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Aficionados Return to Ybor!
Ybor Aficionado Days back for a Fourth Year

(Tampa, Florida – March 23rd 2010) The Ybor City Chamber of Commerce will hold its 4th Annual Ybor Aficionado Days Saturday, April 10th and Sunday, April 11th to celebrate the anniversary of the manufacture of the first cigar in April 1886. This up-scale, two-day event will begin Saturday afternoon with a Tapas Trail touring over a dozen of Ybor's fine dining establishments. This will be followed by an After Party/Smoker at the historic Italian Club. The event continues on Sunday with an elegant brunch at the world famous Columbia Restaurant on La Setima – Ybor City's main street.

“We have an even more exciting event than last year's sell-out,” said Aficionado Chair, Andrea Gonzmart. “Saturday's Tapas Trail guests will get to select the best *restaurant tapas* and on Sunday celebrity chefs will judge the best *amateur tapas*.”

Saturday afternoon, April 10th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM tour a baker's dozen of Ybor's many quality restaurants. At 6:30 PM, head to the elegant Italian Club to listen to music by Mainstream, sample spirits, pasteles and café con leche. Have a complimentary photo taken in your tropical attire by Tampa's Joe Photo. Step down into the Club's Cantina and enjoy a fine, hand-rolled cigar.

On Sunday, join us for a sumptuous Spanish Brunch at the Columbia starting at 11:30 AM. The elegant, traditional buffet will be laid out in the Patio Courtyard with the entire Siboney Room reserved for dining. Observe the results of the first ever Tapas Cooking Challenge and listen to nationally-known, smooth jazz artist Les Sabler.

Tickets for the Tapas Trail and After Party/Smoker are \$35 and tickets for the Jazz Brunch are \$45. A combination ticket that includes all events on both days is only \$70. Tickets are available from the Ybor City Chamber's Visitor Information Center at 1600 East 8th Avenue in Centro Ybor, 813.241.8838 or www.ybor.org.

For the ultimate Ybor Experience, stay overnight at one of the Historic District's great hotels. Discount packages are available at the Hampton Inn & Suites and Hilton Garden Inn.