



# GLEN ECHO PARK

Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture

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## Glen Echo Park Presents Echo Arts Festival, Celebrating Visual & Performing Arts and Hispanic Heritage Month

*Glen Echo, Maryland* – On Sunday, October 1, the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture presents the second 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, children's theater, hands-on art activities, and more. In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Partnership is pleased to collaborate with the Smithsonian's **National Museum of the American Latino** to present a special community art project, as well as a Capoeira performance and other activities that highlight Latino culture. In addition, it will be the final day of the 2023 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 April 2024. This free event is open to the public and will run from 12:00pm to 5:00pm at Glen Echo Park.

"Glen Echo Park is a vibrant center for visual and performing arts, and Echo Arts Festival is designed to showcase this to the public. We have a broad array of programs that the Partnership and our resident artists offer throughout the year, and for the festival we also collaborate with other cultural organizations to highlight the value of the arts to the community," said Katey Boerner, CEO. "This year's collaboration with the National Museum of the American Latino is especially exciting as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month."

A hands-on art-making project sponsored by the museum will be led by Texas-based artist Karla Saenz. Inspired by the land and environment of the Park, as well as ancient cave paintings, the public will have the opportunity to take part in creating a collaborative piece using hand stencils and natural pigments. (The culminating artwork will be displayed in the Stone Tower gallery at the Park for the public to view from October 7-November 12, 2023.) A Capoeira performance, presented by The Capoeira Spot of Washington, D.C., will include audience participation, so visitors will be able to try for themselves this dazzling Brazilian martial art that includes elements of dance, acrobatics, and music. Two free 30-minute yoga sessions will be taught by Nicole Garcia Diaz.

"Sharing cultures is a wonderful way to build stronger communities," said Jorge Zamanillo, founding director of the Latino Museum. "We're excited to collaborate with the Glen Echo Park Partnership."

The Park's art galleries 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 visual arts resident studios. Other hands-on activities will also be offered at the festival. Resident artists from the Washington Conservatory of Music, Washington Revels, and the Puppet Co., will present free performances throughout the day in the covered, open-air "Bumper Car Pavilion" and other venues throughout the Park. (Adventure Theatre MTC will present regular ticketed performances.)

### Other collaborating partners include:

- **Uprooted Dance**, offering performances and a 30-minute Zumba class
- **Pablo Regis** and special guest performers **EducArte Brazilian street carnival band** with **Samba instructor Ilheuma Zeze**, presenting a "Baile" (Brazilian social dance) experience
- **Emmanuel Trifilio** and **Tango Brillante**, presenting Tango music and dance performances and dance instruction

Glen Echo Park Aquarium Director Andrew Wilson will give a 30-minute presentation in English and Spanish about marine life in the Chesapeake Bay, featuring live animals such as sea snails, clams, hermit crabs, blue crabs, oysters, toadfish, and horseshoe crabs. The National Park Service will bring its Mobile Visitor Center and tours will also be offered at the neighboring Clara Barton National Historic Site.

Food options throughout the day will include Praline Café, Ben & Jerry's ice cream, and the [Roaming Coyote food truck](#).

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

<https://glenechopark.org/echoarts>

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Note to editors: High-resolution images of the carousel and performers are available by emailing [jcloud@glenechopark.org](mailto:jcloud@glenechopark.org)

## **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, is located at 7300 MacArthur Boulevard 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](http://glenechopark.org) or follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).

## **ABOUT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN LATINO**

The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Latino was established by Congress in 2020 to advance the representation, understanding and appreciation of Latino history and culture in the United States. The museum operates the Smithsonian's first exhibition space dedicated to the Latino experience, the Molina Family Latino Gallery, at the National Museum of American History. The museum is expected to open a building of its own in approximately 10 to 12 years. The American Latino Museum also expands scholarly research, public programs, digital content, collections, and more. Connect with the museum at [latino.si.edu](http://latino.si.edu) and follow @USLatinoMuseum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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