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DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP

2025 SPONSORS

Platinum



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Carlton Fields

Planet Smoothie

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

The Urban Excellence People's Choice Award nominees include all of the 2025 Finalists and additional community-submitted nominees

101 Meridian
AER Tampa Apartment Open
Arts Club Reimagined -
The EDITION
Emoto Supply Co
Gasparilla Music Festival
moves to Julian B. Lane Park
Gateway Subs Opening in
Tampa's Downtown
Green Up Channelside
Hey Market at Café Hey

Lizbeth Strother,
Thousand & One
Micro Mobility Stations -
City of Tampa Mobility Dept
Planet Smoothie
Rialto Theatre Turns 100
Sweating Together
For A Cause
Tampa Bay Food Tours
Tampa CRA
Rebranding Efforts

Tampa's Inaugural Kidical
Mass Bike Ride
Tampa Theatre's Black Love
Classic Movie Series
The City of Tampa's 2024
eBike Voucher Program
Top Shelf Live
Music Nights
University of Tampa -
The Grand Center Building
UPS Store #4639

PROGRAM AGENDA

Performance by Musicians on Behalf of Instruments4Life

Welcome

Scott Tavlin

Welcome Video

Mayor Jane Castor

Remarks

Kenyetta Hairston-Bridges

Plated Dinner

Sponsorship Recognition

Jury Recognition

Finalist Recognition

Award Winners Announced



Scott Tavlin
Magic 94.9



**Kenyetta
Hairston-Bridges**
Tampa Downtown
Partnership



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JURY MEMBERS

Lauren Campbell

Erin Chisholm

Katie Gower

Zahira Lehri

Sarah Lesch

Lee Lowry

Keir Magoulas

Stephen Panzarino

John Scheffel

Helen Scott

Billy Somerville

Rob Stern



2025 FINALISTS

ACTIVATING SPACES AWARD

AMALIE Arena Enhancements

Mimosa Land and R&B Festival
at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park

Walk and Roll / University of Tampa's
Bicycle Friendly University Program

ARTS & CULTURE

Learn & Play Tampa Bay
at the Glazer Children's Museum

YuleTides at The Florida Aquarium

Tampa Bay Developer Podcast

DOWNTOWN COLLABORATION

Central Ave Live -
Instruments4Life /Tampa Bay History
Center/Tampa Housing Authority

"Give Me My Flowers" Mural -
Gasparilla Festival of the Arts/City of Tampa

Friends of the Riverwalk Trick or Treat:
Community Resilience

DOWNTOWN EXPERIENCE

Margaritaville at Sea Brings New Ways
to Float Into Island Time from
Port Tampa Bay with *Islander*

Tampa Pickleball Crew's Pop-Up Event at
Sparkman Wharf

Tampa Bay Sun Football Club's
Inaugural Season

CHRISTINE BURDICK DOWNTOWN PERSON OF THE YEAR

Fred Hearn, Tampa Bay History Center

John D. Couris, Tampa General Hospital

Stephanie Ferrell, FAIA, Ferrell Redevelopment

LANDMARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The John T. Taylor Screening Room
at Tampa Theatre

Sacred Heart Catholic Church's
Preservation Project

The Spiral Staircase

MARKETPLACE

Black English Bookstore

Craft, Tampa's First Dining River Cruise

Late Start Brewing

PRIVATE SECTOR PROJECT

Element Tampa Apartment Renovations
The Genshaft & Greenbaum BOLD Building
at Tampa Preparatory School
Gold's Gym Tampa Gas Worx

PUBLIC SECTOR PROJECT

The City of Tampa's
Non-Motorized Count Program
USF Health Taneja College of Pharmacy
moves to Tampa's Downtown
USF College of Nursing unveils
Port Seafarers' Clinic