



# **YANKEES BASEBALL EXHIBITION COMES TO TAMPA FOR SPRING TRAINING**

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**Tampa, FL** — In recognition of the New York Yankees spring training in Tampa, the Tampa Museum of Art presents *The New York Yankees and The American Dream* January 23 – April 3, 2005. The exhibition coincides with the Yankees spring training schedule, which runs March 3 – April 1, 2005, with 16 games in Tampa.

The exhibition celebrates the legendary baseball team's history and significance to popular American culture. Works of art inspired by baseball will be exhibited alongside artifacts that evoke memories of Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, Reggie Jackson, Derek Jeter and other baseball greats.

*The New York Yankees and The American Dream* will be divided chronologically, covering a period from 1920 to the present day. The first section, "The Curse of the Bambino," will look at the team's transformation from the unremarkable to the unstoppable with the trade of Babe Ruth from the Boston Red Sox. It also celebrates Yankee Stadium and its representation in works of art including contemporary photography. Vintage photographs and actual player's bats are brought together in a line-up of the "Murderer's Row" that included Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. Paintings, illustrations and memorabilia relating to Gehrig define the "Golden Era" section of the exhibition, as those of Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris and Yogi Berra create the "Silver Era." The "Damn Yankees" area of the exhibition looks at the team's dominance of the sport with Jessica Gandolf's portrait of Joe DiMaggio, and photographs the Yankees achieving major wins. Devon Dikeou's "The Touch of Greatness," encourages visitors to touch DiMaggio's autographed baseball.

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“The Bronx Zoo” section of the exhibition looks at a new generation of players portrayed by a new generation of artists, including Reggie Jackson and Catfish Hunter. The last section, entitled “America’s Team,” includes the work of contemporary artists and photographers fascinated by the legend of the New York Yankees, not only in terms of unprecedented wins, but also as a cultural icon, embodied in their playoff run after the September 11, 2001, attacks on their city.

The New York Yankees have been holding their spring training in Tampa since 1988, calling Legends Field home since 1996. The 10,000-seat, multi-million dollar baseball stadium is modeled after the original Yankee Stadium in the Bronx.

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**Quorum Hotel Tampa:** The newly-renovated Quorum Hotel-Tampa is stepping up to the plate with a grand-slam vacation package February 26 – April 3, 2005. The Tampa Legends package ranges from just \$159 (Friday - Saturday) to \$259 (Monday - Thursday) and includes a one-night stay for up to four guests in one of the hotel’s traditional island-style guestrooms. The package also includes one autograph kit complete with baseball, Sharpie and a disposable 35mm camera, and breakfast buffet for two at the fabulous Blue Water Grill. Guests can feast on a delicious assortment of fresh breakfast breads, bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes, blintzes and more.

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