



HENRY B. PLANT MUSEUM

1891 TAMPA BAY HOTEL • NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

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HENRY B. PLANT MUSEUM wins DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AWARD

Tampa, FL (February 19, 2018) – The Henry B. Plant Museum is proud to announce that it has received a **2018 Diversity and Inclusion Award** from **The Division of Cultural Affairs and Citizens for Florida Arts, Inc.** The Museum was recognized at a special awards ceremony in Tallahassee in January. The award will be used to offer sign language interpretation at several performances of *Upstairs/Downstairs* live theater in April and May.

According to the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs, the award program “recognizes innovative and exceptional efforts that promote diversity in arts and cultural programming.” The Museum engages in many efforts to make its programs and exhibits accessible to people of all backgrounds and abilities. A few of the accessibility initiatives currently in place include:

- Little Kids Big Minds, a collaboration with other local cultural institutions and Hillsborough Community College
- In 2013 the Museum was certified as autism friendly by the USF Center for Autism Related Disabilities
- Hand-held audio tour allows all visitors, particularly those with visual disabilities or wheelchair-users, to experience the richness of the Museum
- White Glove tours for individuals with severe visual disabilities
- Orientation DVD with English closed captioning and Spanish, German and French subtitles.

Executive Director Cynthia Gandee Zinober said “We are deeply honored to receive this award and look forward to expanding accessible programs. Diversity and inclusion are top priorities at the Henry B. Plant Museum.”

The Henry Plant Museum interprets the turn-of-the-century Tampa Bay Hotel and the lifestyles of America’s Gilded Age. Critical to the success of this mission is the restoration and preservation of this National Historic Landmark, an opulent 1891 railroad resort, and the artifacts significant to its history, and the life and work of Henry Bradley Plant. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday, noon to 5 pm. Closed Mondays and select other dates. Admission is \$10 per adult, \$7 for seniors (65 yrs.), \$7 for students and \$5 for children 4 – 12 yrs. Museum members free.