Culture Creates a Community
Our nonprofit arts and culture is a $433 million industry and supports 14,962 full-time jobs.

*Source: Hillsborough County Arts and Economic Prosperity Study 5

A Guide to Arts & Culture
for the Greater Tampa-Hillsborough Region | 2021
A project of the Hillsborough Arts Council

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Front Cover: Yayoi Kusama’s LOVE IS CALLING, Tampa Museum of Art
Yayoi Kusama (Japanese, b. 1929) is one of today’s most recognized and celebrated artists. In addition to her widely popular Infinity Rooms, such as LOVE IS CALLING, Kusama creates vibrant paintings, works on paper, and sculpture with abstract imagery. Her artwork has been shown and collected by leading institutions across the globe and she is considered “the world’s most popular artist.” In October 2017, the Yayoi Kusama Museum opened in Tokyo. The artist lives and works in Tokyo, Japan.
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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 Hillsborough Arts Council 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
President and CEO, Americans for the Arts
Dear Friends,

Now in its fourth year of publication, the Guide to Arts and Culture you’re reading is designed to help you discover all the wonderful cultural experiences that Hillsborough County has to offer you.

Arts and culture is a critical part of our local economy, bringing in $433 million for our community, providing thousands of jobs, and sharing unique experiences with our 1.3 million residents.

As valuable as the cultural sector is for both our quality of life and the local economy, in 2020 while I am writing this note to you, it is hurting. The pandemic’s damage to local businesses was felt most strongly in the cultural sector, which were among the first facilities to close and—as of writing this in September 2020—where some are still not open again.

These businesses include beloved nonprofit cultural institutions and small, local for-profit businesses. All of them need your support now more than ever before.

In creating this guide, we hope to have made that easier for you – simpler to find the type of experience you are looking for and to visit in person or take part virtually.

However, due to the ongoing closures and current status of many local facilities, we have made some changes to the guide this year. The most significant change is that we have not included the season schedule for 2020-21. We urge you instead to sign up to receive emails from each organization directly.

While some events may have been canceled, postponed, or reassigned to virtual formats, we have made an effort to include as many as possible in this year’s Guide. We have designed it to help you discover all the wonderful cultural experiences that Hillsborough County has to offer you.

We wish you all the best in the year to come.

Sincerely,

Martine Meredith Collier
Executive Director, Arts Council of Hillsborough County

4th Annual Tampa Bay Indian & World Music Festival
Hyde Park Fall Festival
Jazz in the Bay MegaCon
Summer of Rum Festival
Tampa Bay Theatre Festival
Tampa Salsa & Bachata Festival

6th Tampa Tattoo Arts Convention
8th Annual Fantasmafest & Big Monsters Bed Race, Ybor City
Florida Birding and Nature Festival, Ruskin
Florida Orchestra Pops in the Park
Halloween Block Party: A Nightmare on Franklin Street
Hyde Park Art Festival
Little Monsters Promenade & Pumpkin Patch, Ybor City
Octoberfest 2019
Tampa Bay Coffee & Art Festival
Tampa Pig & Pin
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
Ybor City Fall Festival

31st Annual Ruskin Seafood Festival, Ruskin
32nd India Festival Tampa Bay
42nd Pioneer Heritage Day, Plant City
46th Temple Terrace Arts & Crafts Festival, Temple Terrace
Conga Caliente Festival
Festival do Bomba y Plena en Tampa Repticon
Straz Live! in the Park
Tampa Bay Veg Fest
Tampa Greek Festival

20th Annual Hillsborough River
Holiday Boat Parade
36th Annual Aloha Lighted Boat Parade and Chili Cook-Off, Riverview
38th Annual 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
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

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
73rd Annual Fiesta Day Celebration, Ybor City
Bay Area Renaissance Festival
Beer, Bourbon & BBQ Festival
Florida State Fair
Kneew of Knights of Sant’ Yago Illuminated Knight Parade, Ybor City
Tampa Theatre Hollywood Awards Night
Tampa Theatre Wine Fest
Yogi Fest at The Lotus Pond

March
52nd Annual Winthrop Arts Festival & Artisan Market, Riverview
15th Annual emPower Music & Arts
Positively Music Festival
28th Annual Apollo Beach Manatee Festival
Festival of the Arts, Ruskin
Florida Brewers Guild Craft Beer Festival
Florida State Thespian Festival
Florida Strawberry Festival, Plant City
Gasparilla Fringe Festival
Gasparilla Festival of the Arts
Gasparilla International Film Festival
Gasparilla Music Festival
Holi, Indian Festival of Color
International Cuban Sandwich Art & Food Festival, Ybor City
James E. Rooster Parade & Food Festival, Ybor City

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Red, White and Blue Festival
ShortCon
Tampa Theatre Beer Fest

5th Annual Vibes of the Bay 48 Hour Film Project
Bolts Brew Fest
Tampa Bay Comic Con

2021 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.

April
13th Annual Alfonsado Taste of Ybor, Ybor City
12th Annual Blueberry Festival, Plant City
15th Annual Tampa Bay Caribbean Carnival
23rd Annual Festa Italia, Ybor City
88 Rock Rock Fest
Bern’s Winefest No. 23
EcoFast
Mayor’s Mac n Cheese Throwdown
PhylFriend

May
Bayside Music Festival
Riverfest
Sunset Music Festival
Tampa Bay LibCon
Tampa Bay Margarita Festival
Tampa International Fringe Festival

June
6th Annual Tampa Bay Gospel Music Festival
Tampa Bay Bloody Mary Festival
Tampa Natsumatsuri Japanese Summer Festival

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GasparillaPirateFest.com
A Tampa tradition since 1904, the Gasparilla Pirate Fest begins with the thunderous bang of invading pirates and their cannons taking over the City of Tampa. In the pre-parade early morning hours, more than 200,000 people gather along the Bayshore Boulevard route to watch the pirates’ victory parade of floats, marching bands, and celebrities as well as catch the beads, coins, and souvenir trinkets thrown to the crowds.

Held in late January, the event is hosted by founders Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla and the City of Tampa. Its origins are in the legend of José Gaspar (also known as Gasparilla), a mythical Spanish pirate who supposedly operated in Southwest Florida in the early 1800s. More than 750 swashbucklers cruise Tampa Bay aboard the grand pirate ship “Jose Gasparilla” in what marks the beginning of numerous of pirate-themed events.

Jan. 30, 2021
EventFest Inc., 1200 W. Cass Street, Suite 110
Tampa, FL 33606 • 813.251.8844

Gasparilla Music Festival
GasparillaMusic.com
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March 12-14, 2021
PO Box 172986, Tampa, FL 33672 • 813.708.8423

Gasparilla Festival of the Arts
GasparillaArts.com
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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.

March 6 & 7, 2021
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.

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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.
January 9-17, 2021
P.O. Box 16622, Tampa, FL, 33687 • 813.218.6633

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.

March 21-28, 2021
3510 E 8th Ave, Tampa, FL 33605 • 813.777.4832

PhilFest
PCFITampa.org
PhilFest is the biggest Filipino-American festival in the Tampa Bay Area. Now on its 26th year, PhilFest offers non-stop entertainment, cultural exhibits, competitions and food, all in a weekend of fun, Filipino-style! The three-day festival takes place at the Philippine Cultural Enrichment Complex (Gayanian Arts and Events Center and PhilFest Village) and is attended by more than 12,000 guests celebrating the rich cultural heritage of the Philippines.

March 26-28, 2021
14301 Nine Eagles Drive, Tampa, FL 33626
813.925.1232

Tampa Pride
Hillsborough Arts Council – HillsboroughArts.org
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Florida Museum of Photographic Arts

The Florida Museum of Photographic Arts is one of fewer than 10 museums in the United States dedicated exclusively to photography and one of two such museums in the state of Florida. The museum is dedicated to exhibiting important photographic art as central to contemporary life and culture. FMoPA also collects, preserves, and exhibits historic and contemporary works by nationally and internationally known photographic artists. FMoPA enriches the community by operating outreach programs for children and adults, and by offering an extensive array of photography classes.

FMoPA occupies the second and third floors of the Cube, adjacent to Rivergate Tower in downtown Tampa and is part of the waterfront Arts District. FMoPA is taking every precaution to ensure the health and safety of our visitors, including special times for our 55+ community, limited numbers of visitors per ticketed time slot, and hand washing stations. For more information about our response to Covid-19 and our temporary hours, please visit our website.

400 N. Ashley Dr. Cube 200, Tampa, FL 33602  •  813.221.2222
Monday – Thursday: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday: Noon – 5 p.m.

Glazer Children’s Museum

The mission of the Glazer Children’s Museum is to create a learning laboratory where children play, discover, and connect to the world around them to develop as lifelong learners and leaders. While learning is often formal and playing is for fun, the Glazer Children’s Museum encourages children to play with purpose in an interactive learning environment.

The Museum is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, serving as an innovative educational, cultural, and accessible resource for Tampa Bay and Central Florida. Annually, more than 230,000 guests explore GCM’s 53,000 sq. ft. building and play in 19 themed areas, while another 60,000 people are impacted through the museum’s outreach in the community. Conveniently located in downtown Tampa, GCM is an integral part of the cultural corridor of museums, libraries, theaters, and performing arts centers. GCM offers 5,000 square feet of event space, 2,500 square feet of classroom space, and a 1,000 square foot rooftop terrace overlooking the picturesque Riverwalk along the Hillsborough River and Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park.

110 W. Gasparilla Plaza, Tampa FL 33602  •  813.443.3861
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*Fourth Fridays: 10a.m. – 8p.m.

Florida Museum of Photographic Arts

FMAqua.org

With more than 14,000 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 a moon jellyfish, 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
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

The 20–21 season, “Resilience”, will include: digital programming, outdoor performances, and the plays Sylvia, American Son, The Lady from Havana and The Lifespan of a Fact.

Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI)
MOSI.org

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

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 outreachs 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 2020-21 season, the company’s 22nd, features Liza Brekenmier’s Dr. Rider’s American Beach House, Jeffrey Hatcher’s Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde, Shakespeare’s Henry V, Anthony Burgess’ A Clockwork Orange, Shockhead Peter with music by The Tiger Lillies, and Robert Askins’ Hand to God.

1010 N. MacInnes Pl., Tampa, FL 33602
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Open 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., 7 days a week (except for Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day)

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 Innovations 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.

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The 2020-21 season, the company’s 22nd, features Liza Brekenmier’s Dr. Rider’s American Beach House, Jeffrey Hatcher’s Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde, Shakespeare’s Henry V, Anthony Burgess’ A Clockwork Orange, Shockhead Peter with music by The Tiger Lillies, and Robert Askins’ Hand to God.

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ZooTampa at Lowry Park is known for having one of the most beautiful tropical wildlife settings in the world and is home to more native Florida species than any other zoo—including Florida manatees at the newly-renovated David A. Straz, Jr. Manatee Critical Care Center.

Guests can get nose-to-horn with an Indian rhino, take an up-close photo with an adorable koala, watch manatees receive life-saving care, see rare and endangered wildlife from around the globe, and feel the rush of a three-story splashdown on the family water adventure Roaring Springs, presented by Pinch A Penny. All this adventure and more awaits just 15 minutes from downtown and the airport.

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)
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, tour the ‘casita’ representative of the typical cigar-worker’s family home, and enjoy the lush Mediterranean-style garden.

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 the five immigrant groups — Spanish, Sicilian, Cuban, Romanian Jews, and Germans.

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

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.

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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 Sundance Institute Art House Project inaugural class, the League of Historic American Theatres, and the Art House Convergence.

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

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 Old 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)

Tampa Bay History Center
TampaBayHistoryCenter.org

Straz Center for the Performing Arts
StrazCenter.org

Ybor City Museum State Park
YborMuseum.org

Tampa Theatre
TampaTheatre.org

Ybor City Museum State Park
YborMuseum.org
Firehouse Cultural Center
FirehouseCulturalCenter.org

The Firehouse 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 FirehouseCulturalCenter.org for in-person and virtual class and event information.

CCC 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 • 813.269.1310
Mon. – Fri.: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sat.: 9 a.m. – noon

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.

Carrollwood Cultural Center
CarrollwoodCenter.org

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Tampa Baseball Museum at the Al Lopez House
TampaBaseballMuseum.org

A new museum honoring Tampa’s baseball heritage is being created in Ybor City. The museum will celebrate Tampa’s historic role in the game of baseball and tell stories of Major League players from Tampa — Tino Martinez, Lou Piniella, Wade Boggs, Tony La Russa, Fred McGriff, Luis Gonzalez, and more than 80 others. While professional players are among the most recognizable part of Tampa’s baseball legacy, the museum will also honor local Minor and Negro League teams, notable coaches, prominent fields, and youth baseball.

2003 N. 19th Street, Tampa, FL 33605 • 813.247.1434
Visit the website for updates on the museum’s programs and events.
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 $258 million to our local economy over and above the cost of admission.*

*Source: Hillsborough County Arts and Economic Prosperity Study 5
In a single year, more than 4.8 million arts attendees enjoyed the exhibitions, performances, festivals and other cultural events produced in Hillsborough County.*
The Arts Council of Plant City promotes visual and activities in Tampa and Hillsborough County.

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.

Nonprofit Arts & Culture Directory

AGENCIES AND SERVICE ASSOCIATIONS

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 • 813.276.8250
The Arts Council of Hillsborough County promotes the arts and culture in every region of Hillsborough County. The council supports, encourages, and promotes activities in the visual arts, music, theater, dance, film, and literature.

Arts Council of Plant City, 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, Ruskin
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 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 PAFThership 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 47th 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 (VSA 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. Our organization provides the tools for self-improvement, leadership development, and arts and cultural enrichment, especially for underserved and at-risk youth; creating a lasting and measurable impact on high school graduation rates and opportunities for college placement.

ArtsFusion
Facebook.com/ArtsFusion.org • 813.251.8984
ArtsFusion is a nonprofit umbrella organization which serves as a catalyst for individual performing and visual artists and nascent arts groups to collaborate, showcase, and celebrate their work in a non-profit public forum. This organization was founded by Anna Brennen in 1983.

Broadway Theatre Project
BroadwayTheatreProject.com • 888.874.1764
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.

Community Stepping Stones
CommunitySteppingStones.org • 813.315.4429
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.

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.

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 nonprofit organization dedicated to music education and enrichment by offering music programs for all ages. Programs include musical theatre, rock, band, show choir, group violin, group guitar, computer music classes, summer camps, workshops, mini-musicians, and more.

Florida College of Music and Fine Arts
FloridaCollege.edu • 813.988.5131 ext. 303
The Florida College of Music and Fine Arts offers degree programs in music education, music therapy, and music industry.

Hillsborough County Community College
HCCFL.edu/Campus-Life/Arts • 813.253.7000
HCC Visual and Performing Arts
encompasses classes, summer camps, workshops, mini-musicians, and more.

Interplay Space
InterplaySpace.org • 813.833.4135
Interplay Space is a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring and nurturing community members to be active creators in a supportive and interactive environment that offers private studios, co-work space, art classes, and events. Interplay Space strives to strengthen the health, happiness, and well-being of the community by making the creative process flourish through purposeful interaction.

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 • 813.670.1300
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, one in Tampa and the other in Plant City.

Petal Conservatory at the Straz Center
PetalConservatory.org • 813.222.1040
The Petal 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.

Pyramid Studios and Gallery
Pyramidstudies.org • 813.931.3986
Pyramid provides visual and performing arts training to adults with developmental disabilities. Students learn a variety of visual and performing arts skills including painting, drawing, photography, collage, singing, chorus, wheelchair and traditional dancing, pantomime, and acting. Through the arts and other programs, Pyramid gives its participants the opportunity to gain the social skills, work ethic, and other skills necessary to lead full productive lives as active members of their community.

Laughing for the Troops
LaughForTheTroops.org • 813.280.5454
Laugh for the Troops seeks to not only heal through humor, but to assist families who need financial help once their soldiers, Marines, airmen, and sailors return from combat and work to heal-physically and mentally.

University Area Community Center
UACDC.org • 813.758.5161
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.

Tampa Bay Triple Threat Theatre
Facebook.com/TampaBayTripleThreatTheatre • 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 Living Arts Center
TampaLivingArtsCenter.com • 813.600.1714
Tampa Living Arts Center offers a fun and safe environment for students of all ages to participate in classes and outreach programming, promoting lifelong lessons and friendships. Through theatre education, they hope to boost self-confidence, improve public speaking skills, and increase one’s ability to work within a group or ensemble.

Tampa Pride
TampaPride • 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 Marshall’s Gala in February and continues into March for the Street Festival and Parade.

Tampa Bay Area Community-Based 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.

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.

Collective Soles Arts Group
CollectiveSoles.org • 813.979.2222
Collective Soles Arts Group is a performing arts organization promoting the art of dance to the Tampa community and beyond. Through professional performances, lecture demonstrations, and outreach workshops they make dance accessible to the young and the young at heart.
Florida Dance Association
FloridaDanceAssociation.org
Florida Dance Association is a private nonprofit whose mission is to encourage excellence, support artistic and cultural diversity in dance, and increase opportunities for all people to experience dance and the arts. For more than three decades, the Florida Dance Association has provided leadership, information and services to dance artists, organizations, and audiences in Florida. Their current programs include the Florida Dance Festival Young Dancer Workshops Information Referral and Technical Assistance Florida Dance Festival Scholarship Fund.

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.

Gasparilla International Film Festival
GasparillaFilmFestival.com • 813.693.2367
The Gasparilla International Film Festival, now in its 15th 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 moviegoers 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. The Epicurean Hotel hosts Second Screen Cult Cinema’s events, which take place the second Wednesday of every month. In 2020, the group also launched a new podcast to continue offering virtual discussions of cult cinema.

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
AIA Tampa Bay • 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
HCPLO.com • 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 in the South Seminole Heights 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 hosts 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 quality 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.

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.

Italian Club of Tampa
Italian-Club.org • 813.248.3316
The Italian Club of Tampa is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and honoring the culture, traditions, and heritage of the Italian Community and maintaining the historical facility as a functioning memorial to the working class immigrants.

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 PiFest. The Foundation preserves and presents Philippine heritage and cultural programs for future generations and contributes to the diversity of this region and the State.

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 Braton Archives Center that contains an extensive collection of books, census records, newspapers, and other documents, as well as historic photographs.

Shruti Foundation
TheShrutiFoundation.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.

Philippine Performing Arts Company
PPACFlorida.org • 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.

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 compiled 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.

Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc.
TampaHispanic.org • 813.398.3950
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.

PCFiTampa.org • 813.925.1232
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Tampa Bay Black Heritage Festival
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.
conversations about the craft of creative writing, literature, and their work. Its community-based, public programs include stand-alone workshops and events featuring and 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.

Tampa Bay Arts and Education Network
TBAE.net • 813.254.2525
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.

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.

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
WUSF.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.

MUSEUMS
American Victory Ship Mariners Museum
AmericanVictory.org • 813.226.8766
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.

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.

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 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.

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.

Tampa-Hillsborough County Storytelling Festival
TampaStory.org • 813.204.2659
The festival engages people of all ages in the pursuit of literature and nurtures the preservation of the oral tradition of storytelling. The festival provides an opportunity for inter-generational, multi-cultural interaction through story and exposure to nationally renowned storytellers.

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WMNF 88.7 FM Radio
WUSF.org • 813.974.8700
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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.

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 exhibits, 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—excluding 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.

International Independent Showmen’s Museum, Riverview
ShowmenMuseum.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.

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.

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 • 813.708.7188
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.

The 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.

City of Oldsmar Leisure Services, Oldsmar
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.

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.

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.

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.

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 LGBTQ+ community of Tampa Bay. Along with the Tampa Bay Symphonic Winds, their mission is to support the LGBTQ+ 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 Oratorio Singers
TampaOratorioSingers.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.

Tampa Oratorio Singers
TOSperformedmusic.com • 813.666.5942
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Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park
CurtisHixonPark.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 boat house 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.

ZooTampa at Lowry Park
ZooTampa.org • 813.935.8552
Recognized as the #1 zoo in the U.S. by Parents Magazine, ZooTampa features 1500 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.

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.

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Ybor City Saturday Market

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, Dover
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.

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 outreachs a year that include daytime school matinees, in-school visits, master classes, public forums, and more.

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.

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JobsiteTheater.org
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Hillsborough County Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department
HillsboroughCounty.org/Residents/Recreation-And-Culture • 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.

Theatre
Aeon Life Theater
AeonLifeTheater.com • 813.789.5085
Aeon Life Theater is a professional theater company whose mission is to engage its audience to come and experience a new thought or idea through its various productions and events. They connect actors, audiences, and communities from Plant City to St. Petersburg to New Port Richey. Founded in 2015 after working with a variety of community theatres and churches in the greater Brandon area, their mission is to celebrate life through storytelling, community involvement, and personal growth.

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

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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.

Pelican Players Community Theatre
Sun City Center
Facebook.com/PelicanPlayersSCC • 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
PCEShow.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 theatres and performance groups to bring and maintain the arts in the greater Plant City area.

Powerstories Theatre
PowerStories.org • 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 TR2, our incubator company, TampaRep provides emerging and established theatre artists a place to grow and progress among their peers.

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.

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
NorthTampa-Arts.com
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.

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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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