



GLEN ECHO PARK

Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture

MEDIA ADVISORY

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5th Annual ECHO ARTS FESTIVAL: Celebrating Visual & Performing Arts at Glen Echo Park

WHAT:

Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture ("the Partnership") presents the fifth annual **Echo Arts Festival**, celebrating visual and performing arts at Glen Echo Park. The festival will feature live music, dance, and movement; open studios and galleries; hands-on art activities; a community art project; food trucks; and more. In addition, it will be the final day of the 2026 carousel season, so visitors are encouraged to take a "last ride" on the historic 1921 Dentzel carousel before it closes for the year to reopen in May 2027.



- Live Music
- Dance & Movement
- Art Galleries
- Art Demonstrations
- Open Studios & Art Sales
- Hands-On Art Activities
- Final Carousel Rides of the 2026 Season

Headlining this year's festival performances are **TWO-TIME GRAMMY® Award Winners**, Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer, a duo of master musicians with careers spanning over 35 years. Their superb harmonies are backed by instrumental virtuosity on the guitar, five-string banjo, ukulele, mandolin, cello-banjo, and other instruments. Their repertoire ranges from classic country to western swing, gypsy jazz to bluegrass, and old-time string band to contemporary folk including some original gems. They have performed with Pete Seeger, Theodore Bikel, Tom Paxton, Patsy Montana, Riders in the Sky and a wide range of musical luminaries.

Two of the Park's performing arts residencies will present performances and classes, including Washington Conservatory of Music, which will also hold an open house, and Washington Revels:

- **Washington Conservatory of Music FREE family-friendly Music and Movement Class** | 2:00pm - 2:30pm | WCM Recital Room

- **Washington Revels Gallery Voices** | 2:15pm - 3:00pm | Bumper Car Pavilion
- **Washington Revels (Latine Mummies Play)** | 2:00pm & 3:00pm | Playground Area

The Park's [art galleries](#) and [visual arts studios](#) will be open throughout the day, with art sales in pottery, blown glass, photography, painting, and wearable art—including silver, art glass, and more. Artist demonstrations will take place in several resident studios. Other [hands-on art activities](#) will also be offered at the festival in the Cuddle up Pavilion.

Other classes and workshops by invited artists and performers include:

- **Creative Play with Shannon Quinn and Delante White** (in cooperation with Carla Creative Programming) | 12:00pm - 12:30pm | Bumper Car Pavilion
- **Flatfooting Workshop: Learn the basics of Clogging and Flatfooting** taught by Becky Hill | 12:45pm – 1:30pm | Spanish Ballroom
- **Irish sean nós ("old style") dancing workshop** taught by Kate Spanos | 2:00pm - 2:45pm | Spanish Ballroom
- **Family Tap Dance Workshop** with LeeAnet Noble | 1:30pm – 2:00pm | Ballroom Back Room
- **Soul Line Dancing** with Sylvia Soumah and Delante White (in cooperation with Carla Creative) | 1:30pm - 2:00pm | Bumper Car Pavilion
- **Country Western Line Dancing Workshop** with Malina Brannen | 3:15pm - 4:00pm | Bumper Car Pavilion

The National Park Service will bring its Mobile Visitor Center and lead two Glen Echo Park Civil Rights & History Tours, and there will be food options throughout the day, including **Praline Café, Money Muscle BBQ Food Truck, and Timber Pizza Food Truck.**

All activities and parking are free, except carousel rides and aquarium visits. Carousel tickets may be purchased in advance on the Park's website or at the box office, \$2.00 per ride or \$5.00 for an all-day unlimited pass.

To learn more about this event and for the public to RSVP (preferred, not required), visit glenechopark.org/echoarts

WHO:

Presented by the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture and [featuring Glen Echo Park resident visual and performing artists and organizations](#), as well as performances by:

- **HEADLINER: Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer** | 12:00pm - 12:45pm | Spanish Ballroom
- **Tom Teasley & Chelle Fulk** | 3:15pm - 4:30pm | Spanish Ballroom
- **Native American Hoop Dance with Duncan Munson** (in cooperation with Carla Creative) | 12:30pm - 1:00pm | Bumper Car Pavilion
- **Coyaba Dance Theater** (African Dance in cooperation with Carla Creative) | 1:00pm - 1:30pm | Bumper Car Pavilion
- **The New Century American Irish-Arts Company** | 4:15pm - 5:00pm | Bumper Car Pavilion

WHEN:

Sunday, September 27, 12:00pm-5:00pm

WHERE:

Glen Echo Park – Spanish Ballroom & Bumper Car Pavilion

7300 MacArthur Boulevard, Glen Echo, Maryland *(For media parking at the event, call or text contacts above.)*

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High-resolution images of previous years' Echo Arts Festival are available. Email jcloud@glenchopark.org or mfitzgerald@glenchopark.org

ABOUT GLEN ECHO PARK

Glen Echo Park is one of the finest cultural resources in the Washington, DC area. The Park is home to 13 resident artists & organizations, including two award-winning children's theaters; a nature & aquatic life program for kids; a thriving social dance program; a restored 1921 Dentzel Carousel; numerous art studios and galleries; and hundreds of classes in visual & performing arts, including ceramics, painting, photography, glass, music, dance, and more. These activities, as well as free summer concerts, festivals, and special events bring thousands of visitors to the Park each year.

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 at 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.

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