



GLEN ECHO PARK

Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Carousel Day at Glen Echo Park Celebrates
101st Season of the Park's Historic Ride with Performances, Art & More

WHAT: CAROUSEL DAY

Join us for a festival event in celebration of Glen Echo Park's 101-year-old Dentzel carousel as it opens for the season! In addition to riding the carousel, families are welcome to enjoy many other **FREE** activities throughout the Park, including live music & performances, kids' arts & crafts, open artist studios & galleries, and our special **Re-Imagine Project** sponsored by LEO A DALY international architecture firm.

Enjoy treats from our Praline Cafe as well as Ben & Jerry's! The carousel operates from 11am - 5pm, \$2.00 per ride or \$5.00 for an all-day wristband.

WHEN: Saturday, April 30, 11am to 4pm

WHERE: Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Boulevard, Glen Echo, Maryland

WHO: Presented by the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture

Featured Performers:

Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer, Two-Time **GRAMMY Award-Winning Folk Musicians**, presented with support from a Maryland State Arts Council Touring Grant

1:30-2:30

Urban Artistry, an internationally-recognized organization dedicated to the performance and preservation of art forms inspired by the urban experience

11:30-12:30

Mystic Warriors, world music evoking the ancestral sounds of the Incas with Andean panpipes and flutes combined with guitars, synthesizers, drums, and bass

11:15-12:15

Mark H. Rooney, Taiko drummer

2:45-3:15

Kofi Dennis, Ghanaian drummer and storyteller

3:00-3:30 and 3:45-4:15

The Washington Revels Parade and Maypole Dance throughout the park

11:45-12:15

The Park's two award-winning children's theaters – Adventure Theatre MTC and the Puppet Co. – will also present shows throughout the day. Tickets may be purchased in advance.

INFO: Contact (301) 634-2222 or visit glenechopark.org/carouselday

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ABOUT THE GLEN ECHO PARK PARTNERSHIP FOR ARTS AND CULTURE

The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, a non-profit organization, manages the arts programs and historic buildings Glen Echo Park, a vibrant arts and cultural center that is part of the National Park Service. The Park offers classes and camps in visual and performing arts, art exhibitions, children's theater performances, environmental education, special events and festivals, and a lively social dance program. Glen Echo Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo, Maryland, six miles northwest of Georgetown along the scenic Potomac River palisades.

ABOUT THE DENTZEL CAROUSEL

Installed in 1921 by the Dentzel Carousel Company of Germantown, Pennsylvania, the Glen Echo Park carousel is one of only 135 functioning antique carousels in the country and one of the few still in its original location. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the carousel is truly a Washington area treasure! Known as a "menagerie carousel" because of the variety of its animals, the Glen Echo Park carousel includes 52 animals: 40 horses, 4 rabbits, 4 ostriches, 1 giraffe, 1 deer, 1 lion and 1 tiger. It also features two circus chariots. With its playful animals and striking ornamentation, the carousel has been an iconic symbol of the Park throughout the site's amusement park years and into its current phase as an arts and cultural center for the past half-century.

In the summer of 1960, Howard University students led protests at the Park along with local residents. The students rode the carousel and were arrested for doing so in violation of the privately-owned amusement park's segregation policies. The case went all the way to the United States Supreme Court. Their continued protests under the heat of the summer sun – and the active engagement of community members in the fight – led to the amusement park's desegregation, opening the venue to everyone for its 1961 season and every year thereafter until the amusement park closed after the 1968 season.

Today, the carousel is the only remaining historic ride from the amusement park era at Glen Echo Park site. It is ridden by more than 50,000 people each year – including multi-generations of families visiting the Park. In 2021, the carousel celebrated its 100th Anniversary in the Park. Find information on the Carousel 100th Anniversary Celebration at glenechopark.org/carousel100.

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