

November 21, 2022



### Mission

Preserving, promoting, and celebrating the unique cultural heritage of Ybor City and supporting the Ybor City Museum State Park

## ***NEWS BRIEF***

As the holidays approach, we invite you to take a break from the hectic activities of the season to enjoy two programs related to our new exhibit that just opened, *Following Fernando's Footsteps: A Tale of Tampa's "Invisible Immigrants"*. Spanish filmmaker and journalist, Luis Argeo will travel from Asturias for the screening of *A Legacy of Smoke* at the Centro Asturiano on December 8. The next evening, on December 9, a panel of international and local experts on Spanish immigration to the USA and Tampa will participate in a lively discussion and Q&A at El Centro Español de Tampa.

Our Ybor City Museum Society family extends warmest wish to you and yours for a Happy Thanksgiving! ~Chantal Ruilova Hevia, President & CEO

## ***Following Fernando's Footsteps***



### ***Screening of A Legacy of Smoke***

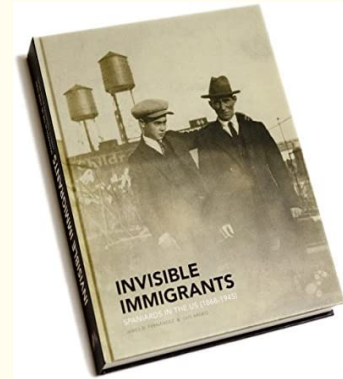
December 8, 2022, 6:00 pm, Centro Asturiano de Tampa  
1913 N Nebraska Ave, Tampa, FL 33602

The Ybor City Museum Society and Centro Asturiano de Tampa welcome you to a viewing of a docudrama entitled *A Legacy of Smoke*. In 2014, Spanish filmmaker and journalist, Luis Argeo, and NYU professor, Dr. James Fernandez, created this film

as a stark reminder of the precarious legacy that has been left to us by the Spanish presence in Tampa. Join us for an intriguing evening in the Centro's ornate and historic theatre for this short film featuring Tampa locals. The critically acclaimed film debuted in Tampa and has since been featured at international film festivals, among many other locations in the USA and Spain. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with Argeo, who resides in Asturias, Spain, as well as local experts on Spanish immigration. The event and parking are FREE. **Registrations** are requested, however not required.

## "Invisible Immigrants" Panel with Q&A

**December 9, 2022, 6:00 pm, El Centro Español de Tampa**  
2306 N Howard Ave, Tampa, FL 33607



The Ybor City Museum Society and El Centro Español de Tampa invite you to an engaging panel discussion on Spanish immigration to Tampa and the U.S. Visiting experts from Spain, Luis Argeo, Filmmaker and Journalist (Asturias) and Maria Luque Larena, Director of Cultural Affairs, United States-Spain Council, will be joined by a distinguished panel including: Dr. Gary R. Mormino, Frank E. Duckwall Professor of History Emeritus, University of South Florida; The Honorable E.J. Salcines, Local Historian and Expert on Spanish Immigration; John Rañon, President, El Centro Español de Tampa; Tony Carreño, Local Historian and Author of *Fernando's Footsteps*. They will share their expertise and research on the lives and experiences of Spanish immigrants in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The event and parking are FREE. **Registrations** are requested, however not required.

## The New Generation



On November 15, students from Terrace Community Middle School visited the Ybor City Museum State Park and the Tampa Baseball



On November 18, YCMS staff members, Gina Bowen and Arminda Mata, took part in the Great American Teach-In Day at

Museum at the Al Lopez House. The Ybor City Museum Society welcomes school groups for single or two-museum tours. Students often bring their lunches to enjoy in the Museum Garden. Please contact Gina at 813.247.1434 for information or to schedule a tour.

Literacy Leadership Technology Academy (LLT). Students learned about Ybor City's early beginnings, while enjoying historical pictures and artifacts. It is always exciting to see the next generation eagerly engaged in the heritage that helped build Tampa.

## Cooking Corner

### Sangria

This delicious mix of wine, brandy, and fruit is a Spanish tradition. We are sharing the recipe for the Sangria that was served at our *Following Fernando Footsteps* exhibit opening on November 13. [Recipe](#)



## Our Community



The J.C. Newman Cigar Company broke ground on November 18, 2022 for their new Cigar Workers Park. Located across the street from the their cigar factory, with its iconic clock tower "El Reloj", the park will include bat houses, where a colony of 3000 bats will be moved from their current location at the nearby Sanchez y Haya Building. According to

the Newman Family, "Ybor City lacks public space -- green space for residents and visitors alike to be able to gather and enjoy nature. By building this 8,400-square-foot park, our hopes are to show the connection of cigars to nature and do our part to improve and beautify Ybor City for nearby residents and visitors alike."

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**Ybor City Saturday Market.** Founded in the year 2000, this is the largest continually operating outdoor market in the Tampa Bay Area. The Market is in the center of Tampa's National Historic Landmark District and is one of the most popular shopping destinations for locally produced items unique to the Tampa Bay Area. Open every Saturday year-round, fall/winter hours are 9 am-3 pm (October-April). [Learn More](#)

**Saturday Yoga in Ybor, every Saturday at 9:30am .** Join others in the community for yoga in the Garden of the Ybor City Museum State Park. Classes are donation based

and proceeds benefit the Park. [Learn more](#)

## Ybor City Museum State Park

A visit to the Ybor City Museum State Park is a terrific way to share Tampa's cultural heritage with friends, family, and out-of-town guests. Visit the new that opened on November 13, 2022, *Following Fernando's Footsteps, A Tampa's "Invisible Immigrants"*.



You can also inquire about renting the Garden, a beautiful 10,000 sq. ft. outdoor space, by [clicking here](#). This unique venue creates its own ambience for your wedding, corporate meeting, or other special event.

**Hours of Operation:** 9 am - 4 pm Wednesday-Sunday

The "Casita" is currently closed for maintenance.

Admission: \$4 per person, free for children 5 years and younger.

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## Membership



YCMS is launching a 40th Anniversary membership campaign. Help us celebrate our birthday year by joining or renewing your Ybor City Museum Society membership. Your membership donations support mission-driven projects, including exhibits and educational programming. Free admission to the Ybor City Museum State Park is just one of the member benefits.

[Join or renew today!](#)



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