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GLEN ECHO PARK PARTNERSHIP FOR ARTS AND CULTURE CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF DENTZEL CAROUSEL WITH SPECIAL EXHIBITION IN PARK GALLERIES

GLEN ECHO, MD – Glen Echo Park Partnership Galleries presents a special exhibition in the Park's Popcorn Gallery and Stone Tower Gallery: ***100 Years In The Present***. The show celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Park's iconic Dentzel carousel and honors the historic origins of Glen Echo Park as a theme park – exploring feelings of nostalgia, outdoor recreation, nature, and play.

A year unexpectedly spent indoors has reminded us all of what we miss about gathering, particularly outdoors, and how we're looking forward to engaging when the time is right. This exhibition invites the audience to reminisce about childhood fun and outdoor play. It also invites viewers to ponder: How will we remember our present-day leisure in the future? What outdoor spaces do we miss the most? How can we 'travel' in our own city? How do we interact in the present as vessels of time and space? How do we honor symbols of memory and belonging? The work in this juried exhibition, featuring local Metro DC-based artists, explores these themes.

The show runs from May 7-30, 2021. The Opening Reception is Friday, May 7, from 5pm to 8pm. (Covid-19 guidelines will be in place for this in-person event.)

Juror Biography

Tiffany Williams is a full-time curator for a federal agency based in Washington, D.C. She has co-curated one international collection and curated over a dozen exhibitions abroad. An advocate for the arts, she believes art acts as a tool for cultural diplomacy and dialogue, critical thinking, and self-expression. Tiffany received her B.A. from Virginia Commonwealth University and her M.A. from the Smithsonian-George Mason University partnership in the History of Decorative Arts. She has lived in the Washington D.C metro area for eleven years.

Featured Artists

Nancy Arons, Ken Bachman, Marilyn Banner, Ellen Broadman, Kimberley Bursic, Ramiro Camarillo, Chris Combs, Alex Curley, Sally Kauffman, Kimberly Keller, Christine Lee Tyler, Steven Mazer, Sharon Pierce McCullough, David Orloff, Felicia Reed, Brendan Robinson, Adi Segal, Meryl Silver, Susan Sinclair Galego, Shelby Swann, Hector Torres, Frank Van Riper

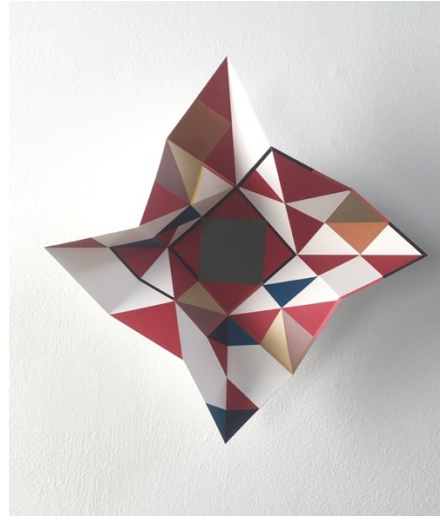
Gallery Hours: Saturdays & Sundays, 12pm – 6pm

WHO: Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture

WHAT: Opening Reception for *100 Years in the Present*

WHEN: Friday, May 7, 2021 from 5-8pm

WHERE: Glen Echo Park Popcorn Gallery & Stone Tower Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Glen Echo, MD 20812



Left to right: Susan Sinclair Galego, Adi Segal

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This event is part of the **Carousel 100th Anniversary Celebration** that kicked off on February 18. Together with Montgomery County and the National Park Service, the Partnership is commemorating this milestone anniversary with a months-long celebration that includes virtual lectures on the history and restoration of the carousel, Carousel Family Days throughout the summer, social media contests, carousel anniversary merchandise, monthly Carousel Story Time, a fundraising campaign, and the premieres of three short videos that will feature personal stories reflecting the unique and enduring role the carousel has played in the community for a century.

The Glen Echo Park website has a special section devoted to Carousel 100th Anniversary activities and events: glenechopark.org/carousel100. There the public can find detailed information, RSVP for events, purchase Carousel 100th Anniversary logo merchandise, donate to the Carousel 100th Anniversary fund, watch events that have already taken place, and more.

Carousel 100th Anniversary Celebration activities are paid for with grants provided by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, the Maryland State Arts Council, and Heritage Montgomery, as well as funds from private donors, including: Long & Foster Real Estate; Corcoran Women's Committee; GEICO; Loring Consulting Engineers, Inc.; OPaL Renovations; Carol Trawick; Phil Fabrizio; Quinn Evans; Chris and Carol Sue Fromboluti; John and Heather Hanson; Les Mardiks; Ed and Susan O'Connell; Martha Morris and Joe Shannon; Karen Wilson; the A.R. Landsman Foundation; Margo Reid, Capacity Partners; Lois Ireland and Pierre Huggins; Adrienne Dominguez; Christine Mayo; Ann Schnare; and The David M. Schwarz Charitable Giving Foundation.

Additionally, the Dentzel carousel at Glen Echo Park was awarded the 2021 Heritage Award in the "Place" category from the State of Maryland through the Maryland State Arts Council, which comes with \$5,000 in funding for the celebratory events.

CAROUSEL INFORMATION



Installed in Glen Echo Park in 1921 and now the property of the National Park Service, the carousel has been described as “one of the Washington area’s true treasures.” The ride was built by the premiere carousel company of its day: the Dentzel Carousel Company of Germantown, Pennsylvania. Dentzel carousels of the 1920s represented the height of carousel design, known for their elegantly carved and painted animals and their precision-crafted mechanisms. The carousel is one of only 135 functioning antique carousels in the country and one of the few still in its original location. 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. More about the Dentzel carousel here: glenechopark.org/carousel

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’s George Washington Memorial Parkway, is located in Glen Echo, Maryland, six miles northwest of Georgetown along the scenic Potomac River palisades.

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