

The 7th Annual HARD ROCK TAMPA: TASTE OF LATINO FESTIVAL AND EMPANADA SMACKDOWN was held at Ybor City's Hispanic Heritage Celebration at Centennial Park. #HardRock

Top Hispanic/Latino Leaders celebrate Hispanic Heritage in Tampa Bay!



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Thousands of people came out to Celebrate Hispanic Heritage in Ybor City / Tampa, Florida on Sunday, Oct 26th, 2025, at Centennial Park: 1800 E. 8th Avenue, Tampa, FL. Free General Entry.

Time: Noon – 6 PM. The free family festival will be held at 3 City Streets, as well as at Ybor's popular Centennial Park. The VIP area was held at the Ybor City Museum and Gardens and featured LIVE music, dancing and delicious Latin Food Contest samples!

Guests enjoyed Food, ART and LIVE Music!

Featured award winning MAMBO LEBRON ORCHESTRA

Revelacion Salsera, RUMBERO SPOT, plus Dance performances brought hours of great entertainment as guests also ENJOYED LIVE Performances PLUS Vaya DJ, Johnnie Rivera and our emcee dance pro Chris Maloof.

Guests enjoyed Free Salsa Dance Lessons and were able to witness the Awards Ceremony Featuring the 2025 TOP Latino Lideres (Latino Leaders) with Leaders coming from all over Tampa Bay and Florida to be recognized and receive the Latino Lideres Award!



TOP CHEFS COMETED IN THE EMPANADA SMACKDOWN!

Contestant Chefs competed with Empanadas, Paella Cuban Sandwiches and MORE!

Top Latino Lideres Awards was presented on Stage!

Sponsors Recognized at the Event: Seminole Hard Rock Casino & Hotel Tampa, Hillsborough County, Hispanic CRF, HFRC, GOYA, CENTRO TAMPA, Maxima 925FM, Estrella TV, MOR-TV, La Teresita Restaurant; Latin Times Magazine; Vaya DJ.

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