gaslight Era through publications, programs, tours, lectures, workshops, and special events.



Tampa Preservation

TampaPreservation.com • 813.248.5437

Tampa Preservation is dedicated to the preservation of the historic structures and neighborhoods in the Tampa Bay area and Hillsborough County, and to the education of the area's school children and residents about their unique Florida heritage.

LITERARY

Heard 'Em Say Teen Poetry

HeardEmSay.org • 813.397.8904

Heard 'Em Say Teen Poetry provides the community's youth with a healthy social outlet and platform to express themselves and promote growth in the areas of: self-esteem, written and oral communication, networking, social tolerance, and cultural understanding through the art of spoken word poetry.

Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative

HCPLC.org • 813.273.3652

The Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative is comprised of 25 libraries located throughout Hillsborough County and provide a wide range of services, community programs, and maker spaces. A complete list of locations is provided on page 44.

Kitchen Table Literary Arts

Kitchen-Table.org

Kitchen Table Literary Arts builds awareness, appreciation, and support for women-of-color writers and poets and their work. Its community-based, public programs include stand-alone workshops and events featuring conversations about the craft of creative writing, literature, history, and current events.

Tampa Writers Alliance

TampaWriters.org

Founded in 1986, the Tampa Writers Alliance is an organization dedicated to writers of many genres and levels of experience, as well as any in the Tampa Bay area who have an interest in the literary world.

UT Literary Press

UTampaPress.org • 813.253.6266

The University of Tampa Press is an academic press whose books include a contemporary poetry series, a limited number of edited nineteenth century texts, books about books and printing, and works that preserve and educate about Florida's history and heritage, especially works of local and regional history.

YellowJacket Press

YellowJacketPress.org

YellowJacket Press supports emerging and established poets in Florida with an annual chapbook contest, chapbook publications, and public readings. YellowJacket Press creates a means for poets to share and promote their work and nurtures a sense of community among poets and audiences across the state.

MEDIA

Tampa Bay Arts and Education Network

TBAE.net • 813.254.2253

TBAE Network is a nonprofit organization established in 1987 to present artistic, cultural, and educational programs on Tampa Bay's cable channels. Working closely with community education and cultural organizations, the TBAE Network has built a solid reputation as a producer of practical educational programs.

Tampa Bay Community Network

SpeakUpTampaBay.org • 813.977.5200

Tampa Bay Community Network is a community media access center providing video production training, studios, edit suites, and the equipment needed for individuals and nonprofits to get their messages out on the Internet and local cable television. TBCN programming can be found on local cable networks and streams on the Internet.

WEDU-TV PBS

WEDU.org • 813.254.9338

WEDU is a PBS member television station serving the Tampa Bay area including St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Sarasota, and Lakeland.



WMNF 88.5 FM Radio

WMNF.org • 813.238.8001

WMNF is a member-sponsored, non-commercial FM community radio station serving the Tampa Bay area since 1979 with diverse programming, news, and public affairs.

WSMR 89.1 FM Radio

WSMR.org • 813.974.8700

WSMR 89.1 is an all-classical station broadcasting classical music and arts information. WSMR 89.1 is part of WUSF Public Media.

WUSF 89.7 FM Radio

WUSF.org • 813.974.8700

WUSF 89.7 is the NPR station for the Tampa Bay region. The station broadcasts news and information and all night jazz. WUSF 89.7 is part of WUSF Public Media.

MUSEUMS

American Victory Ship Mariners Museum

AmericanVictory.org • 813.228.8766

The American Victory Ship is one of only four operational World War II ships in the U.S. As a national historic landmark, the museum offers educational tours, event hosting, and semi-annual cruises.

Bing Rooming House Museum

PlantCityBingHouse.com • 813.757.6760

Bing Rooming House, a National Historical Site anchoring the Laura Street Restoration District, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places primarily for its role as a domestic hotel for people of color during the period of segregation. The facility operates as a museum to emphasize the Plant City community's triumph over segregation. The Bing Rooming House Museum is dedicated to collecting and preserving the history of African American culture and lifestyle during this period. The museum will strive to accurately interpret, present, and preserve Plant City's African American history from an African American perspective. Bing Rooming House Museum is operated by the Improvement League of Plant City.

Florida Museum of Photographic Arts

FMoPA.org • 813.221.2222

The Florida Museum of Photographic Arts is a museum dedicated to the medium of photography, presenting the photographer's vision as vital and central to life and the culture of the times. In addition to its exhibitions and community programs, the museum is a member of the American Alliance of Museums and is one of a handful of museums in the United States dedicated entirely to photography.

Glazer Children's Museum

GlazerMuseum.org • 813.443.3861

Glazer Children's Museum is a place where children and their parents can learn through play and shared discovery. Created specifically for children under 12, the museum has multiple themed areas for families to explore and connect while having fun along the way.

Henry B. Plant Museum
PlantMuseum.com • 813.254.1891

Once the Tampa Bay Hotel, this museum focuses on the hotel's role in the Spanish-American War. Education exhibits showcase not only the late Victorian period, but also the burgeoning start of tourism in Florida. The museum is a National Historic Landmark.



International Independent Showmen's Museum, Riverview
ShowmensMuseum.org • 813.765.7031

The International Independent Showmen's Museum contains over 52,000 square feet of American carnival and traveling show history including antique costumes, rare photographs, old rides, and more. The museum, located right in Riverview, captures the essence of a day when carnivals, circuses, and other attractions were the main source of entertainment as they traveled across the country. Thousands of rare photographs feature carnivals, circuses, wild west shows, and early traveling shows that brought entertainment to many towns throughout America. Visitors can also walk through antique wagons and trailers with ornate facades where show people lived or ran the day-to-day business of the carnival.

Museum of Science & Industry
MOSI.org • 813.987.6000

MOSI, the Museum of Science & Industry, is the largest science center in the southeastern United States and offers year-round activities for all ages and abilities. Dedicated to advancing public understanding of science, industry and technology, the museum makes science real for people of all ages through its exhibitions, classes, and camps.

Sulphur Springs Museum & Heritage Center
SulphurSpringsMuseum.org • 813.935.9402

The Sulphur Springs Museum and Heritage Center was the vision of Joseph Robinson, Norma Robinson, and Linda Hope. In 2006, these three individuals looked to enrich the lives of their residence with the history of the community. The Sulphur Springs Museum and Heritage Center has been created to celebrate and preserve the history of Sulphur Springs, a community that helped Tampa grow to what it is today.

Tampa Baseball Museum
TampaBaseballMuseum.org • 813.247.1434

The Tampa Baseball Museum located at the Al Lopez House celebrates local baseball culture, from Little League to Major League and everything in between including Factory, Inter-Social, Municipal, Cigar City, and Negro leagues. More than 125 years of baseball heritage is highlighted through permanent and rotating exhibits.

Tampa Firefighters Museum
TampaFireMuseum.com • 813.964.6862

This former fire station features exhibits on local service history plus firefighting memorabilia and vehicles. The Tampa Firefighters Museum also offers permanent and traveling exhibits.

Tampa Museum of Art
TampaMuseum.org • 813.274.8130

The Tampa Museum of Art provides the region with a variety of world-class traveling exhibitions, a growing collection of contemporary and classical art, expanded educational programs, and access to scenic outdoor events along Tampa's Riverwalk.

Tampa Police Museum
TampaPoliceMemorial.org • 813.276.3258

The Tampa Police Museum honors officers killed in the line of duty; preserves historically important records, books, and police equipment; and urges the teaching of police science and work by offering educational programs to the public.



USF Contemporary Art Museum
IRA.USF.edu • 813.974.4133

The USF Contemporary Art Museum features changing exhibitions, artists' projects, and programs that address current issues in contemporary art practiced by national and international artists.

Veterans Memorial Park and Museum
VeteransParkHC.com • 813.744.5349

Veterans Park is dedicated to the memory of American Veterans and Hillsborough County's participation in our nation's conflicts. The park includes the Hillsborough County Vietnam War monument, the Veterans Freedom Memorial, and the USS Tang World War II Submarine Memorial.

Ybor City Museum State Park
YborMuseum.org • 813.247.6323

The Ybor City Museum celebrates and works to preserve the heritage and history of Ybor City and offers a look into how Italian, Spanish, and Cuban immigrants shaped its rich cultural heritage.

MUSIC

Eastern Hillsborough Community Band
EHCb.org • 813.569.1771

The Eastern Hillsborough Community Band is focused on bringing quality concert band music to the Tampa Bay area in Florida. Since their founding in 2009, they have become an integral part of Eastern Hillsborough County and perform throughout the region. Their members range from amateurs to seasoned professionals from a variety of backgrounds. The Eastern Hillsborough Community Band's vision is to foster the love of music, improve their musicianship and enlighten, entertain, and inspire our audience.

Fanfare Concert Winds
FanfareConcertWinds.org • 813.961.4108

Fanfare Concert Winds is a 65+ piece concert band comprised of local amateur and professional musicians and music students. Almost entirely a volunteer operation, members come from many vocations and backgrounds.

Florida Wind Band
FloridaWindBand.com • 813.531.9252

The Florida Wind Band is a professional wind band ensemble providing entertainment for audiences of the Tampa Bay area, many of whom have participated in school band programs or have enjoyed band music in its different forms throughout the years.

Friday Morning Musicale
FridayMorningMusicale.com • 813.251.1990

An organization devoted to the appreciation and performance of music, dance, and theatre. Home of the Friday Morning Musicale and the Junior Friday Morning Musicale, concerts vary from piano, voice, and dance to Christmas sing-alongs and school performances.



Gasparilla Music Festival
GasparillaMusic.com • 813.708.VIBE

Gasparilla Music Festival celebrates the best of Tampa Bay's diverse music scene, highlighting local emerging acts and nationally recognized headliners. The Gasparilla Music Foundation, established in 2011 provides support and financial assistance for music education through scholarships and instrument exchange programs.



The Gay Men's Chorus of Tampa Bay
GMCTB.org • 813.389.6313

The Gay Men's Chorus, formerly Una-Voce, celebrates the inherent dignity of all people through excellence in men's choral music. The Gay Men's Chorus performs throughout the Bay area.

Lumina Youth Choirs
LuminaYouthChoirs.com • 813.290.7464

Lumina Youth Choirs offers young singers ages 6-18 the opportunity to explore and experience the power of music in their lives. Lumina offers developmentally sequenced choirs based on age, musical proficiency, and vocal development optimizing this learning experience for each child.

Master Chorale of Tampa Bay
MasterChorale.com • 813.974.7726

The Master Chorale is a 150-member, all-volunteer symphonic choir. It is recognized as the principle chorus of the Florida Orchestra and Artist-in-Residence of the School of Music at the University of South Florida.

Opera Tampa
StrazCenter.org • 813.229.7827

Opera Tampa is the resident opera company of the Straz Center. Opera Tampa produces and presents the highest caliber of grand opera, complete with the spectacle and grandeur that makes opera "the queen of the performing arts." The elaborate, full scale productions feature international performers, the full Opera Tampa Orchestra, and the Opera Tampa Chorus.

Shruti Foundation & School of Music
ShrutiSchoolofMusic.com • 813.549.9288

Shruti School of Music & Shruti Foundation strive to lead the community, nation, and world to a deeper appreciation and involvement of world cultural music, specializing in classical Indian music. Through public performances, progressive quality training, interactive workshops, and educational outreach programs, the Shruti Foundation aspires to preserve and promote the world cultural heritage of international music, providing a platform for global music artists to share their traditions, explore, and perform through integrative concerts and workshops that are accessible to the general public.

South Shore Symphony Orchestra
SouthShoreSymphonyOrchestra.org • 813.634.1252

This group of professional musicians performs regularly in the south county area as well as throughout the Tampa Bay area. The orchestra prides itself on a high-quality, diverse classical and pop repertoire and is recognized for their energetic, personalized concerts.

Sunshine Brass
SunshineBrass.com • 813.523.6403

This 30-piece, European-style brass band is committed to community service and standards of excellence as musicians and in performance. Its membership is comprised of adult and youth amateur musicians who come from all walks of life.

Tampa Bay Heralds of Harmony Chorus
HeraldsOfHarmony.org • 813.310.6914

This sixty-voice men's chorus and quartet offers a variety of American music from many traditions, primarily in the barbershop style of a cappella singing. The Tampa Chapter is award-winning in competitions and is part of the Barbershop Harmony.



Tampa Bay Pride Band
TampaBayPrideBand.com • 813.922.5449

The Tampa Bay Pride Band was born from the desire to have an outstanding musical ensemble meant to be a point of pride for all members of the Tampa Bay Community, and affiliated with the LGBT community of Tampa Bay. Along with the Tampa Bay Symphonic Winds, their mission is to support the LGBTQIA and straight communities in the Tampa Bay area through the arts with a comprehensive band program to include a marching band, concert band, art, and color guard.

Tampa Jazz Club
TampaJazzClub.com • 727.771.7415

The Tampa Jazz Club is dedicated to generating interest in preserving, understanding, and performing jazz music. They have made a commitment to encouraging talented young jazz students and to presenting great live jazz in Tampa.

Tampa Brass Band
TampaBrassBand.com • 813.949.6358

Established in 2019, the Tampa Brass Band consists of 30 of the Tampa Bay area's most skilled brass and percussion performers. Performing exciting music from the brass band repertoire as well as brass band arrangements of orchestral classics, marches, and other favorites, the Tampa Brass Band presents an eclectic range of styles in high-level performances in venues throughout the Tampa Bay area.

Tampa Metropolitan Youth Orchestra
TMYO.org • 813.230.4089

The Tampa Metropolitan Youth Orchestra provides orchestral training to aspiring young musicians in the Tampa Bay region. TMYO develops students' skills through weekly rehearsals, professional musical coaching, and performance opportunities. TMYO has more than 200 students, ages 6 through 19.

Tampa Oratorio Singers
TOSTampa.org • 813.666.5942

The Tampa Oratorio Singers is a volunteer chorus of 70+ members and performs 3-4 concerts each season. It is the oldest continually-performing music organization in the Tampa Bay area.

Toast of Tampa Show Chorus
ToastOfTampa.org • 813.666.5942

Toast of Tampa Show Chorus is a performing ensemble of 120 female singers of all ages who perform engaging barbershop harmonies. The Toast of Tampa is a chapter of Sweet Adelines, International, a non-profit organization of approximately 30,000 members in choruses and quartets, worldwide.

NATURE, LEISURE, AND RECREATION

City of Oldsmar Leisure Services
MyOldsmar.com/192/Leisure-Services • 813.749.1260

Leisure Services provides recreational programs and manages parks and facilities for the City of Oldsmar in western Hillsborough County. They offer a wide variety of special events and fitness, senior, children, and adult programs year-round.

City of Tampa Parks and Recreation
TampaGov.net/Parks-And-Recreation
813.274.8615

This City department provides opportunities for leisure and recreational activities through its parks and recreation facilities. Program activities serve all ages from preschool to senior citizens, from the physically fit to persons with disabilities.

Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park

TampaGov.net/Parks-And-Recreation/Featured-Parks/Curtis-Hixon • 813.274.8615

Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park is one of Tampa's most popular parks. It attracts more than one million people annually to the special events that are hosted there, like the Gasparilla Festival of Music and many others. It's a great place to meet friends, go for a walk, and enjoy the waterfront. There is also a dog park and two interactive water fountains for children to play in.

Florida Strawberry Festival

FLStrawberryFestival.com • 813.752.9194

As something to look forward to each Spring, the Florida Strawberry Festival began back in 1920 to celebrate a bountiful harvest of strawberries. Now, the annual festival has expanded to include various social events, contests, youth development programs, entertainment, and even parades with marching bands.

Fort Foster Historic Site

FloridaStateParks.org/Parks-And-Trails/Fort-Foster-State-Historic-Site • 813.987.6771

Fort Foster State Historic Site is part of Hillsborough River State Park, though located on the East Side of US 301 from the park. Fort Foster is a reconstructed fort from the Second Seminole War. Each year the Fort Foster Historic Site offers a back-in-time experience with two annual events: the Fort Foster Rendezvous with skirmishes held in February, and a Candlelight Evening Tour in December.

Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park

TampaGov.net/Parks-And-Recreation/Featured-Parks/RiverfrontPark • 813.274.8615

The Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park is a 25-acre stretch of park located just north of University of Tampa and across the Hillsborough River from the Straz Center. This park includes a boathouse with storage rental and a kiosk for kayak and stand-up paddle board rentals, a play cove and splash pad, a large festival and concert lawn, two dog parks, and boat ramps, as well as tennis courts, pickleball courts, basketball courts, and a multipurpose sports field.

Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation Department

HCFLGov.net/Parks • 813.635.3500

The Parks and Recreation Department operates numerous parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, and recreation centers. The department also provides programs, events, and activities to Hillsborough County residents year-round.

The Florida Aquarium

FLAquarium.org • 813.273.4000

The Florida Aquarium aims to engage people through education, entertainment, conservation, and research to inspire stewardship of the natural environment. The Florida Aquarium is home to more than 20,000 aquatic plants and animals representing species from Florida and around the world. It is a family destination with plenty of fun-filled activities for all ages.

Ybor City Saturday Market

YborMarket.com • 813.241.2442

Each Saturday, you'll be sure to find juicy produce, gourmet foods and sauces, freshly baked breads, orchids, herbs, plants, pet treats, honey, unique gifts, photography, artwork, jewelry, woodworking, bath and body products, and much more. This year-round market has free parking and admission, and is pet friendly.



ZooTampa at Lowry Park

ZooTampa.org • 813.935.8552

Recognized as the #1 zoo in the U.S. by Parents Magazine, ZooTampa features 1,500 animals on nearly 60 acres of natural habitats, water play areas, rides, educational shows, event facilities like the Safari Lodge, and interactive opportunities to get closer to wildlife.

THEATRE

Art2Action, Inc.

Art2Action.org • 813.444.7268

Art2Action creates, develops, produces, and presents original theatre, interdisciplinary performances, performative acts, and progressive cultural organizing. This organization supports women artists, artists of color, queer or trans artists, and creative allies.

Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre

PuppetWorld.com • 813.659.0659

Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre is Tampa's longest running children's theatre company, featuring nine-foot-tall giant puppets as well as traditional hand, rod, and string puppets in original musical productions. The company tours its giant puppets nationally and performs locally at its PuppetWorld Playhouse in Dover.

Carrollwood Players Theatre

CarrollwoodPlayers.org • 813.265.4000

Established in 1981, Carrollwood Players has been providing quality entertainment for the Tampa Bay area since its inception. Staging everything from tense drama to bedroom farce to popular musicals, Carrollwood Players offers something for everyone's tastes.

Creative Arts Theatre Company

TampaGov.net/Parks-And-Recreation/Activities-Recreation/Arts-And-Theatre/Creative-Arts-Theatre
813.931.2166

Creative Arts Theatre is the City of Tampa's resident, professional theatre company for young audiences. Professional artists create and perform productions inspired by classic and contemporary children's literature.

Florida Suncoast Puppet Guild

Puppeteers.org/Southeast/Guilds • 813.932.9252

Chartered by the Puppeteers of America since 1975, the Florida Suncoast Puppet Guild promotes the art of puppetry through workshops, performances, festivals, and networking of puppeteers throughout the country.

Jobsite Theater

JobsiteTheater.org • 813.229.STAR

Jobsite Theater is the award-winning professional resident theater company at the Straz Center. Jobsite produces a full season of quality, innovative performances that cross all genres and tastes. In addition to a six-show mainstage season, Jobsite does upwards of 75 educational outreaches a year that include daytime school matinees, in-school visits, master classes, public forums, and more.

LAB Theater Project

LABTheaterProject.com • 813.586.4272

LAB Theater Project is a non-profit production company focused on producing new works in the Tampa Bay Community. They produce four plays per year from emerging playwrights and develop, through education, new artists for the continued growth of live theater artistry.

mad Theatre of Tampa

madTheatre.com • 813.386.6173

mad Theatre incorporates the three performing arts—music, acting, and dance—to bring affordable musical theatre to stages in Tampa.

New Tampa Players

NewTampaPlayers.org • 813.644.8285

The New Tampa Players is a community theatre company producing dramatic and musical theatre for the stage.

Outcast Theatre Collective

OutcastTheatre.org • 813.586.3731

We work to enhance theatrical diversity in the Tampa area through the facilitation and professional development of artists from marginalized communities. We also utilize the technique of Theatre of the Oppressed in order to connect our communities to the theatre, while advocating for social justice.

Pelican Players Community Theatre

Sun City Center

PelicanPlayersSCC.org • 813.752.0728

The Pelican Players is a volunteer-driven community theatre performing three productions per year with social events, off-stage productions, and a monthly Readers Theatre.

Plant City Entertainment

PCEshows.com • 813.752.0728

Plant City Entertainment is a local community theatre dedicated to bringing entertainment to the community and surrounding areas. In addition to its four stage shows a season, PCE partners with other regional theaters and performance groups to bring and maintain the arts in the greater Plant City area.

Powerstories Theatre

PowerStories.com • 813.253.2000

Women's theatre, autobiographical stories, and motivational events are the cornerstones of Powerstories Theatre. Powerstories is a nonprofit theatre that shares inspiring, deeply personal autobiographical stories as well as teaching workshops and facilitating motivational events primarily for women and girls.

Spanish Lyric Theatre

SpanishLyricTheatre.com • 813.690.4983

This largely Hispanic musical theatre has been presenting productions in Spanish and English for more than 50 years. These include Spanish Zarzuelas, Broadway musicals, and Viennese operettas.

Stageworks Theatre, Inc.

StageworksTheatre.org • 813.374.2416

Established in 1983, Stageworks is Tampa's longest running professional theatre company. It has made its home in a 99-seat theatre in the Channel District where it offers a six-production season of classic and new works. Its outreach programs serve youth and seniors while its artistic programs provide workshops on playwriting and acting.

Straz Center for the Performing Arts

StrazCenter.org • 813.229.7827

The Straz Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Tampa is on the north end of the scenic Riverwalk. It is the largest performing arts center in the Southeast and the only one with an on-site performing arts conservatory. The Straz is host to a wide variety of world-class stage events in dance, music, and theatre as well as the annual Broadway touring productions and grand opera. The performing arts complex consists of five distinct theaters: the Carol Morsani Hall, the Ferguson Hall, the Jaeb Theater, the TECO Energy Foundation Theater, and the Shimberg Playhouse.

Tampa Bay Theatre Festival

TampaBayTheatreFestival.com • 813.786.1915

The Tampa Bay Theatre Festival unites artists and theatregoers within and beyond the Tampa Bay Area for a weekend of education and entertainment. Attendees experience informative workshops led by trained professionals in addition to monologue and short play competitions, full-length shows, networking events, and a culminating awards party.

Tampa Repertory Theatre

TampaRep.org • 813.783.5465

The Tampa Repertory Theatre presents plays, both new and old, with an emphasis on American classics. Through both our main stage productions and with TRT2, our incubator company, TampaRep provides emerging and established theatre artists a place to play and grow while cultivating new audiences.

Theatre Tampa Bay

TheatreTampaBay.org

Theatre Tampa Bay is an alliance to raise the profile of the Tampa Bay region's professional theatre community, with their mission set to promote, connect, and support professional theatres in the Tampa Bay area.

The Fringe Theatre

Theatre.TampaFringe.org • 727. 513.8433

Tampa's Fringe Festival has found a new home with the creation of a year-round theatre at the new Kress Collective in Ybor City. The Fringe Theatre is a 40 seat black box performing arts space, with multiple ongoing open mics and shows like the Anything Goes Open Mic, Boomertown, Tampa News Force, and more.

ThinkTank Theatre

ThinkTanktya.org • 813.508.0884

ThinkTank Theatre focuses its productions towards young people and family audiences and you can usually find them in residence with their mentor company, Stageworks Theatre in the channel district. ThinkTank believes the work being done for young people today should better reflect their lives, speaking to them directly, and, as such, dedicates their programming to honoring a more progressive, forward-thinking approach, setting an example of TYA productions for the American theatre. Typically they do four mainstage shows a year, including their Annual International TYA Playwrights Festival.

VISUAL ART

City of Tampa Art Programs Division

TampaGov.net/Art-Programs • 813.274.8531

The City of Tampa's Art Programs Division provides residents and visitors of Tampa free access to artistic programs. Programs include: The Public Art Program; The City of Tampa's Photographer Laureate; Lights On Tampa; The Riverwalk Cultural Plan, including the Portal; The Win-Win Program; and Public Art in Private Development.

City of Tampa Art Studios

TampaGov.net/Parks-And-Recreation/Activities-Recreation/Arts-And-Theatre/Visual-Arts
813.274.8615

City of Tampa Art Studios provide year-round classes for children and adults in pottery, clay sculpture, stained glass, fused glass, jewelry, silversmithing, drawing, digital multimedia, painting, and woodworking. The studios are spread across Hillsborough County and include the Calvin Taylor Art Studio, the Golding Art Studio, the North Hubert Art Studio, and the Ybor Art Studio.

Coalition of Hispanic Artists

ArtCHA.org • 813.770.0057

Coalition of Hispanic Artists (CHA) is a nonprofit organization founded in April 2007 and incorporated in March 2008. The Mission of the Coalition of Hispanic Artists is to serve Hispanic artists of the greater Tampa Bay area and of the State of Florida by providing a voice for their artistry in various mediums and cultural genres, showcasing their works, providing grounds for interaction between artists and art viewers through education, group and solo exhibitions, and invitations. In so doing, it seeks to inspire creativity, celebrate diversity, and empower the artists of Hispanic cultural heritage to realize their potential by making a positive impact within their homes, their community, and the world at large.

Gasparilla Festival of the Arts

GasparillaArts.com • 813.876.1747

Recognized as a premier outdoor art show, the Raymond James Gasparilla Festival of the Arts is held annually during the first weekend in March in downtown Tampa. Each year national and international artists converge on downtown to show their artworks during the two-day event attended by tens of thousands of art enthusiasts.

Hillsborough County Public Art Program

PublicArt@HillsboroughCounty.org

This County government department commissions, acquires, and maintains works of art for public spaces designed to enhance and enrich the environment in Hillsborough County. The program is operated through the Department of Facilities Management Services.

North Tampa Arts League

Facebook.com/The-North-Tampa-Arts-League-82430062730

The North Tampa Arts League develops, nurtures, and supports the arts and the artists of North Tampa and holds exhibitions for its members with partnering organizations. Members, guests, and not-yet-members are welcome at monthly meetings where there is dedicated time for a guest artist lecture or member art critiques.

Tampa Bay Society of Photographic Artists

TampaBayFineArt.com • 813.441.9814 ext. 200

The Tampa Bay Society of Photographic Artists (TBSOPA) is a nonprofit corporation whose mission is to develop fine art photography in the Tampa Bay area through collaboration, education, and exhibition. Working together with talented photographers around Tampa Bay, they are working to create a permanent footprint and mark this moment in history with creativity, skill, and unique perspectives.

Tampa Regional Artists

TampaRegionalArtists.com • 813.251.3780

Tampa Regional Artists provides services to artists and the community through education and outreach activities. TRA operates the Old Hyde Park Art Center in south Tampa where they offer classes, workshops, and exhibitions year-round.

USF Graphicstudio

IRA.USF.edu • 813.974.3503

Graphicstudio is an internationally recognized, university-based atelier engaged in art and education, committed to research and the application of traditional and new techniques for the production of limited edition prints and sculptures multiples. More than one hundred leading international contemporary artists have created more than 600 limited edition fine art works at Graphicstudio, in intaglio, photogravure, lithography, cyanotype, relief, serigraphy, sculpture, artist books, and in the Graphicstudio-invented techniques of waxtype (encaustic screenprinting), and heliorelief (a photographic woodblock process).

USF Institute for Research in Art

IRA.USF.edu • 813.974.2849

USF Institute for Research in Art is the umbrella organization for Graphicstudio, the Contemporary Art Museum, and the Public Art program at the University of South Florida. USF IRA has developed an international artists' residency program that brings accomplished and influential artists working in the international art arena to the university and Tampa Bay community.

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- Arthenia L. Joyner University Area Community Library**
Tampa • 813.273.3652
- Austin Davis Public Library**
Odessa • 813.273.3652
- Bloomington Regional Public Library**
Valrico • 813.273.3652
- Brandon Regional Library**
Brandon • 813.273.3652
- Bruton Memorial Library**
Plant City • 813.757.9215
- C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Public Library**
Tampa • 813.273.3652
- Charles J. Fendig Public Library**
Tampa • 813.273.3652
- Egypt Lake Partnership Library**
Tampa • 813.273.3652
- Florida History & Genealogy Library**
Tampa • 813.273.3652
- James J. Lunsford Law Library**
Tampa • 813.272.5818
- Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library**
Tampa • 813.273.3652
- Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library**
Tampa • 813.273.3652
- John F. Germany Public Library**
Tampa • 813.273.3652
- Library2Go**
813-204-2678
- Lutz Branch Library**
Lutz • 813.273.3652
- Maureen B. Gauzza Public Library**
Tampa • 813.273.3652
- New Tampa Regional Library**
Tampa • 813.273.3652
- Norma and Joseph Robinson Partnership Library @ Sulphur Springs**
Tampa • 813.273.3652
- North Tampa Branch Library**
Tampa • 813.273.3652
- Port Tampa City Library**
Tampa • 813.273.3652
- Riverview Branch Library**
Riverview • 813.273.3652
- Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Public Library**
Tampa • 813.273.3652
- Ruskin Branch Library**
Ruskin • 813.273.3652
- Seffner-Mango Branch Library**
Seffner • 813.273.3652

- Seminole Heights Branch Library**
Tampa • 813.273.3652
- SouthShore Regional Library**
Ruskin • 813.273.3652
- Temple Terrace Public Library**
Temple Terrace • 813.506.6770
- Thonotosassa Branch Library**
Thonotosassa • 813.273.3652
- Town 'N Country Regional Public Library**
Tampa • 813.273.3652
- West Tampa Branch Library**
Tampa • 813.273.3652

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM

PROGRAMMED PARKS

- All People's Life Center**
Tampa • 813.744.5978
- Apollo Beach Park & Recreation Center**
Apollo Beach • 813.671.7635
- Brandon Park & Recreation Center**
Brandon • 813.635.8179
- Carrollwood Village Park**
Tampa • 813.269.2466
- Egypt Lake Recreation Center**
Tampa • 813.975.2103
- Emanuel P. Johnson Recreation Center**
Tampa • 813.671.7700
- Gardenville Park & Recreation Center**
Gibsonton • 813.672.1120
- Jackson Springs Community Center**
Tampa • 813.554.5004
- Keystone Park & Recreation Center**
Odessa • 813.264.3819
- Mango Recreation Center**
Seffner • 813.635.7489
- Northdale Park & Recreation Center**
Tampa • 813.264.8956
- Roy Haynes Park & Recreation Center**
Tampa • 813.903.3480
- Ruskin Park & Recreation Center**
Ruskin • 813.672.7881
- Thonotosassa Park & Recreation Center**
Thonotosassa • 813.987.6206
- University Area Community Complex**
Tampa • 813.903.3480
- Westchase Park & Recreation Center**
Tampa • 813.964.2948

REGIONAL PARKS

- Alderman's Ford Park**
Lithia • 813.757.3801
- Edward Medard Park**
Plant City • 813.757.3802
- E.G. Simmons Park**
Ruskin • 813.671.7655

- Eureka Springs Park**
Tampa • 813.744.5536
- Lake Park**
Lutz • 813.264.3917
- Lake Rogers Park**
Odessa • 813.264.3917
- Lettuce Lake Park**
Tampa • 813.987.6204
- Lithia Springs Park**
Lithia • 813.744.5572
- Upper Tampa Bay Park**
Tampa • 813.855.1765
- Upper Tampa Bay Trail**
Tampa • 813.801.6729

WILDERNESS PARK SITES

- Dead River Wilderness Park**
Thonotosassa • 813.987.6210
- Flatwoods Wilderness Park**
Thonotosassa • 813.987.6211
- John B. Sargeant Wilderness Park**
Thonotosassa • 813.987.6208
- Morris Bridge Wilderness Park**
Thonotosassa • 813.987.6209
- Trout Creek Wilderness Park**
Thonotosassa • 813.987.6200

SKATE PARKS

- Apollo Beach Skate Park**
Apollo Beach • 813.671.7635
- FishHawk Skate Park**
Lithia • 813.744.5319
- Carrollwood Village Skate Park**
Tampa • 813.269.2466
- Jackson Springs Skate Park**
Tampa • 813.554.5064
- Providence Skate Park**
Riverview • 813.744.5319

STATE PARK SITES

- Alafia River State Park**
Lithia • 813.672.5320
- Cockroach Bay Preserve State Park**
Ruskin • 239.253.0811
- Fort Foster State Historic Site**
Thonotosassa • 813.987.6771
- Hillsborough River State Park**
Thonotosassa • 813.987.6771
- Little Manatee River State Park**
Wimauma • 813.671.5005
- Ybor City Museum State Park**
Tampa • 813.247.6323



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