GLEN ECHO PARK
Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture

MEDIA ADVISORY

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LIGHT UP THE CAROUSEL: A New Carousel Lighting Event Kicks Off Holiday Celebrations at Glen Echo Park



PHOTO/VIDEO OPPORTUNITIES:
**** Tommy McFly and Glen Echo Park Partnership CEO flip the switch to light up the 105-year-old carousel's exterior holiday lights.**
**** Visitors in the Park's historic Stone Tower Gallery and Popcorn Gallery view hand-made art & holiday gifts for sale.**
**** Holiday lights around the Park.**

WHAT:
Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture ("the Partnership") presents an inaugural **Light Up the Carousel** event, illuminating the 105-year-old Dentzel carousel with a display of twinkling lights to welcome the holiday season. **NBC4's Tommy McFly will flip the switch to brighten the evening with spectacular carousel lights.** Free hot apple cider will be available and Indonesian food truck Saté will offer dinner options.

The evening marks the beginning of the Park's year-end fundraising campaign and is the perfect opportunity to make a donation to support the Park's arts programs and historic buildings.

Following the lighting, visitors are invited to take their own holiday photos inside the historic carousel building (suggested donation is $25). Winter and holiday props will be available to make family photos even more festive. Select gifts will also be available for those who choose to make donations of $125+.
The event coincides with the opening reception of the Park's ***Holiday Art Show & Sale*** from 6pm - 8pm. With handcrafted pieces by local artists in a variety of mediums—including glass, ceramics, photography, painting, jewelry, and holiday ornaments—this annual show & sale is a great place to shop for everyone on your holiday list. The Holiday Art Show & Sale is open November 14, 2026 - January 10, 2027. Hours & more information can be found on the Park's website.

Attendance and parking are free, with a suggested donation to take photos inside the carousel. No carousel rides will take place during Light Up the Carousel. (The first rides of the 2027 carousel season will take place May 1, during Carousel Day.)

Light Up the Carousel kicks off the Park's Light Up the Holidays event series, which also includes the Holiday Art Show & Sale, Shop Arts Saturday, Winter's Eve, and Toast to You! A Donor Appreciation Event.

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

WHO:
Presented by the **Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture** with **guest Tommy McFly**.

WHEN:
Saturday, November 14

- **Carousel Lighting at 6:00pm**
- DIY Holiday Photos from 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- Holiday Art Show & Sale Opening Reception from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

WHERE:
Glen Echo Park – Dentzel Carousel
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 the Dentzel carousel and previous years' Holiday Art Show & Sales are available. Email jcloud@glenechopark.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.

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