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**Tribal Voices: A Native American Heritage Celebration
Presented by Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture
and National Park Service**

*Honoring the Culture & History of Native Americans.
Part of the Glen Echo Park Partnership's Diverse Voices event series.*

GLEN ECHO, MD (October 4, 2024) – Join the [Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts & Culture](#) (the Partnership) and the National Park Service's [George Washington Memorial Parkway](#) as they honor the culture and history of Native Americans with the presentation of **Tribal Voices: A Native American Heritage Celebration** on Sunday, November 3, 2024 from 1pm to 4pm in Glen Echo Park's historic Bumper Car Pavilion.

Part of the Partnership's Diverse Voices event series that amplifies the stories of diverse and often-underrepresented groups, **Tribal Voices** will be the first Native American cultural showcase at Glen Echo Park. (Last year's Diverse Voices event honored Glen Echo Park's civil rights story and celebrated Juneteenth.) This year's event will feature live performances, storytelling, and artistic activities with opportunities for audience participation.

"We are thrilled to work with one of our major partners, the National Park Service, to present a showcase that celebrates and honors Native American culture – both its history and its influence on today's culture," said Partnership CEO Katey Boerner. "We believe that the vibrant tapestry of our community is woven from the diverse threads of individual stories, and through a blend of music, visual art, and storytelling, we invite the public to join us in a celebration of those narratives. These enriching experiences not only illuminate the lives of those who have shaped our nation's history but also foster a deeper understanding of our shared journey."

The event will feature a performance by **Piscataway Nation Singers & Dancers**, who present a colorful, educational, and entertaining "pow wow-style event featuring American Indian Dance, Drum & Song," carrying on the long-standing traditions, culture, and heritage of their indigenous ancestors; a solo performance of Blues, Jazz and Soul music by **Carly Harvey**, an Eastern Band Tsalagi and Tuscarora descendant and the originator of "Native Scat," an improvisational fusion of a traditional Jazz scat with Native vocables; a presentation by **Native America's Protectors**, who will perform and share the origin/history of various dance styles, including Men's Eastern Woodland, Women's Eastern Woodland, Women's Blanket, Hoop Dance, Modern Dance, and Men's Eastern Style; **artisan demonstrations of leather and bead work** and artwork for sale; and **drop-in artistic activities** throughout the day.

The National Park Service will provide interpretive information and their **Junior Ranger program** will be available throughout the event. In addition, the event includes food trucks specializing in Native American cuisine and other cuisine.

“For thousands of years, the Potomac Valley has been a cherished homeland for many Indigenous peoples, such as the Algonquin, Iroquois, Piscataway, and Siouan, whose rich heritage continues to resonate through the landscapes and waters of this region,” said Christine Smith, Acting Superintendent of George Washington Memorial Parkway. “We are grateful to be part of a collaborative celebration of these vibrant cultures alongside the Glen Echo Park Partnership. This event offers a unique opportunity to experience the artistry and traditions of Indigenous cultures, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of our shared history.”

For more information, visit: <https://glenechopark.org/DiverseVoices>

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Note to editors: A high resolution image of the Piscataway Nation Singers & Dancers performing in the Park’s historic Spanish Ballroom at Carousel Day in April 2023 is attached. Additional high resolution images are available.

About Glen Echo Park and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture

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 300,000 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. For more information on Glen Echo Park, visit glenechopark.org or follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).

About the George Washington Memorial Parkway, National Park Service

The George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) is a carefully planned scenic route to the nation's capital. From the north it curves alongside the Potomac Gorge, highlighting its steep cliffs and rich woods. From the south it is a broad avenue punctuated with monuments to America's history. Parkways were still a new idea when GWMP was designed in the 1930s. In addition to calling for a scenic road, Congress protected a diverse array of sites along it as a "park and playground" near the nation's capital. Visit each of these sites – including Glen Echo Park – to get a full taste of the parkway idea. There is no visitor center on the parkway. Information, brochures, maps, and National Park Passport stamps are available at parkway headquarters and at ranger contact stations at Arlington House, Glen Echo Park, and Great Falls Park.

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