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Aficionados Coming Back to Ybor!
The Chamber's *Ybor Aficionado Days* Returns for Third Year

(Tampa, Florida – April, 1st 2009) The Ybor City Chamber of Commerce will hold its *Third Annual - Ybor Aficionado Days* Saturday, April 18th and Sunday, April 19th 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. This year's event continues on Sunday with an elegant brunch at the world famous Columbia Restaurant on La Setima – Ybor City's main street.

Event Chairman Arturo Fuente, Jr. said, "This is our Third Year, and I believe, we have the mix just right: one-of-kind dining experiences combined with an opportunity for guests to participate first-hand in Ybor's diverse culture - a great entertainment value."

Saturday afternoon, April 18th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM tour a baker's dozen of Ybor's many quality restaurants. At 6:30 PM, join us at the elegant Italian Club; dance to classic hits by Mainstream, sample sprints, indulge in traditional desserts and coffees. Have a complimentary photo taken in your tropical attire. Step down into the Club's Cantina and enjoy a fine, hand-rolled cigar compliments of the house.

On Sunday, join us for a sumptuous Spanish Brunch at the Columbia starting at noon. The elegant, traditional buffet will be laid out in the Patio Courtyard with the entire Siboney Room reserved for guests. Contemporary jazz with a Latin beat will be provided by the Columbia's own Dick Rivers Band.

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, by phone 813.241.8838 or on-line at www.ybor.org.

For the ultimate Ybor Experience, stay overnight at one of the Historic District's great hotels: the Hampton Inn, Hilton Garden or Don Vicente de Ybor. Discount packages are available.