



GLEN ECHO PARK

Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture

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Glen Echo Park Presents Echo Arts Festival

Glen Echo, Maryland – On Sunday, September 25, the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture presents a new festival that celebrates visual and performing arts in Glen Echo Park.

Echo Arts Festival will feature live music, dance and movement, open studios and galleries, children's theater, and more. Plus, it's the final day of the 2022 Carousel Season, so visitors are encouraged to take a "last ride" on the historic 1921 Dentzel carousel before it closes until spring 2023. This free event is open to the public and will run from 12:00pm to 5:00pm.

Afropop band Elikeh, as well as resident artists from the Washington Conservatory of Music, Washington Revels, Adventure Theatre MTC, and the Puppet Co., will present live performances throughout the day in the covered, open-air Bumper Car Pavilion.

Smooth & EZ Hand Dance Institute, the Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance, Metropolitan Ballet Theatre, and Improvisational Dance instructor Annetta Dexter Sawyer will lead demonstrations and perform in the historic Spanish Ballroom.

Soul & Ink will provide a live, hands-on screen printing experience (while supplies last, free with a suggested donation of \$10). Resident artists and other Glen Echo Park art instructors will also offer live art demonstrations throughout the day in knitting, pottery, sculpture, painting, photography, glass blowing, silversmithing, and more.

Art galleries will be open throughout the day, with art sales in pottery, blown glass, photography, painting, wearable art – including silver and art glass – and more! Visitors will have the opportunity to contribute to a community art piece by creating leaves that can be hung on an outdoor tree sculpture. A hands-on make-or-take crafting activity will also be available. Finally, in celebration of the Glen Echo Park Partnership's 20th Anniversary, we're also continuing to solicit feedback and ideas from the public as part of The Reimagine Project as plan for Glen Echo Park's long term future.

The National Park Service will bring its Mobile Visitor Center and will give a tour focusing on the civil rights history of the Park at 11:00 am. Tours will also be offered at the neighboring Clara Barton National Historic Site at 1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm, and 4:00pm.

Food options include Praline Cafe, Ben & Jerry's ice cream, and food trucks, including Roaming Coyote.

Carousel tickets may be purchased in advance on the Park's website or at the carousel ticket booth, either \$2.00 per ride or \$5.00 for an all-day unlimited pass.

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WHO: Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture

WHAT: Echo Arts Festival

WHEN: Sunday, September 25, 2022; 12pm - 5pm

WHERE: Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Glen Echo, MD

COST: All activities and parking are free, except carousel rides. Carousel rides are \$5.00 per person for unlimited rides all day.

INFORMATION: <https://glenechopark.org/echoartsfest>

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Note to editors: High-resolution images of the carousel and performers are available by emailing jcloud@glenechopark.org

ABOUT GLEN ECHO PARK AND THE GLEN ECHO PARK PARTNERSHIP

Glen Echo Park is a vibrant arts and cultural center presenting festivals, exhibitions, and dances, as well as children's theater, music programs, nature programs, and art classes to more than 375,000 visitors each year. The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, a nonprofit organization, oversees these and other activities, including preserving the historic structures in the Park. Glen Echo Park, part of the National Park Service, is located in Glen Echo, Maryland, six miles northwest of Georgetown along the scenic Potomac River palisades.