



RECORD BREAKING CROWDS and Huge Success for this years' Cuban Sandwich Festival which Celebrated its 15 Year Anniversary on Sun, March 29th in Ybor

Ybor City/Tampa, Florida: The Cuban Sandwich Festival celebrated its 15th year anniversary on Sunday, March 29th at Centennial Park in Historic Ybor City! The free family festival was held on 3 City Streets, as well as at Ybor's popular Centennial Park in Historic Ybor City: 1800 E. 8th Avenue, Tampa, FL. Free General Entry. Time: Noon – 6:00 PM.

The VIP area was held at the Ybor City Museum Gardens

This exciting FREE Food & Art COMMUNITY event is a part of a WORLDWIDE festival and contest to find THE BEST CUBAN SANDWICHES IN WORLD and this year we welcome 2 International contestants that came and competed from JAPAN. Restaurants from all over the United States and the WORLD competed for the title of BEST CUBAN SANDWICH in the WORLD! THE BIG WINNERS RECEIVED CASH PRIZES! **Guests enjoyed great FOOD, ART and LIVE MUSIC and Dance Performances by Tampa Bay favorites! Great Entertainment led by VAYA DJ as guests enjoyed a Fun and LIVE ENTERTAINMENT on main stage and in the VIP AREA AND AT THE RUMBERO SPOT and guest enjoyed Free Salsa and Sumba Lessons.**

In the VIP Area, Guests enjoyed Tasting all the Cuban Sandwich Contest Entries, PLUS Dancing and performances by Popular Bands, Flamenco Dance and Dance Lessons.

VIP/Celebrity Judges included: State Attorney Suzi Lopez, Commissioner Donna Cameron-Cepeda, Mayor Olga Gonzalez, Danny Alvarez, Sr., Leo Alvarez, and more!

Contest Winners Were Awarded On Stage by: Commissioner Donna Cameron Cepeda

WORLD'S BEST POPULAR CATEGORY:

2nd Place Best Popular: **ANGRY CHEF**. 1st Place World's Best Popular: **Station House BBQ**

NON-TRADITIONAL CATEGORY:

2nd Place World's Best: **STATION HOUSE BBQ** 1st Place World's Best: **2 FLAGS;1 KITCHEN**

TAMPA HISTORIC CATEGORY:

2nd Place World's Best: **MESTIZO** 1st Place World's Best: **ROCKER'S FOOD TRUCK SERVICE (JAPAN)**

TRADITIONAL CATEGORY:

2nd Place World's Best Cuban Sandwich: **SOUTHERN LUV BBQ** 1st Place World's Best Cuban Sandwich: **PAN (JAPAN)**

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