

# DOWNTOWN EVENTS Summer 2019

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## ON-GOING EVENTS

### FRIDAY

#### THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION SERIES: FIRST FRIDAYS

The Henry B Plant Museum opens its doors with free admission on the First Friday of each month (Jan-Nov), visitors are encouraged to explore the nation's only Victorian railroad resort museum, enjoy music on the veranda, and share a treat with friends at the tasting table.

[Henry B Plant Museum](#). 5-7pm. 813-254-1891 [PlantMuseum.com](#)

#### BREWS & BITES AT THE SAIL

A rolling celebration of food & fun, featuring a fleet of area food trucks, craft beers, and live entertainment. The Sail. 6-11pm. Second Friday of the month. 813-274-8420 [TampaConventionCenter.com](#) ([Event Info](#))

#### FOURTH FRIDAY

Explore your city and celebrate Tampa's rich arts and culture scene every fourth Friday with exclusive offers at dozens of downtown museums, galleries, theaters and restaurants. The Streetcar will now be free to all Fourth Friday participants wearing the complimentary wristbands. [FourthFridayTPA.com](#)



### SATURDAY

#### YBOR CITY SATURDAY MARKET

Every Saturday, rain or shine. Delight in locally produced gourmet food and one-of-a-kind items unique to the Tampa Bay area. Centennial Park, Ybor City. Oct-Apr 9am-3pm, May-Sep 9am-1pm. 813-241-2442 [YborMarket.com](#)



#### THE ART SPOT

Let your children explore their creativity with gallery-related monthly themes and self-guided art projects. Every Saturday. 11am-2pm. Tampa Museum of Art. 813-274-8130 [TampaMuseum.org](#) ([Event Info](#))



#### STREETCAR LIVE

Hop on board for a concert that rocks and actually does roll! Mark your calendar on the first Saturday of every month for this family fun event. Teco Line Streetcar System. 5-7pm. 813-254-4278 [TecoLineStreetcar.org](#)

### SUNDAY



#### YOGA IN THE PARK

Join the largest yoga class in Tampa where you can experience yoga while watching the sunset! Designed for beginners & experienced yoga enthusiasts. Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park. Every Sunday from 6-7pm. 813-944-2291. [YogaDowntownTampa.com](#)

#### FRESH MARKET AT HYDE PARK VILLAGE

An outdoor market located in the center of the village held on the 1st Sunday of each month. Includes 90+ local vendors with fresh produce, plants, farm fresh eggs & poultry, handmade soaps, locally roasted coffee, ready to eat lunch bites, artisan products, cold ice cream, popsicles and more. Hyde Park Village. 10am-3pm. [TampaBayMarkets.com](#)

### MONDAY

## SPECIAL EVENTS



#### MAR 22 - DEC 23 HENRY PLANT: HE'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOU THOUGHT

Visit the Henry B. Plant Museum for a special exhibit all about our namesake, Henry Plant. In honor of the 200th anniversary of Plant's birth, we are hosting a fantastic new exhibit all about his life and his impact on Florida and the Tampa Bay area. [Henry B Plant Museum](#). 813-254-1891 [PlantMuseum.com](#)

#### APR 11 - AUG 11 ABSTRACT EXPRESSIONISM:

##### A SOCIAL REVOLUTION

Explore the post-World War II art that established an independence from the institutional values of the time and forever altered the course of painting as a fine art. In celebration of the museum's 100th anniversary. [Tampa Museum of Art](#). 813-274-8130 [TampaMuseum.org](#)

##### through AUG 18 ECHOING FORMS: AMERICAN ABSTRACTION FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION

Explore the secrets of the museum's permanent collection, on view in celebration of the museum's 100th anniversary. This exhibit focuses on post-war American abstract expressionism with pieces by artists from Ellsworth Kelly to Frank Stella. [Tampa Museum of Art](#). 813-274-8130 [TampaMuseum.org](#)

#### APR 11 - AUG 28 SHARDS AND ILLUSIONS

Illuminate your mind with this intimate selection of architectural and abstract contemporary glass art by American and European artists on view in celebration of the museum's 100th anniversary. [Tampa Museum of Art](#). 813-274-8130 [TampaMuseum.org](#)

#### APR 11 - AUG 28 ANCIENT GLASS: A CLOSER LOOK

Blow your mind with this collection of Greek and Roman glass vessels created in a range of ancient techniques on view in celebration of the museum's 100th anniversary. [Tampa Museum of Art](#). 813-274-8130 [TampaMuseum.org](#)

#### APR 19 - AUG 31 OLIVIA PARKER: VANISHING IN PLAIN SIGHT

Opening the door to conversation about Alzheimer's, this intimate view into how the creative act can bring light to and make sense of an illness that many individuals and families suffer from in silence. [Florida Museum of Photographic Arts](#). 813-221-2222 [FMOPA.org](#)

#### APR 30 - JUL 20 DIRTY LAUNDRY: TRUE TALES OF WOMEN WORKERS AT THE TAMPA BAY HOTEL

Peek into the past and the lives of the women workers who labored at the Tampa Bay Hotel as housekeepers, maids, and laundresses. [Henry B Plant Museum](#). 813-254-1891 [PlantMuseum.com](#)

#### JUN 9 - SEP 1 SUMMER MOVIE CLASSIC SERIES

A summer tradition... Classic movies are shown each Sunday from June to September. Come early and hear the Mighty Wurlitzer theatre organ play 20 minutes before show time! [Tampa Theatre](#). 813-274-8981 [TampaTheatre.org](#)

#### JUN 6-23 madTheatre PRESENTS MAN OF LAMANCHA

Inspired by Miguel de Cervantes' seventeenth-century masterpiece Don Quixote, Man of La Mancha is one of the most successful musicals in Broadway history. Powerful, brutal, hilarious, and heartbreaking, Man of La Mancha celebrates the perseverance of a dying old man who refuses to relinquish his ideals or his passion. The celebrated score includes "The Impossible Dream," "I, Don Quixote," "Dulcinea," "I Really Like Him," "Little Bird," and "To Each His Dulcinea." [Straz Center](#). 813-229-7827 [StrazCenter.org](#)

#### JUN 15, JUL 20, AUG 17 SUN, SWIMSUITS, & SUDS

Grab your super soaker and get wild! Take part in the Bay Area's biggest

## VKNG PRIMAL MVMT

Every Monday join for this free fitness class in the park! VKNG PRIMAL MVMT is an anatomical movement study style workout. Explore natural movement patterns of humans and other animals to create a totally unique and effective workout that helps to increase blood flow, correct posture, correct workout form, and prevent injury. Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park. 6-7pm. [Downtown Tampa Fitness](#)

## TUESDAY

### CHILDREN'S BOARD FREE TUESDAYS

The first Tuesday of the month from 2-7pm the Glazer Children's Museum opens its doors to kids and adults for FREE! [Glazer Children's Museum](#). 813-443-3861 [GlazerMuseum.org](#)



### ZUMBA IN THE PARK

Each Tuesday evening shrink everything but your smile and let the music free your body. The ultimate Latin-inspired dance and cardio workout. Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park. 6pm. [Downtown Tampa Fitness](#)

### TASTING TUESDAY

The 3rd Tuesday of each month attend an informative journey through wine varietals & destinations...along with appetizers. Wine Exchange Bistro & Wine Bar. 6:30-8pm. 813-254-9463 [WineExchangeTampa.com](#)

## WEDNESDAY

### MAYOR'S FOOD TRUCK FIESTA

Join Mayor Buckhorn on the First Wednesday of the month for a lunchtime food truck fiesta. 11am-2pm. Lykes Gaslight Square. [\(Event Info\)](#)

### WORLDWIDE WEDNESDAY

Pack your bags for an adventure in our Global Cafe exhibit with special programming on a different country each month. Learn about a different culture through activities, story time, and endless fun every Wednesday of the month! [Glazer Children's Museum](#). 12pm. 813-443-3861 [GlazerMuseum.org](#)

### BANBOOZLE FIT CLUB

Every Wednesday Urban Sweat Shop and Bamboozle Cafe lead a cross-fit/boot camp style class for all experience levels. Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park. 6pm. [Downtown Tampa Fitness](#)

### HEIGHTS NIGHT MARKET

Every 2nd Wednesday from November-May, shop this family-friendly urban experience of artisanal goods, jewelry, art, woodwork, and more. Live music, food and drink. Armature Works. 6-9pm. [ArmatureWorks.com](#)

## THURSDAY

### MUSIC IN THE MUSEUM

On the third Thursday of each month, Sep - May, visit the Museum to hear a live classical music performance. Enjoy the sounds of the harp, guitar, or violin as you explore the Museum. [Henry B Plant Museum](#). 813-254-1891 [PlantMuseum.com](#)

### 3RD THURSDAY

You'll find tasty street food along with live music, cocktails and local beer at this fun festival on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The Grand Central at Kennedy. 6-10pm. 813-221-3686 [TampaBayMarkets.com](#)

### BARRE IN THE PARK

Every Thursday join for this free fitness class in the park! Barre in the Park mixes elements of

Pilates, dance, yoga and functional training, and the moves are choreographed to motivating music. 6pm. [Downtown Tampa Fitness](#)

### ROCK THE PARK

Downtown Tampa's free monthly music concert series on the 1st Thursday of each month from 6:30-9:30pm. Located at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, RTP showcases Tampa's musical talent in a beautiful, relaxed setting. With the park's stadium-styled seating and food & drinks on premise, there's always an exiting vibe. [RocktheParkTampa.com](#)



summer bash at 15+ bars every third Saturday Jun-Aug. Tickets include drink specials, an exclusive towel & t-shirt, and unlimited dunk tank use. Ybor City. 2-6pm [Ybor.org](#)

### JUN 16 FATHER'S DAY AT TAMPA BAY HISTORY CENTER

The History Center will celebrate Father's Day with free admission for dads with one paid adult admission. [Tampa Bay History Center](#). 6-7:30pm 813-228-0097 [TampaBayHistoryCenter.org](#)



### JUN 19 SANGRIA AND STORIES: CIGAR CITY BREWING'S NEIL CALLAGHAN

Share a pint with Cigar City Brewing's brand ambassador. "El Lector," Neil Callaghan, while you explore the exhibit "History by the Pint: Beer and Brewing in Tampa Bay." [Tampa Bay History Center](#). 6-7:30pm 813-228-0097 [TampaBayHistoryCenter.org](#)

### JUN 20 - OCT 20 TABLEAU AND TRANSFORMATION: PHOTOGRAPHY FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION

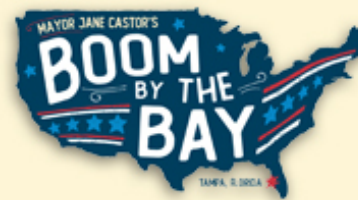
Push your boundaries with this exhibition which highlights the photographic explorations of several artists through darkroom effects, studio practices, and unique compositions. In celebration of the museum's 100th anniversary. [Tampa Museum of Art](#). 813-274-8130 [TampaMuseum.org](#)

### JUN 28-30 LITTLE BLACK DRESS

Back by popular demand, the fearlessly funny ladies' night out musical makes for one wild and unforgettable evening with its hilarious show-stopping musical numbers, Magic Mike-influenced dancing, and loads of improvised audience mayhem! For mature audiences only. [Straz Center](#). 813-229-7827 [StrazCenter.org](#)

### JUL 4 4TH OF JULY AT TAMPA BAY HISTORY CENTER

Celebrate Independence Day at the History Center with \$5 admission on the 4th of July for all visitors. Costumed reenactors representing several eras of American military history will be on hand to interact with guests. [Tampa Bay History Center](#). 6-7:30pm 813-228-0097 [TampaBayHistoryCenter.org](#)



### JUL 4 BOOM BY THE BAY

Get ready for a star-spangled celebration! This all-American celebration & firework spectacular featuring family-friendly activities, live entertainment, and FOUR fireworks displays spanning 2.5 miles along our waterfront.

Waterworks Park & Armature Works, Julian B Lane Riverfront Park, The Tampa Convention Center & The Sail, Sparkman Wharf. 4-9:30pm [TampaGov.net](#)

### JUL 4 HEIGHTS FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVAL

Light up your night at the Northern end of the Riverwalk with a Classic American Car Show hot dog eating contest, fun zone, live music, with a grand finale of fireworks! Armature Works. 4-9:30pm [ArmatureWorks.com](#)

### JUL 4 TAMPA RED WHITE & BLUE FESTIVAL

Come together for this annual event that brings locals and visitors together to share and celebrate the rich culture and traditions of the American spirit. Grand Central at Kennedy. 3-8pm 813-447-8538



### JUL 6-7 PATEL CONSERVATORY PRESENTS: NEWSIES

Seize the day with the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy who is also the leader of a band of teenaged newsies in turn-of-the-century New York City in this Patel Conservatory Theater production like no other. [Straz Center](#). 813-229-7827 [StrazCenter.org](#)

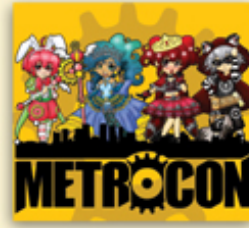
### JUL 9-14 THE LIGHTNING THIEF: THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL

The Greek gods are real, and they're ruining Percy Jackson's life. As a son of Poseidon, Percy has newly discovered powers he can't control, monsters on his trail, and is on an epic quest to find Zeus' lightning bolt to

prevent a war between the gods. Join Percy on his journey in this mesmerizing adaptation of the best-selling Disney-Hyperion novel by Rick Riordan. [Straz Center](#). 813-229-7827 [StrazCenter.org](#)

**JUL 10 - AUG 4 CONSTELLATIONS BY NICK PAYNE**

What if every decision we've made - and not made - exists simultaneously in infinite parallel universes? Disrupt your notion of what it means to be alive and in love with this glorious story of Roland and Marianne, an urban beekeeper and a physicist, whose myriad possibilities unfold in arcs and trajectories that challenge the distinction between choice and destiny. [Straz Center](#). 813-229-7827 [StrazCenter.org](#)



**JUL 11-14 METROCON**

Florida's best anime convention packed with exciting stage shows, unique vendors, exciting panelists, and interactive events, including the world famous Anime Human Chess Match, where characters from your favorite anime and video games will battle it out for the fate of the world! Tampa Convention Center. 10am-7pm [MetroConventions.com](#)

**JUL 12 GROWN UP NIGHT**

Experience the greatest Show & Tell on Earth at this showcase of invention, creativity, and resourcefulness. [Glazer Children's Museum](#). 5:30-8pm. 813-443-3861 [GlazerMuseum.org](#)

**JUL 13-14 AERIAL DRAGONS: HYPNOTICA**

Find yourself hypnotized by the mystical world of the Freaky and the Frantastic. This experience is filled with fire eaters, glamorous dancers, snake charmers, and real live mermaids... and that's just the beginning of it! [Straz Center](#). 813-229-7827 [StrazCenter.org](#)

**JUL 27-28 PAW PATROL LIVE! RACE TO THE RESCUE**

Come roll with the PAW Patrol as everybody's favorite heroic pups race to the rescue on the day of the Great Adventure Bay Race. When Mayor Goodway goes missing, Chase, Marshall, Skye and the rest of the PAW Patrol will need to team up with Ryder to save Adventure Bay's mayor and stop Foggy Bottom's Mayor Humdinger from winning the race. [Straz Center](#). 813-229-7827 [StrazCenter.org](#)

**JUL 27 BEERFEST 2019: FERRIS BREWER'S DAY OFF**

Stop and look around at Tampa's majestic movie palace for an evening of craft beers and local brewers plus snacks and samples from some of Tampa's top restaurants. Don your cheetah print vest and dress up as your favorite character from Ferris Bueller's Day Off. [Tampa Theatre](#). 7pm. 813-274-8981 [TampaTheatre.org](#)

**JUL 27 TAMPA MINI MAKER FAIRE**

Experience the greatest Show & Tell on Earth at this showcase of invention, creativity, and resourcefulness. [Glazer Children's Museum](#). 813-443-3861 [GlazerMuseum.org](#)

**AUG 2-4 TAMPA BAY COMIC CON**

Florida's premiere family-friendly comic book convention brings comic books, magazines, toys, games, anime, manga, cosplay, artwork and more. Along with the roster of guest creators and celebrities. [Tampa Convention Center](#). 10am-7pm [TampaBayComicCon.com](#)



**AUG 9 - JAN 5 ROBERT RAUSCHENBERG: AMERICA MIX**

A portfolio of 16 photogravures, features photographs of found vignettes or objects Rauschenberg encountered during his travels around the US. From the permanent collection, this entire collection of mundane magic is rarely exhibited. [Tampa Museum of Art](#). 813-274-8130 [TampaMuseum.org](#)

**AUG 2-4 TAMPA HOME & GARDEN SHOW**

Everything for in and around your home. Kitchens, baths, gardens, pools & spas, security, windows & so much more! Tampa Convention Center. [Tampa Convention Center](#). 8am-5pm. 877-730-7469 [TampaHomeShow.com](#)

**AUG 18 QUEEN + ADAM LAMBERT: THE RHAPSODY TOUR**

Original band members Brian May and Roger Taylor, teaming up once more with longtime front man Adam Lambert on lead vocals - returning to North America. [Amalie Arena](#). 8pm. [AmalieArena.com](#)

**AUG 31 SUMMER OF RUM FESTIVAL**



A celebration of some of the finest rum in the world with a full day of live music, dancing, a large selection of food, and of course a multitude of Rums to suit your fancy! Julian B Lane Riverfront Park. 12-11pm. [SummerofRumFest.com](http://SummerofRumFest.com)

**SEP 6-8 PROGRESSIVE TAMPA BOAT SHOW**

Tampa's largest and longest-running boat show is the best place to see and buy boats, gear and accessories! From fishing to cruising to family fun there are boats for every lifestyle. [Tampa Convention Center](http://TampaConventionCenter.com). 813-274-8511 [TampaBoatShow.com](http://TampaBoatShow.com)

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