

You don't need to know Rembrandt from Renoir to enjoy these four new art shows.

ART FOR EVERYONE



The Tampa Bay History Museum debuts Saturday, and one exhibit, "Florida's First People," focuses on the Tocobaga and Calusa tribes.

The [Tampa Bay History Center](#) opens to the public on Saturday with host of activities, including historical re-enactments, music, flamenco dancers, and appearances by members of local sports teams. The new museum, which is 60,000 square feet, will house 10 different exhibits, including "Icons of Tampa Bay," which showcases 14 icons representing the area, including a Gasparilla ship and a Tampa streetcar. Other exhibits focus on the first European explorers to the area, American Indians, cattle drives and the development of the cigar industry.

One of the featured exhibits focuses on the Tocobaga and Calusa tribes, who first resided in Central and South Florida more than 12,000 years ago. Called "Florida's First People," the exhibit features original and replica artifacts from the Paleoindian Period (12000 B.C.-6000 B.C.) through the Mississippian Period (1000 A.D.-1600 A.D.).

The new museum is located in the Channel District, adjacent to the Cotanchobee-Fort Brooke Park. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 for children (4 to 12 years old). Call (813) 228-0097 for information.